

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Sue Sabo, Chief of Staff and HR Director
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

**JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND
THE COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL AIR STATION, PATUXENT
RIVER: ENCROACHMENT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION HELD AT THE
NAS FRANK KNOX TRAINING CENTER**

Present: CAPT Benjamin Shevchuk, Commanding Officer, NASPAXRIV
CAPT Heidi Fleming, Executive Officer
Ms. Katrina Tucker, Naval Support Facility Dahlgren
Mr. Chris Jarboe, Atlantic Test Range Sustainability Officer,
NASPAXRIV

County staff present:

Ms. Sue Sabo, Chief of Staff

Ms. Robin Finnacom, Acting Director, Dept. Economic and Community Development

Ms. Donna Sasscer, Agricultural Specialist, Dept. of Economic and Community
Development

Mr. Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Mr. Jeff Jackman, St. Planner, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

The Commissioners met with the Commanding Officer and representatives of NAS Patuxent River at 9:00 am at the Frank Knox Employment Development Center at NAS/PAX River for the semi-annual encroachment mitigation and prevention meeting.

Captain Shevchuk provided an overview of programs being conducted at NAS Patuxent River, Webster Field, and Solomons. Ms. Tucker presented an overview and status update of the Joint Land Use Study for the Naval Air Station noting that the main encroachment concern today for NAS Patuxent River is potential wind farm development within the Atlantic Test Range Instrumental Radar Viewshed 600-foot Contour that could present several obstacles to testing -- ranging from physical profile to radar interruption.

Ms. Sasscer provided background on the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area established in 1998 which helps preserve the County's rural character. The County's effort to permanently protect the Mattapany RLA is intended to reduce both development and storm water runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, protect endangered species by preserving 10,000 acres of "Green Infrastructure," and eliminate encroachment on NAS, Patuxent River.

Mr. Jeff Jackman provided an update on the Staff Draft of the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan. Informational open houses were held on July 25, August 7, and August 28 to provide information to the community. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on September 9, 2013, with a 10-day open comment period. Next, the Planning Commission will prepare its recommendation to the County Commissioners who may then revise the recommended plan prior to adopting it.

Mr. Jarboe, Team Lead in the NAS Sustainability Office, provided an update on the impact of wind turbines on NAS Patuxent River and noted that the Navy supports renewable energy such as wind turbines as long as they do not impact the mission of the base. He provided noise trend data for the year and noted the downward trend over the past few years. Citizens with noise concerns may call 1-866-819-9028 or email paxnoise@navy.mil to register their complaints.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 3:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Presentation of a commendation to Mr. John Richards was added to the agenda.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR INVITATION

Present: John Richards, President, St. Mary's County Fair Association

Mr. Richards formally invited Commissioners and County residents to attend the County Fair which begins on Thursday, September 19, 2013, and continues through Sunday, September 22, 2013.

The Commissioners presented Mr. Richards with a Commendation for his 30 years of service to the St. Mary's County Fair Association.

MACO (MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES) UPDATE

Present: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, MACo
Rick Pollitt, Jr., President MACo (and County Executive,
Wicomico County)

An update on items MACo is focusing on in the upcoming year was presented. Although it is difficult to predict what might come up during an election year, MACo will be focusing on a variety of items that affect the counties such as, transportation funding, police radio systems, and environmental land issues. At the winter conference in December, focus will be on social media and the overlapping function it has with government. Future initiatives could include forming a health insurance cooperative for counties and offering an OPEB trust fund for all counties.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for September 24, and October 1, 2013.
2. **Saint Mary's County Public Schools** (*Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools; Gregory Nourse, Director of Fiscal Services*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the Board of Education's request to increase Revenues in the General Fund by \$100,000 and Categorical Transfers in the General Fund in the amount of \$221,800, for FY2013, as approved by the Board of Education on August 28, 2013, and execute the letter of consent signifying this action. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DECISION ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN FOR NORRIS WOODS SUBDIVISION, CASE CWSP NO. 13-200-001

Present: David L. Chapman, Capital Facilities Planner, DLUGM

A public Hearing was held August 20, 2013, on the proposed change in the sewer category for 45567 Norris Road to accommodate public sewer and water for a new housing development. One comment was received during the public hearing and no additional comments were received during the 10-day open comment period. Mr. Chapman explained that the Water and Sewerage Plan supports the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Morris to approve and sign a Resolution in the matter of case CWSP 13-200- 001, Norris Woods Subdivision, to amend service area map IV-42 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 21.07 acres described as Tax Map 42, Grid 18, Parcel 79 in the 8th Election District. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

Commissioner Morris expressed concern regarding the encryption of the new radio system and noted he has been approached by many citizens who are unhappy with it as well.

Commissioner Russell commented that he has had positive feedback on the benefits of having a Sheriff's detachment in Lexington Park.

PUBLIC HEARING: REALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF LAUREL GROVE ROAD AND KAVANAGH ROAD IN THE 6TH ELECTION DISTRICT

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

Present: George Erichsen, P.E. Director, DPW&T

Notice of Public Hearing was published in The Enterprise Newspaper on August 30, and September 6, 2013. Applicant posted property with public notice on August 17, 2013. DPW&T posted in two additional locations in the Election District and placed copies of notices and backup information in the three county libraries. Applicant sent notices to all residents within 200 feet of the realignment by September 3, 2013. As part of the design for the infrastructure for Laurel Preserve North and Laurel Preserve South Subdivisions, the realignment of Kavanagh and Laurel Grove Roads will bring the roads up to County standards.

Commissioner Russell opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell closed the Public Hearing and adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 6:40 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)