

**ST. MARYS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
CHESEAPEAKE BUILDING
Tuesday, January 27, 2009**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated January 27, 2009, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners meeting of January 20, 2009, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for February 3 and 10, 2009
2. **Dept. of Land Use and Growth Mgmt.** (*Phil Shire, Acting Director; Sue Veith, Planner IV, Environmental; and Bob Lewis, SMRWA*)

The Commissioners considered an MOU submitted by staff that would provide for the sharing of costs with the St. Marys River Watershed Association (SMRWA) in the amount of \$30,000 for consultant services to develop a watershed restoration action strategy WRAS in support of the Comprehensive Plan six-year update.

It was clarified the WRAS supports water quality initiatives mandated by HB 1141. The SMRWAs WRAS program is targeted to be finalized in April 2010. Mr. Lewis estimated that \$30,000 would be used as follows: \$5,000 to support a new staff member, \$5,000 publications and displays, and \$20,000 to support consulting fees.

No action on this item was taken by the Board.

3. Department of Aging (*Alice Allen, Division Mgr.; and Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supv.*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Notification of Grant Award, in the amount of \$42,640, and the related budget amendment decreasing the Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) revenue and expenses by \$5,071 in accordance with the actual grant award. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Aging and Dept. of Public Works & Transportation

(Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, Office of Aging; George Erichsen, Director, DPW&T; Sue Sabo, Director, HR; and Elaine Kramer, CFO)

Mr. Erichsen updated the Board on the water damage and repairs at the Northern Senior Activity Center resulting from a pipe rupture. The pipe ruptured in six places due to freezing, with primary damage occurring in the hallway and the ceramics room. Repairs involve completely gutting the hallway, lowering the water pipes above the ceiling, and replacing damaged cabinetry. Repair costs are estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Ms. Jennings-Harris reported that most of the senior programs and activities have resumed.

5. Dept. of Human Services and Local Management Board of SMC, Inc.

(Bennett Connelly, Director, DHS; and Ella May Russell, Board Chair, LMB)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley,

(a.) to accept the Appendix B Modifications one (1) and two (2) for FY 2009, as presented;

(b.) to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the nine sub-recipient agreements between St. Marys County and the Local Management Board of St. Marys County, Inc. relative to program coordination and services in conjunction with the FY 2009 Governors Office for Children Grant; and

(c.) to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the ten budget amendments to realign, increase, and set-up the budget to be in accordance with the grant documents.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Dept. of Human Services (*Bennett Connelly, Director*)

Supported by Ms. Ella May Russell, Dr. Kathleen OBrien, and Sheriff Timothy Cameron, Mr. Connelly presented a briefing on the impact of the changing economic conditions on the residents of St. Marys County regarding human services. The briefing included data from various public and private agencies from July to December 2007 and 2008. The data reflects significant increases relative to Social Services programs and services, crisis hotline calls and counseling, and shelter services. The data also reflected increases in robbery and shoplifting, energy assistance requests, and bankruptcies.

Comments were also provided by Mr. Lanny Lancaster, Three Oaks; and Pastor Marquerite Morris, Leahs House.

7. Dept. of Human Services and Human Service Council

(*Bennett Connelly, Dir., Dept. of Human Services; Ella May Russell and Sheriff Timothy Cameron, Co-Chairs, Human Service Council*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Bylaws of the St. Marys County Human Services Council. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, that the Board of County Commissioners accept the Human Service Council FY 2009 2010 Action Plan, as presented. Motion carried 4-0. (Commissioner Dement was not present for the vote).

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the Human Service Council recommendations for use of the \$100,000 already budgeted in FY2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to accept the housing recommendations resolution and to direct staff to review the housing resolution and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners as to the implementation and consideration of their recommendations during the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Office of the County Administrator (*John Savich, Co. Administrator*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the following Board, Committee, and Commissioner appointments: Michael R. Brunnschweiler to the Airport Advisory Committee, term to expire December 2009; Barbara G. McWilliams to the Museum Board of Trustees, term to expire December 2012; Peggy Reardon to the Commission on Aging, term to expire

December 2009; and the following individuals to the Social Services Board: George Ennis, Ronald D. Pope, and Susie Fowler, with terms to expire June 2012. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS TIME

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events, events attended over the past week and personal interest items.

PUBLIC FORUM

Due to inclement weather, the 6:30 pm Public Forum was postponed until February 10, 2009, following the public information meeting relative to potential sites for a new Leonardtown Library.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coordinator (Recorder)