

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Tuesday, October 4, 2011**

**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 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**The Commendation for Tony Malaspina, Animal Control Supervisor, will be rescheduled.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to adopt the minutes of September 27, 2011, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

**COMMENDATION WAS PRESENTED TO ANGELIQUE CATHCART FOR 911 TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agenda for October 18, 2011. There will be no meeting on October 11, 2011.
2. **Department of Economic and Community Development** (*Bob Schaller, Director; Hans Welch, Manager, Business Development*)

*(Kelly Slagle, SBDC Regional Director; Dr. Daniel Mosser, Vice President, College of Southern Maryland)*

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the College of Southern Maryland on behalf of its Maryland Small Business Development Center and the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County in the amount of \$16,500 for FY2012 to continue to provide small business counseling services in St. Mary's County. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Department of Aging and Human Services** *(Cynthia Brown, Div. Mgr. Human Services)*

**Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Emergency Food Assistant Program (TEFAP), Memorandum of Understanding documents, Project US1258, from the Maryland Department of Human Resources in the amount of \$24,000, and the related Sub-recipient Agreement between the County and the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee. Motion carried 5-0.**

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

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize the Sheriff to execute the FY11 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation award in the amount of \$25,429 from the Department of Justice and approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment to decrease the project by \$3,626. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Office of the County Attorney** *(George Sparling, County Attorney; Bill McKissick, Attorney representing First Baptist Church of St. Mary's County)*

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to authorize the Office of the County Attorney to schedule a public hearing pursuant to Ch 109 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, and Md. Ann. Code art. 25, §11A(b)(3-1) to consider alteration of Lincoln Avenue and approval of a boundary line adjustment plat curing an encroachment by First Baptist Church of St. Mary's County onto Lincoln Avenue. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: ECONOMIC STATE OF THE COUNTY**

**Present:** Bob Schaller, Director  
Laura Boonchaisri, Economic Dev. Coordinator  
Hans Welch, Manager, Business Development

Mr. Schaller provided an overview of the Economic State of the County. Over the last decade St. Mary's County has been the fastest growing county in the state and has enjoyed a relatively strong economy. St. Mary's County is among the lowest in unemployment in the state with a weekly income that is the second highest in the state. NAS Patuxent River, the number one employer in the County is attributed with keeping the county viable; however, future federal budget constraints along with the possibility of another BRAC could have a significant impact on the county. Initiatives are underway to spur new growth diversification in areas such as tourism, technical transfer, light manufacturing and agriproduction. Moving forward, emphasis will be placed on job growth, encouraging more small businesses, and the revitalization of the Lexington Park Development District.

### **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

### **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, specifically, appointments to Boards and Committees. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted nay.**

### **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  
George Sparling, County Attorney  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder  
Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1  
Time Held: 10:50 am – 11:58 am  
Subject Discussed: Personnel (Boards/Committees)

### **“PLANMARYLAND” DISCUSSION**

**Present:** Phil Shire, Acting Director, Land Use and Growth Management  
Les Knapp Jr., Associate Director, Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)

Mr. Knapp provided an overview of *PlanMaryland* (Plan), the Maryland Department of Planning's proposed state-wide land use plan, and outlined some of MACo's concerns. MACo and county planners have cautiously supported the Plan and believe it can be beneficial if it is based on certain principles and structured to serve certain functions.

MACo's position is that the Plan should be designed to provide a macro-level view of growth in the State, should incorporate local comprehensive plans as part of its foundation, and should not seek to supplant local land use authority or micromanage growth. MACo feels the revised draft has only addressed some of their concerns. There is still concern that many designated places are going to render the existing Priority Funding Areas large and meaningless, and the State will have the final decision to determine "designated places" and "designated special areas." The State's implementation strategy will not just include funding, but permits approvals and other regulatory controls. Throughout the document, far too much has been left undefined. A major concern among some counties is the need to recognize the uniqueness of small counties: one size will not fit all. The Commissioners discussed some of their concerns with the Plan. Commissioners' comments on PlanMaryland will be discussed further and finalized for submission to the Maryland Department of Planning on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**RIBBON CUTTING FOR THREE NOTCH TRAIL, PHASE V, AT JOHN V. BAGGETT PARK AT LAUREL GROVE, 26929 THREE NOTCH ROAD, MECHANICSVILLE**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Commissioner Russell opened the Public Forum at 6:30.

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

**Wayne Abernethy, 29839 Lincoln Rd., Mechanicsville, MD**

- Concerned with lack of response to several memos sent to Commissioners
- Asked exactly where Golden Beach road is going to be paved
- Requested that the information on FY2011 Asphalt Overlay Program be posted on the County website

**Ms. Kimberly Johnson, 40335 Beach Drive, Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

- Concerned with lack of mental health services in County
- Understands budget cuts
- Has a daughter in RTC in Frederick and cannot bring her home because of lack of services in County
- Big loss to the County when Julie Ohman left
- Feels current staffing levels are not adequate to address the needs

- Suggested Commissioners form a task force to see how other counties handle their mental health issues
- Several other families in the county with same issues

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Russell closed the Public Forum and adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 6:55 pm.

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

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)