

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
CHESEAPEAKE BUILDING
Tuesday, May 5, 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 Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated May 5, 2009, as presented. Motion carried 4-0, 1 abstention (Commissioner Raley).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, April 28 2009, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented in recognition of the following:

- National Drug Court Month
- Small Business Month
- National Stroke Awareness Month

SWINE FLU UPDATE

Present: John Savich, County Administrator
David Zylak, Director, Dept. of Public Safety
Dr. William Icenhower, Health Officer, St. Mary's Co. Health Dept.
Dr. Michael Martirano, Superintendent, St. Mary's Co. Public Schools
Joan Gelrud, St. Mary's Hospital

The presenters participated in a meeting held on April 30, 2009, to formulate “Pre-Event Actions” for the St. Mary’s County Emergency Operations Plan – Emergency Support Function 8, “Public Health and Medical Services”. Updated copies of ESF #8 (dated 4/30/2009) were provided to the BOCC.

There have been no reported cases of the H1N1 (Swine flu) virus in the County. Last Friday, May 1, 2009, Gov. O’Malley declared a public health emergency.

On behalf of the Health Department, Dr. Icenhower communicated three primary concerns:

- 1.) Consider funding supply of Tamiflu for the County’s use.
- 2.) The Health Dept. is short-staffed; need a Public Information Officer.
- 3.) It is essential to immunize as many people as possible (re: funding for flu vaccination next year). The standard flu season starts in October/November.

Dr. Martirano said a letter was distributed to the school community last week emphasizing preventive measures, such as frequent hand washing. Building service workers routinely clean classrooms and general use areas and disinfect restrooms and water fountains. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are supplied at each school in the main office for visitors and volunteers to clean their hands upon arrival to the building. Regarding field trips, Dr. Martirano said there have been no travel restrictions put in place and emphasized the goal of being proactive, providing consistent and timely communications, and balancing action versus over reaction. Dr. Martirano added that an MOU has been developed, with direction from the St. Mary’s County Health Department that, addresses school closure, should it be required.

Mr. Zylak reviewed page 3 of ESF #8, “Public Health and Medical” that defines roles and responsibilities relative to “Pre-event Actions.”

Ms. Gelrud reported that the hospital is prepared. Guests and visitors are screened for flu-like symptoms. Anyone feeling ill is advised to stay home and call their doctor. Tamiflu is available for hospital patients and employees; more is on order. Hospital staff has been on daily conference calls with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for May 12 and 19, 2009
2. **Dept. of Land Use & Growth Mgmt.** (*Derick Berlage, Director*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment closing the County-wide Water/Sewer Plan project PU0801 in the amount of \$410,000 and returning these funds to the FIN09 Capital Reserve. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Dept. of Public Works and Transportation (*George Erichsen, P.E., Director; and Jacqueline Fournier, Transportation Mgr.*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant in the amount of \$445,200 from the Maryland Transit Administration, and to sign the related budget amendment establishing budget authority in FY2009 for this federal grant. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: PROPOSAL TO EXTEND UNTIL JULY 28, 2009, THE DEADLINE IMPOSED BY RESOLUTION 2005-03 FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT PERTAINING TO OFF-SITE ADVERTISING FOR THE SALE OF IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Present: Phil Shire, Deputy Director

The original, 125-day legislative deadline for the proposed text amendment to allow off-site advertising for the sale of residential property is May 17, 2009. The BOCC public hearing on this matter is scheduled for May 12, 2009.

Mr. Shire requested extending the legislative deadline for the proposed text amendment to July 28, 2009.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to extend until July 28, 2009, the deadline imposed by Resolution 2005-03 for approval of a proposed zoning text amendment pertaining to off-site advertising for the sale of residential property. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS: PRESENT CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE CHARLOTTE HALL ATHLETIC FIELDS PROJECT

Present: Phil Rollins, Director

Mr. Rollins presented a concept plan for three athletic practice fields on the County-owned Transfer Station property adjacent to Lettie M. Dent Elementary School and Fifth District Park. The concept plan has been reviewed and endorsed by the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board and the Board of Education. The concept plan has been discussed with Land Use and Growth Management staff. It was noted that if the Board concurs with moving forward, the design plan will be presented to the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC).

Specifically, the plan adds three practice fields for soccer, lacrosse, and football. The conceptual drawing positions the fields near the future school expansion area. Mr. Rollins said no additional parking is being proposed as the fields will be used after school hours. However, expanded parking for school buses is in the foreseeable future.

Funding is included in the FY2009 capital budget to design and engineer the fields. Mr. Rollins estimated that the design engineering and permits phases can be completed by winter, with construction starting in the spring and the fields completed and ready for use in 2011.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the concept plan for the Charlotte Hall Athletic Fields as presented by staff and to concur with moving forward with the design and engineering phase of the project. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events, 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 personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Christy Holt Chesser, County Attorney
Sue Sabo, Human Resources Director
Donna Gebicke, Recorder
Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 10:55 am – 11:50 am
Subject Discussed: Personnel matter

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to direct staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding a personnel matter. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

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