

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 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)

BREAKFAST MEETING WITH ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Present: Christine Wray, President; St. Mary's Hospital
Dr. Stephen Michaels, VP Medical Affairs; St. Mary's Hospital
Joan Gelrud, VP; St. Mary's Hospital
Richard Braam, VP Finance, St. Mary's Hospital
Lewie Aldridge Jr., Vice Chair, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital
R. Timothy Storch, Treasurer, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital
Paul Barber, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital
Donald Carter, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital
John McAllister, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital
Jane Sypher, Board of Directors, St. Mary's Hospital

Ms. Wray provided an overview of current facilities, range of services available, and the technological advancements the hospital has achieved. The Hospital joined MedStar in October 2009 to achieve physician recruitment and retention in specialty areas; for stronger purchasing power and financial backing to weather turbulent times; and for system support to better deal with the possibility of healthcare reform. Ms. Wray thanked the Commissioners for the County's financial backing in previous years and announced that starting this Thursday, MedStar Health will be refinancing their debt and the risk to the County will be non-existent. The Hospital works with the Community to provide scholarships for students pursuing education in Nursing and Allied Health fields, on physician recruitment efforts, service line development, capital equipment and renovations, and patient comfort and support through volunteers. Ms. Wray said the Hospital is doing a Community Health Assessment to identify community health needs and guide community benefit activities and asked for input.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 10:02 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to adopt the minutes of November 8, 2011, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

A PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR HOMELESSNESS & HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for November 22, 2011. There will be no meeting on November 29, 2011.
2. **University of Maryland Extension** (*Ben Beale, County Extension Director*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan,

(1) to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment moving \$26,007 of unspent funds in FY2011 from the Cooperative Extension budget to the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve and

(2) to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment moving \$4,235 from the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve fund to FY2012 Cooperative Extension budget for replacement of office furniture. Motion carried 5-0.

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

(Dennis Nicholson, Executive Director; Crystal Wojciechowski, Acting Program Manager, Housing Authority of St. Mary's County; and available Housing Authority Commissioners)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and sign the Support Resolution on behalf of the Housing Authority's SFY2012 Community Legacy Application in the amount of \$21,703, to fund improvements to restore a vital neighborhood facility in Lexington Park, Maryland. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Notification of Grant Awards for the FY2012 State Grants, project MD 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1206 and 1214 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services for services and programs for the Seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$205,360 and the related budget amendment that includes decreasing the project MD1201 by \$423 in accordance with the NGA. Motion carried 5-0.

(Norine Rowe, Project Manager)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to authorize Departmental Staff to submit the grant application/award documents electronically for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant award, project US1210, from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the BOCC, and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the related budget amendment to incorporate the carry forward funds in the FY2012 budget and decrease the County's match. Motion carried 5-0.

(Rebecca Kessler, Manager Home and Community Based Services)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY2012 Medicaid Waiver Grant Award, project US1262, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, to assist consumers who would normally need nursing home placement but may live safely in the community to receive appropriate in-home services in the amount of \$129,914 and the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$3,316. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association for the construction of the new museum and visitor center, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

**DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT & WATERSHED
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (WIP) STEERING COMMITTEE: UPDATE ON
LOCAL PHASE II WIP DEVELOPMENT**

Present: Sue Veith, Environmental Planner (WIP Coordinator), Dept. Land Use and Growth Management
Daryl Calvano, Environmental Health Services Director, Health Department
John Groeger, Deputy Director, Dept. Public Works and Transportation
Jackie Meiser, Director, MetCom
Don Ichniowski, Assistant Director, St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commissioner
Chip Jackson, Associate Vice-President, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Bob Lewis, Executive Director, St. Mary's River Watershed Association
Tracy Maningas, Stormwater Program Manager, Patuxent Naval Air Station
Donna Sasscer, Agricultural Specialist, Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Bruce Young, District Manager, Soil Conservation District

Ms. Veith reported on the WIP Steering Committee's progress to-date. She explained that the Clean Water Act established the requirement for the EPA to set water standards, monitor water quality and determine whether standards are being achieved, designate waters as impaired if not meeting water quality standards, and develop Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) that sets limits required to meet the standards. EPA mandated that Bay State jurisdictions meet Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limits entering the Chesapeake Bay and develop plans that determine how each jurisdiction intends to meet its pollutant allocation, under the TMDL by 2025. The state completed Phase I which was its plan and goals for 2017 and 2020. Phase II requires Local Jurisdictions to develop local plans to include 2 year milestones and strategies. Ms. Veith presented the WIP Steering Committee's actions to-date for the County's WIP strategies, implementation progress, milestones, and costs showing projects currently budgeted or in the CIP. She asked the Commissioners for concurrence to submit the Draft Local Plan to MDE to assist them in making sure St. Mary's County's ideas and concerns are included in their WIP Phase II submission to EPA.

Mr. Savich noted that WIP will be an agenda item every month starting in January 2012.

Commissioners expressed their concern with the cost projected for a number of the WIP implementation options and asked that the Committee's November 18 submission to MDE clearly state that it is without formal approval by the Board of County Commissioners and no commitment for funding beyond the existing CIP is implied or to be inferred by MDE from receipt of the Committee's submission.

In response to Commissioners' questions, staff will provide the following prior to or during the January WIP work session with Commissioners: (1) table on atmospheric pollution vs. land-based pollution; (2) ounces of nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment a single oyster removes in a year; (3) scientific data to back up the use of tree planting to reduce pollutants; (4) who is responsible for the costs of on-site septic systems when upgrades are needed; (5) who pays for tree plantings; and (6) how the WIP TDML

program and PlanMaryland correlate and whether the agencies and organizations involved are discussing what is being legislatively enacted and what is being orchestrated executively.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

LEXINGTON PARK BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY VISITS

The Commissioners visited the Lexington Park area meeting with employees at Fitzgerald Lexington Park Auto Mall, St. Mary's Lighting and Electrical Supply Inc., and Executive Salon Suites followed by a tour of the Colony Square neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell closed the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 5:00 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)