

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

**Present:** Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris  
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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the minutes of February 28, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agendas for March 13 and 20, 2012.
2. **Circuit Court** (*Pete Cucinotta, Drug Court Coordinator*)

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and accept the grant application for the Office of Problem Solving Courts, Project MD1325, in the amount of \$272,512 on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Programs. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and accept the grant application for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance US1339, in the amount of \$198,214 on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult Drug Court Program and execute the letter of support. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Sheriff's Office** (*Brian Eley, Civilian Administrator; Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

**Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and accept the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, Project US1216, from the Department of Justice on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$10,845, and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the related budget amendment to increase the project by \$1,155. Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Department of Recreation and Parks** (*Phil Rollins, Director*)

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign Amendment Number One to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Three Notch Trail between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Maryland Department of Transportation through the State Highway Administration to change the advertisement date of the original MOU from June 1, 2009, to April 21, 2010. Motion carried 5-0.**

*(David Guyther, Parks Division Manager, Dept. of Recreation and Parks)*

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Board of Directors of the Country Lakes Homeowners Association, Inc. for the public use of Association-owned recreational facilities. Motion carried 5-0.**

*Mr. Savich announced the upcoming retirement of Mr. Phil Rollins and the appointment of David Guyther to be Acting Director of Recreation and Parks while a search for a new Director is underway.*

**5. Department of Economic and Community Development** (*Bob Schaller, Director*)

*(Wayne Clark, Executive Director, Tri County Council; Phil Shire, Director, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management)*

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and sign a resolution to support the Joint Land Use Study for Naval Air Station Patuxent River, MD. Motion carried 5-0.**

**6. County Attorney** (*George Sparling, County Attorney*)

*(Bob Schaller, Director; Hans Welch, Business Development Manager, Dept. Economic and Community Development; Beverly Stickles, President and CEO; Tom Russell, Vice Chair, St. Mary's Home for the Elderly, III, Inc.)*

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes with St. Mary's Home for the Elderly, III, Inc. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND: ROUTE 5 SAFETY PROJECT**

**Present:** Dr. Joe Urgo, President, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Chip Jackson, Assoc. VP of Planning and Facilities, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Tom, Botzman, VP for Business and Finance, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Dan Branigan, Dir. of Design and Construction, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Mr. Jackson provided an overview of traffic issues that have developed in St. Mary's City as the college has expanded and presented current proposals to alleviate campus safety issues along Rt. 5. The MD Traffic Calming and Safety Improvements Project along Rt. 5 addresses the area from St. Johns Pond to State House Road and incorporates center islands at the College Drive intersection, more sidewalks, more lighting, two major crosswalks and a new configuration of the intersection at Trinity Church Road. Federal funds of \$1.4M will be used for the project. The College has also approached the State of Maryland to fund a proposed bridge and pathway along Fisher's Creek. Another safety concern is Mattapany Road, which is a County road, and any improvements to that area falls under the purview of the Dept. of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T). Mr. Savich noted this would be considered as part of the DPW&T Capital Improvement Plan and it is not included at this time.

## **DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS & CONSULTANT: PRESENT UPDATE AND OPTIONS TO ADDRESS ENCROACHMENT, DRIVEWAY AND ACCESS ISSUES REGARDING PHASE VI OF THE THREE NOTCH TRAIL**

**Present:** Phil Rollins, Director, Dept. Recreation and Parks  
Steve Torgerson, A. Morton Thomas, Inc.

Mr. Rollins noted issues addressed by staff and property owners along Three Notch Trail Phase VI. Agreement was reached with the property owner who had a shed in the right-of-way to move the structure. Parks and Recreation will assist the owner with permits and relocation. Residents along Church Lane, an existing private road that is in the right-of-way, were presented with four alternatives from staff of the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and Dept. of Public Works and Transportation for consideration. Property owners agreed with Alternative #1, which would keep Church Lane close to its current alignment and the trail would be constructed on the westerly side of the right-of-way. Another obstacle was a small pedestrian bridge which provided a walkway between the Immaculate Conception Church and the Church Hall. The bridge will be removed and the trail will be engineered so that the grade will be raised to allow pedestrians access across the trail. Staff suggested the County might want to purchase a vacant two-story building contiguous to the right-of-way which could be leased by a private entrepreneur or be developed as a trailhead with parking for trail users. Mr. Thorgeron presented conceptual drawings of Phase VI of the Trail which incorporate all changes mentioned above.

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt Alternative 1 as a plan for the Trail through the Village of Mechanicsville. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DECD: PRESENT 2012 TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND RECOGNIZE COVER CONTEST WINNER AND SPONSOR**

**Present:** Bob Schaller, Director, Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
Hans Welch, Business Development Manager, Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
George Adamson, cover contest winner, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center Student  
Robert Taylor, Principal, Tech Center  
Theo Cramer, Director of College and Career Readiness and site administrator for Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center  
Dr. Martirano, Superintendent  
Casey Page, Graphics Communication Teacher, Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center  
Bonnie Green, Executive Director, The Patuxent Partnership  
Karen Garner, President, The Patuxent Partnership

The 2012 Technology Handbook, prepared by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), incorporates a listing of technical firms, business development resources, professional organizations, and educational institutions throughout the County. Copies of the handbook are distributed to various locations throughout the County and an electronic version is available on the DECD website. The cover of the handbook was chosen from a contest co-sponsored with the The Patuxent Partnership. The Commissioners presented a commendation to the winner of the contest, George Adamson, a graphics art student at the J. A. Forrest Technology Center. He was previously awarded \$500 from The Patuxent Partnership.

**COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week as well as personal interest items.

**CALL FOR MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones  
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

John Savich, County Administrator  
Sue Sabo, Director, Dept. Of Human Resources  
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1  
Time Held: 11:22 am – 12:06 pm  
Subject Discussed: Personnel

## **FY 2013 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Commissioners continued work on the CIP budget.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Commissioner President Russell opened the Public Forum for public comments at 6:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

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

### **Minnie Russell, 16477 Dunbar Lane, Ridge, MD 20680**

- Discussed legal issues concerning her property boundaries and ingress/regress to Fox Harbor pier
- Property is not in litigation now so feel the County Commissioners can help me

### **Wilson Benefield, 41625 Marie Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650**

#### **Rick Benefield, P. O. Box 70, Hollywood, MD 20636**

- As leaders you must lead us
- Concerned with FDR Blvd.
- Think of not only transportation impact but benefit to the Navy and economic impact of completed FDR Blvd to community
- We have a stalled plan
- Encourage you to invest in FDR Blvd
- Special taxing or special impact fee could be used to fund project
- Legally secure property
- Cautioned Commissioners to address inadequacy and legality of acquisition plan for FDR Blvd

### **Dr. Monika Lee, 41441 Knight Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

- Asked Commissioner to support Dr. Martirano's budget plan for the schools
- Ensure teachers have helpers, newest technology and smaller classes
- Worried about losing STEM program and Finance Academy
- Review budget with new eyes and open mind – its our future

**Aloysius Bowman, P.O. Box 19, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

- STS concerns
- How can citizens file a formal complaint against the STS system
- Met with supervisor and manager of STS and was not happy with how I was treated
- Complaint 1. Jan 15, at 2:40 called dispatcher left message for bus to stop at Great Mills Loop on Rt 235 just north of Rt. 4, called again at 1:00, had been standing 20 minutes; bus passed in left lane and did not stop. Until this day this complaint has not been formally written up, and I have not signed anything.
- Complaint 2. Great Mills Loop I was refused the opportunity to disembark the bus at Executive Salon establishment just beyond FDR extension site on Great Mills Rd. I don't understand this because other drivers have no problem stopping there. Seems there is a discrepancy with the route or drivers when it comes to identifying what is a safe or unsafe stop. Until this day this complaint has not been resolved.

**Paul Kelly, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

- Thanked Commissioners for holding Public Forums
- Concerned with new jail going forward
- Supports funding and advancement of detention center
- Suggested contractually stipulating that the program will move forward until there are no county funds available
- Would be doing your due diligence
- If detainee ever decides to sue the county the court would then decide when new jail would be built, the size and how much to spend on it and any compensation would have to come from your budget
- Weigh this in your deliberations

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Russell closed the Public Forum and adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 7:05 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)