

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 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 business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2014, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PRESENT 2014-2015 TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK AND RECOGNIZECOVER CONTEST WINNER

Present: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director, Dept. Economic and Community Development
Laura Boonchaisri, Economic Dev. Coordinator, Dept. of Economic and Community Development

The Technology Handbook for St. Mary's County is a valuable resource enabling businesses to network and partner with other businesses and an excellent tool for job seekers in the County. It is a collaborative effort of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and The Patuxent Partnership. An electronic version of the handbook is posted on the DECD section of the County Website and will be updated periodically with a hard copy produced every two years. The Patuxent Partnership sponsors a cover contest with the winner receiving a \$500 prize. This year's recipient is Angela Jackson, a Logistics Analyst for National Technologies Associates, Inc. Ms. Boonchaisri accepted a Commendation from the Commissioners on behalf of Ms. Jackson who was unable to attend the meeting today

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for March 11 and 18, 2014.
2. **Circuit Court** (*Pete Cucinotta, Coordinator, Drug Court Programs*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to authorize Departmental Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Highway Safety Grant, Project US1525, from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration in the amount of \$53,020 consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and accept the grant application for the Office of Problem Solving Courts, Project MD1525, in the amount of \$233,196 on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult Recovery and Juvenile Drug Court Programs. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Alcohol Beverage Board** (*Tamara Hildebrand*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize Departmental Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Highway Safety – Better Business Practices to Promote Responsible Alcohol Service Grant, Project US1585, from the Maryland Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$7,500 consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Sheriff's Office** (*Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

(Captain Edward Willenborg)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Sheriff's Office Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the School Bus Safety Enforcement Grant, Project MD1523, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$35,000 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent to the electronic filing. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Sheriff's Office Staff to execute the Maryland Highway Safety Office Grant for Daytime Seatbelt Demonstration Project and Distracted Driving Funding, Project US1483, for the modified grant award in the amount of \$30,000 from the Maryland State Highway Administration and approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment increasing the budget by \$30,000 to be consistent with the modified grant award. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Morris voted nay indicating he feels it should be an individual's right to decide if they want to wear a seat belt and not the government saying you have to or be fined.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize Sheriff's Office Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically in the amount of \$65,700 to the Maryland State Highway Safety Program consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.

(Captain Terry Black)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Sheriff's Office Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Sex Offender Compliance Enforcement Grant, Project MD1524, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$16,065 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent to the electronic filing. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Public Works and Transportation *(George Erichsen, Director; Jacqueline Fournier, Transportation Manager; Mary Blankenship, STS Supervisor)*

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Job Access Reverse Commute Memorandums of Agreement I, II and III, Projects US1572, 1573 and MD1576 with the Maryland State Department of Human Resources and Department of Social Services in the amount of \$20,000, \$20,000 and \$40,000 respectively, and the Certifications regarding lobbying and investments in Iran. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morris questioned why "investments in Iran" were included in the "Certification" this year. Mr. Erichsen noted he would follow up with the Dept. of Social Services to inquire about as to the purpose and intent of the statement.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the St. Mary's Transit System FY2015 Annual Transportation Grant Application to submit to the Maryland Transit Administration on behalf of the Department of Public Works and Transportation in the amount of \$3,796,624. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the FAA Master Agreement for Airport Improvement Projects in support of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport and the approved Airport Master Plan Update. Motion carried 5-0.

6. County Administrator (Dr. Rebecca Bridgett)

Appointments to Boards, Committees, or Commissions

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to appoint the following persons to Boards, Committees, or Commissions with the terms to expire as indicated.

Commission on the Environment	Term
Mark Burroughs (partial term)	06/30/15
Mark Angelo	12/31/18

Economic Development Commission	Term
Richard Braam (partial appointment)	12/31/15
Carlos Bravo (partial appointment)	12/31/16
Daniel Carney	12/31/17
Laura Clarke (partial appointment)	06/30/15
Phil Dorsey (partial appointment)	06/30/16
Dr. Tracy Harris	06/30/17
Phil Langley (partial appointment)	12/31/15
Dr. Garner Morgan (partial appointment)	12/31/16
James Raley	12/31/17
Tom Sanders (partial appointment)	06/30/15
Tom Watts (partial appointment)	06/30/16
Bill Scarfia, Ex Officio – (non-voting member)	No Term Limit

Motion carried 4-1. *Commissioner Jarboe voted nay stating he could not support the second to last appointment until the property dispute over the old Evans property is resolved.*

Dr. Bridgett noted that a navy representative will be appointed to the Economic Development Commission in the future.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT: PROPOSED REFUNDING RESOLUTION FOR CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF 2005

Present: Elaine Kramer, CFO, Dept. of Finance

The County has the opportunity to generate a cost savings in debt service of approximately \$485,000 by refunding Consolidated Public Improvements Bonds of 2005. The new debt service will be at a lower interest rate and the results of this transaction will be realized in the FY2015 and FY2016 budgets.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Resolution 2014-05 to authorize the refunding of Consolidated Public Refunding Bonds of 2005 not to exceed \$11 million and to authorize Commissioner President Russell, County Administrator, and Chief Financial Officer to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried 5-0.

**DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DECISION ON
COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR LOT 500-
17, BLOCK B, SECTION 6, TOWN CREEK MANOR SUBDIVISION**

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management
David Chapman, Capital Facilities Planner, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management

A public hearing was held on February 11, 2014, to request an amendment to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan to change the sewer service category from S-6D to S-3D for a 1 acre lot described as Tax Map 35A, Grid 16, Parcel 14, Lot 500-17, Block B, Section 6, Town Creek Manor Subdivision (45630 Legerton Lane). No public comments were received during the public hearing or the ten-day open comment period.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to amend service area map IV-35 of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to change the service category from S-6D to S-3D (service in 3-5 years, developer financed) for 1.0 acre described as Tax Map 35A, Grid 16, Parcel 14, Lot 500-17, Block B, Section 6, Town Creek Manor Subdivision in the 8th Election District. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

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BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners held an FY 2015 Budget Work Session to provide direction on the Operating Budget; review elected officials' budgets; review and provide direction on County departments and discuss compensation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 5:30 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)