

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Governmental Center

Tuesday, June 10, 2003

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, Interim County Administrator

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to BOCC (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner McKay to sign the Check Register. Commissioner President McKay abstained. Motion carried. *The Finance Department will provide background information to Commissioner Raley regarding a rental item on page 62 of the check register.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, June 3, 2003. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NURSING ASSISTANT WEEK

Present: Rose Miller, Director of Nursing, St. Mary's County Nursing Center

Mary McGill, Asst. Director of Nursing

Deborah Dyson, Nursing Assistant

The Commissioners proclaimed June 5-12 "National Nursing Assistant Week: Compassion in Action" and recognized the commitment and hard work of the dedicated nursing assistants at the SMC Nursing Center.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

Present: John Savich, Director

John Savich provided an overview of major activities. Work continues on a potential Lexington Manor acquisition project with MDBED and the Department of Housing & Community Development. The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Tourism Management plan has been submitted for state certification. The reconfigured Economic Development Council held its first business forum on May 30 with a focus on manufacturing businesses. The Council has produced a

priority list of projects and activities necessary from the County side to help guard against the BRAC process for the Navy base. DECD hosted two visits from MDBED Secretary

Aris Melissaratos that focused on Lexington Manor, tourism and small business issues. The Housing Assessment has been completed and is available on the County's website. Housing staff is working on a voluntary relocation plan at Lexington Manor, funded by HUD, which has resulted in the relocation of 5 families to date. Robin Finnacom, Director of the Lexington Park Plan, is working to incorporate her office into DECD by the end of June. The State Departments of Business and Economic Development and Housing and Community Development are committed to finding funding, along with the county's contribution, for the acquisition, relocation, and demolition of the southern 54 acres of Lexington Manor most in jeopardy in terms of encroachment. A final funding package is not in place and complex details still need to be worked out, however, ultimate funding looks certain. DECD will continue to work with state and federal agencies to make sure every step along the way is done properly and to involve the residents as much as possible as the project moves forward.

Commissioner McKay asked staff to look at producing tourism spots on channel 12. Staff will look into what is currently available on video and how production costs might fit into the existing budget. Staff was also asked to set up a trip for the Board to tour a winery and produce market in the northern neck of Virginia and agricultural/nursery operations in SMC.

LEXINGTON PARK PLAN MONTHLY UPDATE

Present: Robin Finnacom, Director

Robin Finnacom provided an update on Lexington Park Plan projects. A Childcare Service Needs Assessment has been completed, and a public presentation on results is planned. "Twilight Market in the Park" street festival will take place on June 13 in Lexington Park. Contributions raised through the sale of state tax credits to date total over \$297,000. These funds are used to finance real property improvements or general cleanup in the Lexington Park area. Four Enterprise Zones have been certified in 2003 to date. The design stage for Pathways to Schools Project is nearing completion. Construction of sidewalks lining South Shangri-La Drive is anticipated in the fall.

Commissioner McKay expressed concern about incentives being given to new businesses where they may not be needed and suggested that the Board may want to rethink the program to target buildings or areas for revitalization.

John Savich will begin process of bringing recommendations to the Board on the potential impact of excise tax adopted by surrounding counties via discussions with the Finance Director and the Economic Development Council, by gathering information from other counties, and by holding public discussions.

Commissioner Raley noted the high number of complaints received from citizens regarding the extremely poor condition of Great Mills Road at the intersection where the Roost Restaurant is

located. He suggested that the annual MDOT "road show" be held in Lexington Manor so that the Secretary can travel Great Mills road via Rt. 5 to observe the conditions firsthand.

The Commissioners authorized Ms. Finnacom to begin organizing a ribbon cutting event for the completion of Rt. 235 road improvements to take place in late fall. Commissioner McKay suggested October 3.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY UPDATE

Present: Elaine Kramer, Director

Jeanette Cudmore

The Finance Director's update focused on the guiding values of Financial Management: responsiveness, communication, technical proficiency, technology, accountability, sound business practices, and responsible and timely reporting. Visits to bond rating agencies in New York will take place the last week of July. The sale will occur in August. Timely closing of FY 03 will be critical to a timely audit. The Finance Department is working on a hard copy budget book for distribution that will be completed once the Board of Education provides the County with its category reallocations. The budget summaries have been posted on the County's website and sent to all recipients of County funds, along with cautionary language indicating the possibility of further reductions due to state cuts. The Department will begin CIP budget process in August and will schedule work sessions to include a review of fees, enterprise funds, and Fire and Rescue.

PRESENTATION ON CHARTER SCHOOLS

Present: Gineen Bresso, Special Assistant to Governor's Chief of Staff

Dilip Paliath, Governor's Legislative Officer

Bill Clarkson, Intern, Governmental Affairs Office

Ms. Bresso and Mr. Paliath provided the Board with information on Senate Bill 75, Public Charter School Act of 2003. A broad overview of the law and the process to apply for a Charter School included the following topics of discussion: the definition of Public Charter Schools and how they are different from public schools, primary and secondary Chartering Authorities, who can apply and the steps involved, how teachers and employees are affected, special education issues, waivers from local or State board provisions, funding, and transportation issues.

Public Charter Schools will receive the same amount of per pupil federal, state and local funding as other public schools in the respective local jurisdiction and may apply for additional federal funding through the federal Department of Education. Local jurisdictions can also apply for grants through private sources, such as the Gates Foundation. Public school staff, parents of students attending public school in the County, nonsectarian nonprofit entities or institutions of higher education in the State can apply for a Public Charter School with the local public chartering authority. The primary public chartering authority is a County Board of Education. The State Board of Education is a secondary chartering authority acting in its appeal review capacity and may act as a primary public chartering authority for a restructured school.

The local Board of County Commissioners can assist applicants by identifying a potential facility for the Charter School and providing a contact person to assist with the application process (most likely through the Board of Education). There is no restriction on local government providing start-up funding. The Board could set up a nonprofit entity for the purpose of starting a Charter School.

Additional participants in the Charter School discussion included: Dr. Richardson, Superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools; Lorraine Fulton, Deputy Superintendent; Jane Loughran, College of Southern Maryland; Clare Whitbeck, citizen; and Cathy Allen, Board of Education member.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSAL TO AMEND COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR LEXINGTON PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY FROM RPD TO RL

The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by Peggy Childs.

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, Land Use and Growth Management

Jeff Jackman, Senior Planner

Peggy Childs, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONE #00-130-015 – Lexington Park Christian School (King's Christian Academy)

Requesting the rezoning of 49.2 acres, plus an area of school property located between the 49.2 acres and the Callaway Village Center boundary, from RPD (Rural Preservation District) to RL (Low Density Residential). The property is located on MD Route 5 in Callaway; Tax Map 50, Block 17, Parcel 38.

Owner: Lexington Park Christian School (aka Kings Christian Academy)

Present: Ed DePiazza, President, Lexington Park Christian School

Legal Ad published in The Enterprise on 5/21/03 & 5/28/03

#A-1 Certified Receipts of notification to contiguous property owners

Mr. Canavan announced that, although the Agenda cites a rezoning to VMX, this request is to rezone the property to the RL district. All paperwork, including the legal ad, is written as such and the appropriate rezoning is to RL.

This is the final step in a lengthy approval process to allow construction of the Lexington Park Christian School, a private school now proposed as The King's Christian Academy, in Callaway.

The County Commissioners have approved an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include the school property within the Callaway Village Center as well as an amendment to the Comprehensive Water & Sewerage Plan amending the service categories to allow public water and sewer. This final hearing is to rezone the 49.2 acres for the school site, as well as an area of land located between the school site and the Callaway Village Center boundary, from RPD to RL. After public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning at its meeting of May 12, 2003, by its Resolution #03-04.

Commissioner Raley asked if it is conceivable that the school could retain ownership of the property in the back and sell off some road frontage property for high density residential?. Mr. Jackman replied that, if approved for RL, development could be approved for any use permitted in this district at 1 unit per acre and could go to high density (5 units per acre) with water and sewer,

providing it meet the Ordinance requirements. He said the Comp Plan Amendment stipulated institutional use for this property.

Commissioner Mattingly expressed serious concerns about the rezoning in light of the fact that the proposal does not include sprinklers in the auditorium and high occupancy areas of the school. Mr. Mattingly said one of the reasons that he was an advocate of the amendment to allow public water and sewer was that it made sense to have public utilities serving the property. He said the County has put fire suppression systems in all of our public schools, but the Applicant has redesigned the structure to exclude the sprinkler systems. Mr. Mattingly noted a situation during last week's graduation ceremony at Leonardtown High School where the hall was blocked and there was no movement. He said his thinking was that, if anyone were to come into the school and create a problem like this, people would not be able to get out and they would not have the protection of a fire suppression system.

Mr. Mattingly said his idea with providing water and sewer was that it would make fire suppression affordable, and he has serious concerns that we are compromising public safety. He said he supports the school but has issues with the design. He added that the rezoning offers the school the opportunity for marketing some of its property to recoup its investment but opens it up to liability, and if he had known the school would not be using public water he would not have been so eager to support the water and sewer amendment. Mr. Mattingly said he thought the County and the school were working toward the same goal and is very disappointed, and he cannot believe that the Fire Marshal would sign off on a plan for a gymnasium for 300-500 people, with no fire suppression.

Commissioner McKay noted that the County cannot impose regulations beyond what is required and the plans have been approved by the appropriate agencies. He said sometimes you don't have enough money to do the ultimate at the outset, but the facilities can be upgraded as you go along, and he would have a hard time arguing with the Fire Marshal, who has deemed the plan safe. Mr. Canavan said he will look at the plan and get back to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Mattingly replied that the water storage tank could be used to support a sprinkler system in high occupancy areas of the school, and they are going to have to put that in anyway.

Commissioner McKay opened the hearing to public comment.

Mr. DePiazza defended his plan, saying the school had struggled with this issue for some time and had hired John Parlett, of CMI, a reputable builder and a former member of the Board of Education, to design the plan. He said Mr. Parlett had suggested they reduce the cost of infrastructure to allow more funding for the building by eliminating the sprinkler system. Mr. DePiazza said they were unconvinced and required Mr. Parlett to meet with the Fire Marshal's Office and with Adam Knight, the County's Building Code Official, and Mr. Parlett has proven to their satisfaction that he can build a safe building without sprinklers, without compromising safety. Mr. DePiazza said, for public water, they would have to run an 8" water line 3200 feet down MD 5 across two properties, requiring easements from those property owners, and then 800 feet into the school property to the building site. Mr. DePiazza said there are 13 fire hydrants from where the water is now to the building site, and public water would cost the school \$160,000 versus the cost of

a private well, which is \$36,000. He said he asked MetCom if they could recoup part of their investment or if they could run the water line from Hunting Quarter, and the answer was no. Mr. DePiazza said they feel that they have an affordable balance that provides safety for their faculty and students in a cost-effective approach. He said there is a possibility that they could use the water storage tank as a pumping source for sprinklers to high occupancy areas sometime in the future.

Mr. DePiazza said the school will have additional exit doors in every classroom and will have firewalls. The building will be constructed of block and brick, with steel bar joists and a polyurethane roof, and they feel that they have mitigated the fire safety issue. He said he would send his grandchildren to the school without any reservations and the school will not compromise safety for any child who attends it. He thanked the Commissioners for their support, saying this Board has done in about 5 months what the previous commissioners couldn't do in 3-1/2 years. He noted for the record that his contractor sill connect to public sewer for \$7,000 cheaper than a septic system with a limitation of 330 occupants would have cost.

Brian Storey commented that his daughter is a student at The King's Christian Academy at it's current site and asked for the Commissioners continued support for the school, saying that they have been working on this project for years. Mr. Storey asked that the County not hold the school to a higher standard than what the rules require but allow it to begin and to grow to meet the concerns expressed by Commissioner Mattingly.

Clare Whitbeck, of Leonardtown, said she has testified five times regarding the school but, at this point, she thinks the school needs to go forward and that we have done everything we can to get the school we want. Ms. Whitbeck invited Mr. DePiazza to contact Richard Tarr, of DPW&T, to talk about paper recycling, saying that that might eventually pay for the sprinkler system.

Commissioner McKay closed the public hearing at 2:23 p.m., leaving the record open for seven (7) calendar days for written comment, with a decision scheduled at the Commissioners' meeting of June 24, 2003.

AMERICORPS*VISTA SUMMER ASSOCIATES

Present: Cynthia Brown, Director, Office of Community Services

Joe Donick, Prevention Coordinator

Walt Biscoe, Community Services Coordinator

Jerome Chmielak, State Program Specialist, MD/Delaware

VISTA*Summer Associates

Commissioner President McKay administered the oath of office to the VISTA* associates and thanked them for the services they will provide to the citizens of St. Mary's County this summer.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: George G. Forrest, Interim County Administrator

1. Draft Agenda: June 24, 2003 (no meeting on June 17, 2003)

2. Health Department (*Nancy Luginbill, Director, Community Health Services;*

Dr. Icenhower, Health Officer; Marilyn Beach, Supervisor for Special Education, SMCPs; Kathleen and Grace Hammett; Parent Coordinator and program participant; Barbara Bechtel, Program Coordinator;)

To approve re-appointment of SMC Health Department as the local lead agency for the Infants and Toddlers Program

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the re-appointment of the SMC Health Department as the local lead agency for the Infants and Toddlers Program. Motion carried.

3. Grant Applications/Agreements

- a. Office of the Sheriff (*Capt. Cusic, Erin Gass*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign grant application for Homeland Security Overtime Program Grant (Fed: \$100,000; County match \$33,333)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign grant application for the Homeland Security Overtime Program. Motion carried.

- b. Lexington Park Plan (*Robin Finnacom*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign Grant Agreement with Shanri CVS, Lex Park for \$3,894.85 in grant funds for Streetscape Improvements

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign Grant Agreement with Shanri CVS, Lex Park, for \$3,894.85 in grant funds for Streetscape Improvements. Commissioner McKay voted no. Motion carried 4-1.

c. Department of Public Works (*George Erichsen*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign Waterway Improvement Fund Application and Project Agreement for preliminary engineering and DMP site assessment and evaluation (\$25,000)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign Waterway Improvement Fund Application and Project Agreement for preliminary engineering and DMP site assessment and evaluation. Motion carried.

d. SMC Housing Authority (*Dennis Nicholson, Exec. Director; Cynthia Phillips, Program Manager*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign Rental Allowance Program (RAP) FY 03 Grant Agreement (State: \$35,095 – direct to HA)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Comm. President to sign Rental Allowance Program (RAP) FY 03 Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

4. Facilities Department (*Richard Rohrbaugh, Director; Gary Whipple, Project Mgr*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign Forest Conservation Easement for Northern Senior Center.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign Forest Conservation Easement for Northern Senior Center. Motion carried.

5. Emergency Management Agency (*Stanley Williams, Deputy Director*)

To approve and authorize Comm. President to sign the Letter of Commitment, Certification Regarding Lobbying, and the Certificate Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke to MIEMSS to begin grant process.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Commitment, Certification Regarding Lobbying, and the Certificate Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke to MIEMSS to begin grant process. Motion carried.

Provided there are no FAA requirements prohibiting removal of the defibrillator currently at the airport, staff will move this equipment to the Governmental Center.

6. Human Resources Department (*Randy Schultz, Director*)

To approve a position reclassification and authorize filling of vacancies

Mr. Schultz provided the Commissioners with a written "Status of Vacant Positions" list.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to direct staff to move ahead to fill those positions listed on the "Status of Vacant Positions" list from the top of the page through "Vacant Positions Proposed for Approval to Fill." Commissioner Jarboe abstained. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize the reclassification of the Deputy Director of Human Resources position from a Grade 11 to a Grade 10 and the Fiscal Specialist, S03, Facilities Management, to Senior Office Specialist, S03. Commissioner Jarboe abstained. Motion carried.

7. DECD (*John Savich, Director; Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Manager*)

- a. To approve and authorize Comm. Pres. to sign a release of SMC Ag Land Preservation Agreement

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign a release of SMC Agriculture Land Preservation Agreement. Motion carried.

- b. To approve and sign amended Agricultural Land Preservation District 5 Year Tax Credit Ordinance (public hearing held 5/19/03)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and sign amended Agricultural Land Preservation District 5-Year Tax Credit Ordinance. Motion carried. (*Commissioner Dement left the room briefly and did not vote on this motion*)

George Forrest, Interim County Administrator, announced that he would be hosting "brown bag" lunches for staff once a month.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURE LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION PROGRAM

Present: Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Manager

John Savich, Director, DECD

On May 27, 2003, the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Advisory Board began making offers to landowners. On May 28, the Southern Maryland Agriculture Commission met to reallocate infrastructure funds to the Agriculture Land Preservation Fund. St. Mary's County will receive an additional \$11,167 for land preservation from the FY 03 tobacco funds. This will be in addition to the existing County FY 04 appropriation of \$435,000.00 for a total of \$546,167. Ms. Sasscer recommended that the Board sign a letter to MAPF allocating these

funds. New legislation regarding MALPF program will go into effect on October 1, 2004. MALPF will be working with other State agencies to develop a new ranking system which will replace its current system that is based on discounting. Ms. Sasscer further recommended that the County direct MALPF to proceed in order with Applicants 6 through 10 on the current state priority list (six is next in line based on the last offers).

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to sign the letter to

Mr. James Conrad, Executive Director, Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, asking that the Foundation continue to make offers, beginning with Applicant 6, with the \$546,167.40 available to St. Mary's County applicants that are on their list. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Raley

- Need to respond to letter received in May from Leonardtown Commissioners regarding use of open space funding. *(County is waiting for response from state for approval to reallocate these funds to Lexington Manor).*
- Response also needed to Northern Soccer League regarding problems with playing fields and Tri County Animal Shelter regarding computer upgrades. Request that Tri County Animal Shelter Advisory Board be placed on future BOCC agenda to clarify role board plays in operation of shelter.
- Remind everyone to attend the "Twilight Market in the Park," Friday, June 13, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Freedom Park at Tulagi Place and Three Notch Road near the former Lexington Park Library.
- The Board will be discussing appointments to Boards/Committees and Commissions during Executive Session on June 24th. Urge all who are interested in serving to get applications in as soon as possible. Applications are available through Delores Lacey in the Public Information Office or on the County website.

Commissioner Mattingly

- Had the pleasure to present Mrs. Virginia Oliver with a proclamation commemorating her 80th birthday.
- Attended ribbon cutting for the new birthing center at St. Mary's Hospital. All are encouraged to visit the new center -- the best birthing center anywhere. The hospital should be commended on all aspects of this project -- from design to the ribbon cutting.
- Attended graduation ceremonies this past week and want to congratulate all the students for their commitment and wish them great success.

Commissioner Jarboe

- The condition of the northern soccer fields is a concern and must be addressed.
- The Commissioners agreed during the budget process to return \$600 of their benefit package. It was my understanding that this was intended to affect elected officials only, not department heads. *(It was clarified that the return of benefits did include department heads.)*

Commissioner President McKay

- Suggest that the Board may want to consider future discussion of architectural review for Lexington Park.
- The Board will be hosting a Public Forum this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the 7th District Firehouse.
- Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County and Leonardtown Commissioners are co-sponsoring Flag Day festivities at 6 p.m. on June 14 at the Governmental Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel, as provided for in Articles 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried.

Personnel

Present: Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement

Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe

Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly

Commissioner Daniel H. Raley

George G. Forrest, Interim County Administrator

Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

Time Held: 4:40 p.m. – 5:57 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed a personnel matter.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

As a result of the Executive Session held previously in the day, Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, that effective opening of business June 11, 2003,

George Forrest is named Acting County Administrator. Motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting took place at the 7th District Firehouse in Avenue, Maryland. The following citizens provided comments.

Sheila Hiebert, 38091 Beach Road, Colton's Point, MD 20626

On behalf of the Friends of St. Clement's Island Museum, thank you for funding the museum director position beginning in January 2004. It's important to have leadership and vision that this position brings.

Ronnie Mattingly, P.O. Box 108, Abell, MD 20606 & Gilbert Murphy, P.O. Box 45, Avenue, MD 20609

Thanks for your support of the Rescue Squads. As expenses go up, it is getting more and more difficult to raise funds to support the squads and provide for the community. We are surviving on memorials. 660 calls were run last year – at the \$45 per call rate this totals \$30,000, which is a drop in the bucket. SMC EMS and fire systems far surpass any other areas. An excellent service is provided and we need to support it. We ask that you consider adding rescue squads to fire tax system.

Commissioners recognized that all rescue squads have financial problems and indicated that the whole emergency services structure will be reviewed this summer. Commissioner President McKay indicated a tax shift is likely.

Freddie Wood

I am serving on the Wicomico Shores Golf Clubhouse Project Task Force. We need to repair the Clubhouse. No work has been done on it for 9 years. We can work to bring it into compliance with ADA and other requirements and must also address needs on the course itself.

Pete Delman

The current Wicomico Shores Golf Clubhouse can handle larger amounts of people. Proposed new building will be smaller. One of the persons on the Task Force is not a SMC resident.

Millie Huseman

Thank you for coming to the 7th District and giving us the opportunity to share our concerns. We are concerned about the Deputy Museum Director position. Currently Lydia is Acting Director. We

ask that you not eliminate the Deputy position when the Director position is filled in January. There is a lot going on in the museum program and both positions are vital.

Bob Kopel

Don't forget about the 7th District Optimists Club and thanks for all of your support.

Al Raley

There is a problem with the state spraying chemical on the roadsides. They have been spraying during rain and the chemicals are running into the river. There should be a two-hour limit.

Barbara Herbert

Concerned about Dahlgren shooting of relatively benign chemicals into the river. Is anyone monitoring the potential damage to wildlife/flora and fauna and danger to humans swimming in the river? What can we do about the heavy traffic backup at the 4-way stop sign at Clements?

Commissioner Jarboe noted that this is a state highway issue. The best solution would be a roundabout, but this would take up too much land.

Eddie Bailey

The traffic at the 4-way stop is a problem, but you don't want to have a stop light there either. This is probably the best we are going to get.

Gilbert Murphy

Reinforce Eddie Bailey's comments. The traffic is aggravating, but accident rates have been cut to nil— especially fatal accidents. Thanks for your continued support of the Annual Blessing of the Fleet.

Commissioner President McKay noted that the 7th District Optimist Club is providing food for Flag Day ceremonies on June 14 at the Governmental Center.

ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved by the

Board of County Commissioners on _____

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant
to the Board of County Commissioners