

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, September 25, 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 9:00am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jones abstained.

**INTRODUCTION OF DR. TRACY HARRIS, NEW COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND
VP AND DEAN OF THE LEONARDTOWN CAMPUS**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for October 2, 2012. (No meeting on October 9)

2. **St. Mary's County Public Schools** (*Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent of Schools; Gregory Nourse, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services and Human Resources*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the following FY 2012 actions as submitted and approved by the Board of Education on August 29, 2012.

(1) Revenue and Expenditure Increase to the General Fund in the amount of \$78,000 to recognize the addition of State Revenue for Quality Teacher Incentives; and

(2) Categorical expenditure transfer requests in the amount of \$47,000, increasing Instructional Salaries and decreasing Operation of Plant. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Department of Public Works and Transportation *(George Erichsen, Director)*

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize staff to utilize a total of \$137,500 from the County Highways (EF1307) vehicle replacement account originally approved for a steel wheel vibratory roller for the replacement of an eligible dump truck and the purchase of seven snow plows to outfit the County Highways Division foreman trucks. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Sheriff's Office *(Brian Eley, Civilian Administrator, Sheriff's Office)*

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Application FFY2013, Project US1317, from the State of Maryland Department of Human Resources, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$358,884 and the related budget amendment in accordance with the Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to accept the NADDI Law Enforcement Grant, Project OT1305, from National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sherriff's Office in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute Form 2, the Police Protection FY13 estimated expenditures; Form 3, the sworn officer roster at June 30, 2012, and the State Aid Grant Application. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Aging and Human Services *(Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor)*

(Alice Allen, Manager, Senior Center Operations, Dept. of Aging and Human Services)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the application for the Senior Center Operating Fund, project MD1318, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services for

innovative programming supporting healthful aging to combat depression by facilitating an adult study group. Motion carried 5-0.

(Rebecca Kessler, Manager, Home and Community Services)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Maryland Access Point/Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Proposal and Agreement, Project #US1345, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to develop the "one-stop-shop" streamlining access to information and services and the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$75,000. Motion carried 4-1.

Commissioner Jones voted nay. She noted coordination of resources was discussed at a previous BOCC meeting; much of this information is on the County website spread out among departments and could be consolidated easily at a cost less than \$75,000. She also expressed concern that a federal grant program of options counseling may not reflect the values of St. Mary's County citizens and what we are elected to do to protect the vulnerable citizens in the county.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Money Follows the Person Options Counseling Application, Project US1337, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services for home and community-based services by improving the transition process of eligible individuals from long term care facilities to the community in the amount of \$10,450. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jones voted nay.

Commissioner Jones noted that individuals who are not clients of Medicare or Medicaid are private parties and she feels there could possibly be a conflict of interest with a government entity providing options counseling.

6. County Administrator (John Savich)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the employment contract for Mr. Steven J. Anderson for the position of Director, Department of Economic and Community Development. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Department of Finance (*Elaine Kramer, CFO; Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the FY2014 Budget Calendar, as presented and direct staff to circulate the instructions and schedule the meetings based on this calendar. Motion carried 5-0.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PRESENT STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Present: Dr. Martirano, Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Brad Clements, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Operations, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Kimberly Howe, Coordinating Supervisor of Capital Planning and Green Schools, St. Mary's County Public Schools

Dr. Martirano, Mr. Clements and Ms. Howe provided an overview of the data collected and explained assumptions made to determine future school requirements indicated in their FY14 State Capital Improvements Program submission. Changes incorporated in this plan that were not in the FY13 approved budget book will add additional County funding requirements. Plans for a new middle school originally projected for 2018 is deferred in lieu of a new high school which will cost more; however, a new concept of starting the high school as a middle school (grades 6-9) could be utilized with the school transitioning to the high school and students staying in the same school. Changes in the percentage of funding provided by the state are also driving costs up for local governments. Ms. Howe explained that Governor O'Malley has allocated \$25 million for a new green schools initiative which will reduce the energy consumption of Maryland public schools. Through the Public Schools Energy Efficiency Initiative, Maryland schools planning to implement eligible energy efficiency projects can recover a percentage of the engineering design costs incurred. St. Mary's County Public schools will apply for this funding and has proposed several school projects that will reduce annual electricity consumption.

Commissioner Morgan expressed concern that the Commissioners are being presented two different sets of data from the school and Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management concerning school capacity. Mr. Clements will coordinate with LUGM staff when the September 30 enrollment numbers are available.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

STATE OF THE COUNTY LUNCHEON

The Commissioners were guest speakers at the State of the County luncheon sponsored by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and responded to questions from attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of County Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)