

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

The following Individuals received a proclamation:

Nathaniel Scroggins, President, Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions (UCAC) and President of the Minority Outreach Coalition of St. Mary's County

Dr. Janice T. Walthour, First Vice-President, St. Mary's County Branch, NAACP and Member of Board of Directors, UCAC

Sylvia Brown, Third Vice President, NAACP

Bruce and Brenda Jackson – Southern Maryland Youth Ministry

Damon McGill, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Travelers Masonic Lodge #4

Rebecca Swales, Banneker High School Class of 1958

Landas Lockett, Minority Outreach Coalition

Todd Jackson, Southern Maryland National Society of Black Engineers, Jr. Chapter

Loretta Dove and Juanita Nethers, Delicados of St. Mary's County

Charlottis Woodley – Southern Maryland Chain Chapter, The Links, Inc.

Garnell Miles & Jackie Chesley, St. Mary's County Black History Coalition Annual African American/Black History Month Celebration

Steve Hawkins and Loretta Dove, Institute for Human Growth & Development, Inc.

Denise Barnes, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority
Glenn Shanks, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Alpha Lambda Chapter

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for February 11, 2014. There will be no meeting February 18, 2014.
2. **Department of Aging and Human Services** (*Lori Jennings-Harris, Director;*
Peggy Maio Fiscal Supervisor)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute: (1) the Interim Notification of Grant Award for the FY2014 Title III Federal Grants from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services which provides approximately 29% of the total award amount of \$259,573 for various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County and, (2) the related budget amendment to realign budgets based on the Interim Award and increase budget authority for the increase in donations. Motion carried 5-0.

3. County Administrator (Dr. Rebecca Bridgett)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to appoint Jennifer Russell to the Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board for a term to expire 12/31/17. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DECISION ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW MICRO-AND PUB-BREWERIES IN THE ZONING DISTRICTS WHERE RESTAURANTS ARE A PERMITTED USE

Present: Yvonne Chaillet, Zoning Administrator, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

A public hearing was held on January 7, 2014, with no public comments at the hearing or during the 10-day open comment period. The amendment will allow a Micro-brewery and a Pub-brewery in RSC, RCL, RMX, VMX, TMX, DMX, CMX, and CC Zoning Districts.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to amend Sections 50.4 and 51.3, and Article 9 of Chapter 285 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland* to permit a Micro-brewery and a Pub-brewery in the RSC, RCL, RMX, VMX, TMX, DMX, CMX, and CC Zoning Districts, and to provide a definition for a Micro-brewery and a Pub-brewery. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week and items of personal interest.

Commissioner Jarboe commented on the recent fire at Southern States Farm Supply in Mechanicsville and reaffirmed the County's policy to issue permits expeditiously when there is a disaster.

ANNUAL COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND STATE OF THE COLLEGE PRESENTATION

Present: Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President, College of Southern Maryland
Dr. Tracy Harris, Vice President, Leonardtown Campus, College of Southern Maryland
Mike Middleton, Chair, Board of Trustees, College of Southern Maryland

Dr. Gottfried and Dr. Harris presented an overview of the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) and the Leonardtown Campus. Enrollment for part time and full time students is down slightly from last year at the Leonardtown Campus. Students transferring from the Leonardtown Campus to a four-year college are on the rise. The college recently received a \$2.2M Title III Grant to be spread over five years. A major portion of the funding will go towards supporting CSM's Student Success and Goal Completion Strategic Plan and new and expanded academic and student support services for face-to-face and online students. There are a number of students entering the college with math and reading deficiencies. CSM has redesigned their math courses for students to work in an open lab environment at their own speed. Pre-college reading courses are no longer offered, but are incorporated in the student's Psychology class. CSM received accreditation for the Cyber Security program and works collaboratively with government entities such as NAS/Patuxent River and Dahlgren. The College has seen growth in engineering enrollment and is working with the University of Maryland and NAVAIR to find Co-Op opportunities for students. The Leonardtown Campus initiatives are to add new signage at the campus, to align classroom space with academic programs, replace outdated furniture and equipment, develop a welcome center for students and visitors, expand the Arts and Theatre productions and identify one or more unique academic program such as Robotics/Mechatronics.

Mr. Middleton thanked Commissioners for their continued support. The Trustees plan for the future college needs. A fourth campus in Hughesville will house the Center for Trade and a Health Science Building. He emphasized that we must continually train and retrain the workforce.

Commissioner Russell requested that the next presentation from the College include information concerning on-line classes.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 10:35 am.

**PUBLIC FORUM AT CHESAPEAKE BUILDING, 41770 BALDRIDGE ST.,
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

Commissioner Russell opened the public forum at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments. *(Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)*

Justin Torgesen; Joe McGhee; Bailey Jenson; Quinton Nasman; Curtis Rivers – Boy Scout Troop 428

Troop members are working on their Citizenship in the Community badge and asked the Commissioners several questions.

Mary Ann and Alan Hunter, 26755 Baptist Church Rd., Mechanicsville MD

Commissioner Russell said that he understood they (the Hunters) were interested in the Three Notch Trail and told them that the mid-section is on track.

Eve Taylor

Ms. Taylor described ongoing issues with her land that have been taken to court but were determined to be not of public interest.

Bob Schaller, 41100 Paw Paw Hollow Ln., Leonardtown, MD

Mr. Schaller invited Commissioners to attend the St. Mary's County Business, Education and Community Alliance's (BECA) 2014 Scholarship Fair scheduled at for Monday, February 10, 2014, from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.

Commissioner Russell closed the public forum at 7:00 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)