

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, 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 December 3, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

RECEIVE 2013 REDISTRICTING BOARD'S REDISTRICTING PLAN

Present: George Sparling, County Attorney

Mr. Sparling presented the Commissioners with the Redistricting Board's Redistricting Plan adopted on December 6, 2013. No action was required by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jones expressed appreciation to Redistricting Board members and thanked them for their service.

Commissioner Jarboe commented that the Commissioners appoint the Redistricting Board members, but the members make their own decisions.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for December 17, 2013. There will be no meetings on December 24 and 31, 2013.

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

(Rebecca Kessler, Manager, Home & Community Based Services)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Money Follows the Person Options Counseling Business Associate Agreement, Project US1437, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services. Motion carried 5-0.

(Matt Reisdorph, Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Coordinator)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Memorandum of Understanding agreement Modification between the County and the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services for Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services, Projects MD1459, 1497, 1489, 1498, US1423, 1424 & 1455, modifying the total funding to \$3,784,889 for FY 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) /
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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

The Calvert County Commissioners signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State, Calvert County and St. Mary's County last Tuesday as the first step to create a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The next documents needed are a master agreement between the Department of Transportation and the MPO and an agreement between the two counties. The MPO Board will consist of three voting members; one representative from the Maryland Department of Transportation, one representative of the Board of County Commissioners for Calvert County and one representative of the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County. An MPO Master Plan to fund and coordinate transportation related planning activities within the Lexington Park, California, and Chesapeake Ranch Estates areas will be developed. Signing the MOU presented today will make the counties eligible for funding for the planning phase of the MPO and to continue receiving federal transportation funding for the County.

Commissioner Morgan expressed frustration with the way the Census Bureau mapped to establish the boundaries for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. He noted that he and Commissioner Russell met with Maryland Department of Transportation officials, and although they agreed there are mapping issues, the County will not receive federal transportation funding unless the Commissioners sign the MOU. Stating he is adamantly opposed to this designation, he recognizes that it is in the best

interest of the County to sign the agreement to ensure continued transportation funding St. Marys. Other Commissioners echoed Commissioner Morgan's comments.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the MOU by and between the Governor of the State of Maryland, Calvert County and St. Mary's County for the purpose of establishing the framework for the designation of the Calvert-St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe indicated he believes it is the consensus of the Board that the motion was made under duress, but it was necessary for the residents of St. Mary's County.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DECISION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, APPENDIX G (SWIMMING POOLS)

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land use and Growth Management

A public hearing was held on November 12, 2013, to exempt certain above-ground and on-ground pools and portable spas from Appendix G of the International Residential Code regarding swimming pools. No additional comments were received during the open comment period that closed December 3, 2013. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is required as a follow-up to today's action. The Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management will continue to review pools/spas located in areas designated as a Critical Area.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and sign an Ordinance to adopt the proposed local amendment of the Maryland Building Performance Standards, and Chapter 203 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, by revising Appendix G of the International Residential Code regarding swimming pools. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, specifically appointments to boards and commissions. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted nay.

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Diane Gleisner,
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant
Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 9:45 am – 10:06 am
Subject: Personnel (review applications for vacancies on boards and commissions)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 10:06 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)