



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**DATE: 12/07/2023**

### **WORCESTER COUNTY:**

**Ocean City:** There is continued animosity between Palmer Gillis of the planning commission and council president Matt James. There were accusations from Mr. Gillis that the Ocean City council was “in the pocket of the builders”.

### **WICOMICO COUNTY:**

**Salisbury:** The county council re-elected John Cannon as council president. The council passed 2023-27, a tax break for fire fighters. There were some questions about whether the tax break would be considered income and would need to be taxed. The meeting also addressed the proposed Jeep weekend at the quarry. The weekend would be put on by the same promoter as the OC jeep week. Concerns about noise and the county executive not bringing the issue to the council previously.

**MARYLAND:** The Moore administration has sent most of the secretaries to Cambridge for the Maryland Association of Counties conference (MACO). The Moore administration redoubled its commitment to environmental agenda including offshore wind.

Another issue that has been brought up at MACO is the lack of progress in filling several hundred state employee positions.