

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, January 24, 2006**

Present: Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
George G. Forrest, County Administrator
Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS/MINUTES

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of January 17, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATION

Present: Craig A. Guy, Senior Deputy First Class
Sheriff Zylak

The Commissioners' presented a letter, proclamation and plaque and Sheriff Zylak presented an award from the Sheriff's office in recognition of Mr. Guy's 17 years of service.

SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Present: Lynn Morgan Smoot, Supervisor of Instruction for Fine Arts
Joseph North, Principal, Chopticon High School
Desiree Glass and Ray Guy, Future Business Leaders of America Advisers (FBLA) Students
Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Morgan Smoot introduced members of the FBLA Association, who in turn explained their titles/ duties and showcased their awards.

PROPOSED EXTENDED USE OF THE GREAT MILLS ANNEX

Present: Dr. Martirano, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. J. Bradley, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs. Kathleen Lyon, Executive Director of Student Services
Mrs. Marcie Hough, Principal, Alternative Learning Center

Representatives from the St. Mary's County School System provided an update on the Great Mills Annex on Great Mills Road. The Annex is currently being used to house students of George Washington Carver Elementary School until the completion of their new facility which is scheduled for August 2006. The school system proposed that when the George Washington Carver students move into their new facility, the Annex be used by the Alternative Learning Center.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the extended use of the Great Mills Annex by the St. Mary's County Public Schools for instructional purposes by the Alternative Learning Center. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff was requested to arrange appropriate lease for Commissioners' consideration.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. *Draft agendas for January 31 and February 7, 2006.*

President McKay asked the commissioners to keep their calendar available on February 6, 2006, for a possible continuation of the January 31 budget work session.

Commissioner Raley asked President McKay about the date for Sheriff Zylak's presentation regarding the addition to the Detention Center. President McKay responded that Sheriff Zylak could make the presentation during the regular business meeting on 31 January.

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

a. Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to sign resolutions to: (1) accept Misty Pond Court, located in the Misty Pond Section of the Wildewood Subdivision, 3rd Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System; (2) post a 25-mph speed limit for said road; and (3) erect a stop sign for said road. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a Public Works Agreement for Continued Maintenance for Dorothy Mae Court (751') in the Breezy Acres Subdivision, located in the 4th Election District, with an expiration date of December 1, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt Resolutions to: (1) accept Dorothy Mae Court, located in the Breezy Acres Subdivision,

4th Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System; (2) post a 25-mph speed limit on said road; and (3) erect a stop sign for said road. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Office of the County Attorney (*Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager; John Savich, Dir., DECD*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to accept and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Amended Deed from the L.P. Park Center, LLC, to reflect improvement language as required by the Lexington Manor Community Block Grant from the MD Dept. of Housing and Community Development. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Office on Aging (*Jennie Page, Acting Director; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor; and Sherry Wooldridge, Community Programs Manager*)

a. **Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc., and the Department of Aging to allow the Senior Companion Program to operate in the County's jurisdiction. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. **Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Office on Aging mini grant in the amount of \$1,400.00 from the Maryland Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation to implement the Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related budget amendment. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. Department of Recreation, Parks and Community Services (*Phil Rollins, Director; Debra Pence, Museum Director*)

a. **Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the FY2006 National Recreational Trails Memorandum of Understanding for Phase II of the Three Notch Trail in the total amount of \$30,000 and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and related budget amendment that decreases the grant project budget by \$20,000, in order to align the project budget to the grant award. Motion carried 5-0.**

b. **Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to approve the Capital Grant Application and Capital Projects Grant Agreement for the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum Bond Bill, Chapter 445, 2005, in the total amount of \$100,000 and authorize Commissioner President to sign said Application and Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.**

Commissioner Raley requested that Mr. Rollins look into whether or not St. Mary's County residents are being turned away from gymnastics programs due to the fact that they are filled by Calvert County residents and respond to the commissioners by letter or e-mail .

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Jarboe

Attended the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department installation banquet. He recognized Todd Rawlings as the No. 1 runner having responded to nearly 800 calls and thanked all the volunteers for the great job they do.

Commissioner Raley

There will be three fire department installations on February 11th (2nd District, 7th District and Mechanicsville). Since everyone can't attend all functions at the same time, the Commissioners will need to split up. I do want to express my appreciation for all that the volunteers do. They do a great job every day of the year.

Stated that he was sorry that the So. Md. Tri-County Community Action Committee did not have a representative here for the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office on Aging. Request that they be asked to update the Commissioners on the status of the Willows Road property that was donated to them by the County. This project should have been further along by now. Commissioner McKay agreed and asked the County Attorney's Office to look into what alternatives that County has to recover the property if necessary.

Commissioner Dement

Attended the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department installation and stopped by the Department of Aging's "Learning is Forever" Program and Retired Senior Volunteer Appreciation Celebration.

Commissioner Mattingly

Asked that staff look into who is responsible for dumping of trash on the road next to Willows Road property and see that it is cleaned-up.

Congratulated the Mechanicsville Fire Department and Auxiliary Installation of Officers. They always do a great job and get strong support.

Congratulated the L.I.F.E. and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs.

Commissioner McKay and I attended the Board of Public Works meeting along with members of the Board of Education to appeal their project. Hopefully, we will get a good response.

Attended the Tri-County Council Annual Meeting in Annapolis.

Attended the College of Southern Maryland's Winter Commencement. 38% of the graduates were from Charles County and 35% from St. Mary's County.

Attended the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program ribbon cutting ceremony. The program has created a lot of excitement in the Community. It is a state of the art facility to accept new aircraft and the program is moving along right on schedule.

Wished his father-in-law, Bernie Smith, a Happy Birthday.

Commissioner President McKay

We are anticipating that the governor will make an announcement regarding the Rural Legacy Program on January 2 that will be significant for St. Mary's County.

Attended JSF ribbon cutting and spoke with people from Lockheed Martin who expresses serious concerns about housing and other issues related to relocating their employees to St. Mary's County. Asked that staff meet with representatives from Lockheed Martin as soon as possible. With 2/3 of the county shut down by APF, and the JSF ramping up their program and bringing close to 800 new employees to the county, they have legitimate concerns.

VISITS TO THE COUNTY BUSINESSES

The Commissioner's departed the Governmental Center to visit the following local businesses: Winters Sheet Metal, Bear Creek Barbecue, various businesses within the Callaway Retail Business Complex, and the Heron Haven Vineyard and Winery.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant