

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

**Present:** Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones  
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Sue Sabo, Acting 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 Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of October 2, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR. STEVE ANDERSON**

**PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:  
RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE MARYLAND  
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE  
OF APPLICATIONS TO PURCHASE EASEMENTS**

**Present:** Steve Anderson, Director, Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Manager, Dept. of Economic and Community  
Development

Ms. Sasscer noted that a Public Hearing was held on October 2, 2012, with no public comments received during the hearing or the ensuing 10-day open comment period. Six property owners have applied and met the qualifications for purchase of an easement by the Foundation. Staff is recommending Commissioners sign the proposed resolution approving the properties and then forward the recommendation to the Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation.

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that having made the finding that the properties discussed at the October 2, 2012, Public Hearing meet the Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation Program criteria, I move that we sign the attached resolution approving the properties and forward them to the Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation for consideration of easement sale. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Ms. Sabo announced that Item 5b, Waterway Improvement Fund Application and Project Agreement for Piney Point Public Landing Pier Replacement Project, is removed from the agenda today.

1. Draft Agenda for October 23 and 30, 2012.
2. **Department of Economic and Community Development** (*Steve Anderson, Director; Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Seafood Coordinator*)

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment reducing state budget authority in the Ag Land Preservation capital project AP1001 and increasing the FIN13 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$2,239,520 on behalf of the Department of Economic and Community Development. Motion carried 5-0.**

3. **Circuit Court** (*Pete Cucinotta, Coordinator, Drug Court Program*)

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and accept the Highway Safety Grant Award, Project US1325, on behalf of the Circuit Court Drug Court Program in the amount of \$43,558, and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment increasing the project in accordance with the award. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. **Department of Emergency Services and Technology** (*Bob Kelly, Director*)

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FFY2012 Homeland Security Grant Agreement, Project US1320, from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services &**

**Technology in the amount of \$63,338 and the related budget amendment, and to approve the revised spending plan. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Department of Recreation and Parks** (*Brian Loewe, Dir.; David Guyther, Parks Manager*)

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Program Open Space Development Application and Project Agreement to assist with replacement of ball field lighting at Dorsey and Fifth District Parks in the total amount of \$100,000. Motion carried 5-0.**

**6. Finance Department** (*Elaine Kramer, CFO*)

*(George Erichsen, Director, DPW&T; Brian Loewe, Director, R&P)*

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the four budget amendments closing out eleven projects as specified on the amendments and return the remaining project funds in the amount of \$156,263 to the FIN12 Capital Reserve. Motion carried 5-0.**

**7. County Administrator** (*Sue Sabo, Acting*)

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to sign the transmittal letter forwarding the recommendations of the 2012 Compensation Commission to the Southern Maryland Delegation for their consideration. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioners Jarboe and Morris voted nay.**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION:  
PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TEXT  
AMENDMENTS**

**Present:** George Erichsen, Director, Dept. Public Works and Transportation  
Phil Shire, Director, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management  
Bruce Young, Soil Conservation District  
John Groeger, Deputy Director, Dept. Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Erichsen presented a matrix depicting recommended text amendments to the Stormwater Management, Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. Most of the amendments are minor and are being proposed to reflect current streamlining initiatives, ensure consistency with current practices, add clarification, reduce redundancy between other ordinances, and is part of the internal review process of all local ordinances and resolutions. The proposed Ordinance was forwarded to the State in July and received favorable comments.

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize staff to post the updated Ordinance and Summary of Changes matrix as a draft document on the County's website for a period of no less than 30 days and to distribute same to the local developer and engineering community electronically and at the next Development Review Streamlining meeting to obtain initial public comment prior to the scheduling of a public hearing. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW & REPORT ON 2012 COMPREHENSIVE WATER & SEWER PLAN**

Commissioner Russell opened the public hearing at 10:10 am.

**Present:** Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management  
Jeff Jackman, Senior Planner, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

The last Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP) was adopted in 2008. The St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2010, revised several growth areas; therefore, the water and sewer service area maps must be modified to reflect these changes. The 2012 CWSP draft also includes 10 individual service area classification changes and one text amendment that have been approved by the County and State since 2008. Mr. Jackman noted that the County's response to the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act of 2012 and modifications that may be warranted by the Watershed Implementation Plan of the Clean Water Act will be addressed in the next CWSP update in 2014.

*The Commissioners discussed growth in the northern part of the County agreed that it is essential to develop the Charlotte Hall Master Plan as soon as possible to determine needed infrastructure.*

Commissioner Russell opened the Public Hearing for public comments.

There were no public comments and the hearing was closed for public comments at 10:40 am.

## **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and upcoming events.

## **GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER**

The Commissioners attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Naval Air Museum and Visitor Center located at 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)