

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
John Savich, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Addition: Discussion on Maintenance of Effort

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the minutes of January 3, 2012, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMENDATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY AMERICAN YOUTH FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

St. Mary's County had five teams represented in the 2011 AYF State Championships for both Divisions I and II. Commendations were presented to the players and coaches and other staff of four of the teams: **Mechanicsville Braves Tiny Mites, Leonardtown Wildcats (Pee Wee Division), Patuxent River Raiders Tiny Mites and Patuxent River Raiders 8th Grade Unlimited.** The fifth team will be recognized at the next Board of County Commissioners' meeting.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for January 17 and 24, 2012.
2. **St. Mary's County Health Department** (*William Icenhower, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer; Joy Sapp, Fiscal Services Chief*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to support the Health Department's plan to apply approximately \$27,000 of the County funding previously budgeted for personnel costs that weren't being covered by the State, but are now, to offset the \$27,000 reduction to the Health Department's FY2012 Emergency Preparedness Grant to keep funding intact and allow them to continue to engage other community emergency preparedness partners in efforts to protect the health and welfare of the community. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones requested a list of community partners who work with the Health Department on Emergency Preparedness.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: PRESENT ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION TO FINALIZE THE ALTERATION AND TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF LINCOLN AVENUE, LOCATED IN THE 8TH ELECTION DISTRICT

Present: David Weiskopf, Deputy County Attorney

A Public Hearing was held on December 13, 2011, to hear public testimony on the request from the First Baptist Church of St. Mary's County to alter and transfer a portion of Lincoln Avenue. No public testimony was received during the hearing or the open record period.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to adopt an Ordinance to alter and transfer a portion of Lincoln Avenue, located in the 8th Election District of St. Mary's County. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS: PRESENT THREE NOTCH TRAIL PHASING OPTIONS AND PROPOSED FY12 NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PHASE VI

Present: Phil Rollins, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks

Mr. Rollins presented an overview of the entire Three Notch Trail project being constructed on the county-owned railroad right-of-way. Phase VI is facing some challenges as there are encroachment issues that need to be addressed (driveways, sheds, and fences). Residents in the encroachment areas will be contacted individually and negotiations regarding construction of that portion of the trail will be undertaken.

Commissioner Jarboe requested that "Amish Buggies" be added to the list of activities (walking, bicycling, running, rollerblading and horseback riding) allowed on the trail that is contained in the description section of the MOU.

Commissioner Jones commented that a certain amount of funds will be required to negotiate with residents in the encroachment areas and the Commissioners need to understand the entire fiscal impact. She asked that Mr. Rollins identify the type of funds available to recoup costs.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the FY12 National Recreational Trails Program Memorandum of Understanding for Phase VI of the Three Notch Trail in the total amount of \$50,000 on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks. Motion carried 5-0.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT

The Commissioners attended the 8th Annual Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the Education Association of St. Mary's and Calvert Counties this past weekend with Maintenance of Effort being one of the topics discussed. Commissioner Jones questioned data on Exhibit 7.8 of the Local Appropriations of the Board of Educators, Annual Percent Increases – Fiscal 2003-2011, which contains information from the Local School Budgets, Department of Legislative Services. The data for FY2010 and FY2011 portrays the County decreasing their appropriation percentage provided to the Board of Education, when in fact, they have gone above the Maintenance of Effort. Commissioner Jones noted that this one page of a report is just one data point and does not portray the entire picture. She asked that Ms. Kramer (CFO) explain the type of metrics used to formulate these calculations and explain how the law concerning the reporting requirements for Maintenance of Effort has changed in the past few years that would impact the data portrayed in this document.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 11:12 am.

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Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)