

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
County Administrator, Dr. Rebecca Bridgett
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR:

- #1: FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH**
- #2: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**
- #3: LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

INVITATION TO RAIDERS AND INVADERS WEEKEND

Present: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director, Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Carolyn Laray, Manager, Tourism Division, Dept. of Economic and Community Development

Ms. Laray highlighted activities taking place on Raiders & Invaders Weekend June 6, 7, and 8, 2014, and invited Commissioners to participate.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (PART 1)

1. Draft Agendas for May 27 and June 3, 2014.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Tower Lease Agreement with Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department in support of the NextGen Radio System Project. Motion carried 5-0.

3. County Administrator (*Dr. Rebecca Bridgett*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the St. Mary's County Citizen's Academy Program, as presented by staff, for the Calendar Year 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to appoint the following person to Boards, Committees, or Commissions with the terms to expire as indicated. Motion carried 5-0.

Transportation Advisory Committee	Term
James Andreacci – Chamber of Commerce Representative	June 30, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner Russell opened the public hearing at 9:50 am

Present: George Sparling, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was posted in *The Enterprise Newspaper* on May 2 and 9, 2014. The proposed amendment will establish the Board of Appeals as an independent unit; broadening access to the Board of Appeals by repealing the requirement for payment of a fee in order to exercise the right to appeal; facilitate the adoption of revised rules of appeals; and delegate administration of appeals to legal counsel for the Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Russell opened the hearing for public comment. There were no public comments. Commissioner Russell stated the record would be left open for an additional ten days to receive public comments on this matter and closed the hearing at 9:55 am.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, GRADING, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE – PERFORMANCE BONDING EXEMPTION

Commissioner Russell opened the public hearing at 10:06 am

Present: George Erichsen, Director, DPW&T

Mr. Erichsen presented the Certification of Publication in *The Enterprise Newspaper* on May 2 and 9, 2014, and affidavit of Public Hearing Postings on May 2, 2014, in County libraries, PIO Office and Dept. of Public Works building. The proposed amendment will change the requirement that a security be required as a condition of issuance of a building or grading permit for development requiring a stormwater management plan facility to a body politic and corporate or to a public or quasi-public entity. County will still charge a fee and issue the permits, but entities such as SMECO, PEPCO and Board of Education who manage their own contracts will no longer be required to double bond.

Commissioner Russell opened the hearing for public comment. There were no public comments. Commissioner Russell stated the record would be left open for an additional ten days to receive public comments on this matter and closed the hearing at 10:12 am.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PART 2

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

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Option agreements as requested by vendors. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Interagency Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Maryland Department of the Environment and to direct staff to submit the corresponding grant application. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and accept the funding issued as part of the Governor's Supplemental Budget for the purpose of pothole repair; and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment establishing budget authority in Project MD1480, in the amount of \$268,588 for the purpose of pothole repair. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Aging and Human Services (*Lori Jennings-Harris Director; Cynthia Brown, Division Manager; Matthew Reisdorph, Treatment & Prevention Coordinator*)

(*Kathleen O'Brien, CEO, Walden Sierra, Inc*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute:

(1) the FY2015 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Grant Narratives and budget award documents related to Projects MD1559, 1597, 1589, 1598, US1523, 1524 and 1555 from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services in the amount of \$3,769,574; and,

(2) the related budget amendments to bring the project budgets in accordance with award. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY2015 Continuum of Care Grant Agreement documents related to Project US1596 from the Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services for the provision of the Continuum of Care Housing Program in the amount of \$174,152. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: REQUEST TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO EXEMPT INFLATABLE AND STORABLE ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOLS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Present: Phil Shire, Director, LUGM

Mr. Shire noted that on December 10, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners approved an Ordinance amending the Maryland Building Performance Standards codified as Chapter 203 of the *Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland*, to exempt above-ground swimming pools and on-ground swimming pools from Appendix G of the 2012 International Residential Code for One- and Two-family Dwellings. Staff is recommending Schedule 50.4 Section 51.3.122 and Chapter 90 be revised to coincide with the recently adopted amendment to Appendix G of the IRC.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to direct staff to schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES – 2014 UPDATE

Present: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director, MACo
Thomas G. Duncan, President, MACo (Talbot County Council)

MACo serves all counties in the state and although each county has different interests, they work to get the best for all counties. Highlights of the 2014 Legislative Session initiatives were presented.

MACo is reviewing the possibility of an investment trust for retirement. MACo would be used as the trust vehicle and that would make it a plug and play scenario for counties.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week and upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 11:30 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)