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Public Hearing for Animal Shelter Option to Lease Scheduled for Aug. 29, 2017

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – Aug. 15, 2017 – The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing Aug. 29 to hear and consider public comment regarding the option to lease the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter with the additional option to purchase. The hearing will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Commissioners Hearing Room, located in the Circuit Courthouse at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick.

If the board votes Aug. 29, or thereafter, to exercise the option to lease, board President Tom Hejl will be authorized to sign the lease. If the board votes not to exercise the option to lease, it will expire. The lease also has an option to purchase. Citizens can view the option agreement online at www.co.cal.md.us/DocumentCenter/View/16432.

At a future date, the board will need to hold another public hearing to exercise the option to purchase the property and improvements if it wishes to buy the property at any time during the lease. If the board votes to purchase the animal shelter upon building completion, the cost is projected to be about \$6.5 million.

For additional information, contact Calvert County Department of General Services at 410-535-1600, ext. 2327. Individuals who cannot attend the public hearing may submit written comments. These comments must be received by 4:30 p.m., Aug. 19, 2017, and may be submitted by emailing COMMISS@calvertcountymd.gov or through the U.S. mail to the BOCC at 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

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