

**ST. MARYS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley (absent)
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 Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register, for checks dated February 12, 2008, as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners meeting of February 5, 2008, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for February 19 and 26, 2008
2. **Dept. of Finance** (*Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director*)

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize signing Resolution No. 2008-10 authorizing the sale of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,250,000 for the sole purpose of refunding the 2010, 2011, and 2012 maturities of the Countys outstanding Consolidated Public Improvement and Refunding Bonds of 1997; and to authorize the Commissioner President, County Administrator, and Chief Financial Officer to execute the necessary documents.
Motion carried 4-0.**

3. Dept. of Public Safety (*Dave Zylak, Director; Michelle Lilly, Mgr., Emergency Management Division*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the 2008 Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant Award and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement and the related Budget Amendment, decreasing the grant project by \$1,800, aligning the project budget with the grant award.

Motion carried 4-0.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY: VOLUNTEERS TASK FORCE REPORT

Present: David Zylak, Director, Public Safety
Dave Deaderick, Chair, Volunteer Task Force

The report, dated and approved by the task force on January 8, 2008, contains six Final Recommendations:

- I. BOCC establish an office of volunteer support within the Dept. of Public Safety with two staff positions; i.e., Volunteer Coordinator and Administrative Assistant.
- II. Director of Public Safety and the Dept. of Human Resources (HR) to secure and enhance the position of Medical Director.
- III. Director of Public Safety to assess facilities and equipment needs for capital improvements.
- IV. HR, with advice of Director of Public Safety, the Dept. of Finance, and the Volunteer Coordinator, to enhance benefits to volunteer providers.
- V. BOCC to assign the following priorities to the Emergency Services Committee (ESC):
 - a. Establish a systematic program of public education on make the right call
 - b. Assess over time the potential and the value of incorporating Advanced Life Support (ALS) services into each Basic Life Support (BLS) unit.
 - c. Review the purpose and by-laws of the ESC for potential re-definition of its roles and responsibilities.
- VI. Director of Public Safety to make semi-annual progress reports on these recommendations to the BOCC.

At its February 6, 2008 meeting, the ESC passed a motion supporting the six recommendations, including the need for a contract to provide one paramedic to assist the ALS.

In December 2007, the Volunteer Task Force requested Board support to establish a contract paramedic position. Mr. Deaderick said this contract position is still needed to bridge the time between current emergencies and implementing the task force recommendations.

Mr. Zylak provided the following additional update:

- Contract paramedic planning to return to the BOCC within a week or two with the final draft contract.
- Medical Director met week before last, some issues to be ironed out, hope to get done in time for the FY09 budget.

Commissioner Mattingly requested that the Task Force/ESC look into what it would cost to contract a full-time private ambulance service for five days a week, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM , which is when the fewest number of volunteers are available. Calls to transport, for example, would be directed to the contract service.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the report and to issue letters of thanks to the Volunteer Task Force members. Motion carried 4-0. *Commissioner Jarboe stressed the importance of moving forward to get the contractor position in place and supporting the Medical Director position.*

Regarding Recommendation V, specifically V.a involving public education on make the right call, Commissioner Mattingly asked to ensure that the County Attorney and the Medical Director are included and to determine funding sources and budget impact.

**DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT:
INTRODUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT
AMENDMENTS AS FIRST READER:**

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, LU&GM

1) AMEND CHAPTER 52 TO ALLOW THE EXPANSION OR REPLACEMENT OF NON-CONFORMING MOBILE HOMES WITHOUT THE SIZE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NON-CONFORMING PROVISIONS

The proposed amendment applies to replacing or enlarging an existing mobile home; the new mobile home can be expanded 25% square footage (125% of the square footage of living space in the existing mobile home) with the directors approval and no more than 50% (150%) with the Board of Appeals approval.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to accept the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to amend Chapter 52 to allow the expansion or replacement of non-conforming mobile homes without the size limitations contained in the non-conforming provisions for a first reading, waive the 30-day comment period and second reading required by Resolution 2005-03, and direct that the Planning Commission proceed with a public hearing and prepare a recommendation for the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

2) AMEND CHAPTER 32 TO ALLOW ONE DWELLING UNIT IN THE COMMERCIAL MARINE DISTRICT

Proposed amendment allows one single family dwelling unit per site (could be multiple parcels that comprise the marina); re: added footnote #14 under the Commercial Marine (CM) district. This will, for example, compensate if a security guard wants to live on the premises.

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Amend Chapter 32 to allow one dwelling unit in the Commercial Marine District for a first reading, waive the 30-day comment period and second reading required by Resolution 2005-03, and direct that the Planning Commission proceed with a public hearing and prepare a recommendation for the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

3) AMEND CHAPTERS 41 AND 52 EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD TO RESTORE A DAMAGED NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE

Proposed amendment gives property owners more time to restore a non-conforming structure that is destroyed by fire or other destruction, such as a tropical storm or tornado. The one-year limitation may not be enough time for property owners to file insurance claims and receive compensation. This amendment extends the one-year time limit to two years.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to accept the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to amend Chapters 41 and 52 extending the time period to restore a damaged nonconforming structure for a first reading, waive the 30-day comment period and second reading required by Resolution 2005-03, and direct that the Planning Commission proceed with a public hearing and prepare a recommendation for the Board. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation matters. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
(Absent: Commissioner Daniel H. Raley)
John Savich, County Administrator
Christy Chesser, County Attorney
Sabrina Hecht, Chief of Staff
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8
Time Held: 10:50 am 11:19 am
Subject Discussed: Update on Litigation matters.

RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON EVENT

The Commissioner attended the Kick Off Reception and Luncheon for the National Endowment of the Arts *Big Read* Grant and Project at the Leonardtown Library

FY 2009 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A FY2009 Budget Work Session (BWS) was held in Room 14 of the Governmental Center, beginning at 2:00 PM. The BWS was aired live on channel 95 and audio taped.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coordinator