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"Hopefully, at the end of January, when the figures come in, the money will be transferred," McGraw said. "It's 5.5 percent total. ... Of that, 60 percent goes to Worcester County, 20 percent to Ocean City, 10 percent to Berlin and 10 percent to Ocean Pines."

Casino's

atmosphere

As the 1 p.m. public opening approached, hundreds of people flooded through the automatic sliding doors into the room with warehouse high ceilings and Oriental-style carpet. Bets can run as little as a penny or as much as \$5 on a pull of a slot machine, and there are also all-digital renderings of table games, like blackjack and roulette.

Nancy Defeo sat down and played the "Sex and the City" slots, complete with music from the show's opening credits, as others lined the seats around her.

"The atmosphere is top-notch," Defeo said. "It's a little on the small side, but they are just getting started."

Along the high ceilings were chandelier-style lighting fixtures, as well as small black plastic orbs every few yards. General manager Joseph Cavilla said those are security cameras, part of many security procedures the casino has in place.

"We firmly believe in the safety of our customers, employees and the assets of us and the state of Maryland," Cavilla said. "We take that very seriously."

In addition to the security cameras, Cavilla said the casino hired 35 security workers, including some who were former law enforcement officers.

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A central monitoring system is also in place, which supervises the amount of money going in and coming out of each machine as well as when doors are opened.

In the first year of operation, Cavilla said, the casino plans to look at what customers want and make adjustments if needed. The casino has room to add a few dozen more machines if it wants to. Plans to expand the parking lot are already under way.

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