

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, July 11, 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
Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Admin. Coordinator (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Agenda item seeking approval to revise/increase erosion and sediment control review fee schedule will be rescheduled by the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of June 27, 2006, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Commendation: Breton Bay Golf & Country Club Men's "A" Team - 2006 Maryland State Team Match Champs

Present: Bob Arnold, PGA Golf Professional, BBG&CC
Frank Phillips, President
Mark Cusic, Team Captain

The Breton Bay Golf & Country Club Men's "A" Team was recognized for outstanding and praiseworthy sportsmanship and team play by successfully achieving the recognition of becoming the 2006 Maryland State Team Match Champions. The following team members received Commendations from the Board of County Commissioners: Mark Cusic, Pete Detemple, Tracy

Vallandingham, Greg Roberts, Bill Jenner, Tommy Jameson, Ross Tuck, Mike Boyd, Rusty Hall, Joe Fenlon, Jim Hicks, Mike Ruck, Dale Able, John Pennell, Dick Sterns, and Bobby Stark.

Recognition: AmeriCorps*VISTA Volunteers

Present: Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation, Parks and Community Service
Walt Biscoe, Community Services Coordinator, RP&CS

The following AmeriCorps *VISTA Volunteers received Recognition from the Board of County Commissioners for successfully completing one year of service to the citizens of St. Mary's County: Rebecca Hill, for volunteering time in support of the St. Mary's Teen Court Project, amounting to 3000 hours of community service; Laurie VanGorden, for coordinating the Guiding Good Choices Program and the Strengthening Families Program; and Mark O'Malley, for coordinating the Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol Program.

St. Mary's County Library Summer Programs (*Kathleen Reif, Director; Janis Cooker, Children's Coordinator; Marilyn Lash, Publicity Specialist; Eric Millham, Video Productions Instructor*)

Ms. Cooker and Ms. Lash provided information regarding library summer programs to encourage children to continue reading over the summer. An overview of program partners and sponsors was also provided. Mr. Millham presented a video put together by students Krystal Burns and Joy Harris to promote the programs.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for July 18 and July 25, 2006
2. **Health Department / Department of Public Works and Transportation** (*Daryl Calvano, Environmental Health Director*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Maryland Dept. of the Environment regarding Supplemental Inspections and Monitoring of Sewage Sludge Utilization Activities in St. Mary's County and to sign the related Budget Amendment, and, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the St. Mary's County Health Dept. regarding Monitoring of Land Application of Sewage Sludge. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Department of Recreation, Parks, and Community Services** (*Phil Rollins, Director, RP&CS*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY07 Program Open Space

Development Application and Project Agreement for development of Phase II of the Three Notch Trail. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY07 Program Open Space Development Application and Project Agreement for installation of an air conditioning/air circulation system and shower facilities at the Leonardtown Hall Recreation Center. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY07 Program Open Space Development Application and Project Agreement for the Wicomico Shores Golf Course Clubhouse renovation. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioners McKay and Raley voted against the motion.

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY07 Program Open Space Development Application and Project Agreements for ADA Playground Replacement Projects at Cecil Park and Elms Beach Park. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Safety (*Tim Cameron, Director, Public Safety*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President sign the Budget Amendment realigning the FY06 budget for MIEMSS ALS Equipment Grant to match the actual grant award. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Dept. of Finance (*Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director of Finance*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and sign the Resolution authorizing the exempt financing of the vehicle plan as approved for FY2007 and to authorize the Commissioner President, County Administrator, and Chief Financial Officer to execute the agreements necessary to implement the exempt financing during the year as needed. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Land Use & Growth Management (*Denis Canavan, Director, LU&GM*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment to transfer funds within department for hiring Planner III that was budgeted in FY2007 as Step 1, but was advertised as a Step 8. Motion carried 5-0.

(Phil Shire, Planner, LUGM)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and

authorize the Commissioner President to sign the proposed Instrument of Final Transfer for four Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) for two additional lots in the RPD Zone: Subdivision Case File #05-110-045, Devyn John Estates Subdivision. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT OF LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT (LUGM): DECISION ON PROPOSAL TO AMEND LEXINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARY OF THE LEXINGTON PARK DEV. DISTRICT

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, LUGM
Jeff Jackman, Sr. Planner

Mr. Jackman stated that a Public Hearing was held on June 13, 2006, to receive public comment on a proposal to amend Fig. 2-1 through 2-5 of the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan to change the boundary of the Lexington Park Development District to include the 55-acre Wildewood School site and to exclude from the Development District the 192.5 acres that are Myrtle Point, and to include tax maps: 42, Parcel 119; 41, p/o Parcel 24, Parcels A & B; 34, Parcel 689; and 34, Parcels 116 and 136. The Planning Commission recommended retaining Myrtle Point in the Development District. A compilation of the written comments received by the public during the open record period was provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, with regards to the Proposed Ordinance submitted by staff regarding the revised boundaries to the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan, that the Board not approve said Ordinance and that the Board direct staff to, if necessary, compile and present for the Board's consideration, if necessary, a revised Ordinance reaffirming the Board's previously approved decision to retain the boundaries of the Lexington Park Development District as they are now with no changes. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioners McKay and Mattingly voted against the motion.

Commissioner McKay discussed his concerns regarding pushing residential development towards Pax River and environmental preservation. Commissioner Mattingly suggested parcels be presented individually (individual Ordinances).

BOCC SITTING AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to adjourn as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of Health. Motion carried 5-0.

Present: William Icenhower, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer – St. Mary's Co. Health Dept.
Tracy Kubinec, Deputy Health Officer
Nancy Luginbill, Director, Health Services
Daryl Calvano, Director, Environmental Health

An update was provided on the following Board of Health issues:

Dr. William Icenhower

- Flu season (Pandemic Flu)
- Public Health Finance

Tracy Kubinec

- Health Department Website; www.smhd.org
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fiscal/Budget Summary
- Opie 'Our Purpose Is Education' Otter presentation (one to each Commissioner)

Nancy Luginbill

- Rabies
- Flu in conjunction with St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Meningococcal Vaccine

Daryl Calvano

- Update on two (2) Environmental Health Initiatives:
 1. Flood Proof Well Initiative
 2. Scrap Tire Chip Initiative
- Calvex Manual for Environmental Health
- Environmental Health Building Permit/Site Plan Review Times

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Raley

Attended an enjoyable reception and concert at the Sotterley Plantation.

Attended the Southern MD Livestock Expo, put on by the youth of St. Mary's County. The Agriculture Development Commission of the Tri-County Council provided some of the funding. Recognized Christine Bergmark, Donna Sasser, and Jay Farrell for their support. The number of young people who submitted animals for showing doubled from last year.

Attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for and extended congratulations to Bradley S. Daniel of Boy Scout 561 Elks Lodge. A Commendation and letter of congratulations was presented to Bradley on behalf of the Commissioners.

Announced that the State Highway Administration is going to conduct a public meeting on 7/27/06, from 7 – 9 PM, at the Bay District Sub-station 9 (in California, across from the Elks Lodge) concerning noise improvements.

Commissioner Dement

Apologized for not attending the event at Sotterley.

Attended the retirement reception for Barbara Vallandingham.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce unveiling of the *Preserve America* sign at Summerseat.

Enjoyed the Fourth of July Golden Beach parade. Congratulated John and Janice Ivancik on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Presented a proclamation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Attended the Jazz and Seafood Festival at St. Clement's Island.

Commissioner Mattingly

Congratulated the Sheriff's Office on their Awards Ceremony to recognize officers and administrative staff in the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

Excellent turnout at the Sotterley concert; encouraged everyone to take advantage of tours offered there.

The Livestock Expo included youth from Cecil County and a number of Counties on the Eastern Shore. Well organized and a big event for the 4H'ers. Referenced conversations about some of the challenges with coordinating the program and with how the 4H is functioning in the County. Suggested getting together with the University to discuss 4H future and what it means to a rural County like St. Mary's.

Congratulated Kim Cullins, the volunteers, the Friends of the Museum, the Board, and everyone involved with the Jazz and Seafood Concert; outstanding entertainment, and attended by about 800 people.

Played golf with Commissioner Raley at the Bay District Fire Dept.'s Annual Golf Tournament. Congratulated Bay District for putting together a good tournament.

Commissioner Jarboe

Expressed sincere thanks to Cynthia Brown for all her efforts with resolving issues endured by a disabled veteran and his family that has relocated to St. Mary's County after the Katrina disaster. Within two weeks, the issues have been resolved and he is now getting full disability.

VOTE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to enter into Executive Sessions for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, to include boards and committees. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted no.

(This portion of the meeting minutes was transcribed by Donna Gebicke)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Thomas F. McKay, President

Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
George Forrest, County Administrator
Delores Lacey, Appointments Secretary (boards and committees)
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to the BOCC, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm
Action taken: The Commissioners discussed appointments to boards and committees.

(This portion of the meeting minutes was transcribed by Betty Jean Pasko)

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LENGTH OF SERVICE PROGRAM (LOSAP)

Present: Joe Cooper, Emergency Services Committee
John Gatton, Sr., Emergency Services Committee
Sue Sabo, Director, Human Resources

(Commissioner Mattingly recused himself from the discussion).

On behalf of the fire, rescue, and ALS volunteers, the St. Mary's County Emergency Services Committee requested the following adjustments to the Length of Service Program (LOSAP):

- Increase the base amount for Option 1 and Option 2 by \$25 (permanent change)
- Increase the amount received for each additional year of service in excess of 20 years BY \$3.00 (new entitlement of \$8.00 per month for Options 1 and 2, and for each year of service for Option 3 (permanent change).
- A one-time adjustment for the following
 - \$25.00 increase per month for all active and inactive benefit recipients receiving benefits under Option 1 and Option 2
 - \$12.50 increase per month for all spouses currently receiving benefits
 - \$1.00 increase per month for each year of service for recipients receiving benefits under Option 3

Incorporate future Cost of Living adjustments in the LOSAP program starting in FY08 that is equal to the increase provided by the Maryland State Pension System.

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the changes to the Length of Service Program proposed by the Emergency Services Committee and to sign the Resolution adopting these changes. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Mattingly abstained.

(This portion of the meeting minutes was transcribed by Donna Gebicke)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued from previous session)

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Thomas F. McKay, President
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
George Forrest, County Administrator
Sue Sabo, HR Director (personnel matters)
Delores Lacey, Appointments Secretary (boards and committees)
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to the BOCC, Recorder

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

Time Held: 2:12 pm –3:20 pm

Action taken: The Commissioners discussed personnel matters and appointments to boards and committees.

(This portion of the meeting minutes was transcribed by Betty Jean Pasko)

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT RE SEWER CAPACITY ASSOCIATED WITH RYKEN'S ANNEXATION (Parcel 7 of Grid 7 of Tax Map 41)

Present: Jeff Jackman, Sr. Planner, LUGM

Notice of this hearing was published in the in the June 25 and July 2, 2006 issues, of *St. Mary's Today*.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider amending the Official Zoning Maps of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to change zoning overlay designation of the property known as Parcel 7, Grid 7, Tax Map 41, owned by St. Mary's Ryken, Inc., from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA). The proposed amendment would correct a zoning classification error that was in Ordinance 90-11 and carried forth in the adoption of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance in 2002.

Public Comments:

Glenn G. Gass, P. O. Box 131 Colton's Point MD, 20626

Mr. Gass, Chairman of the Ryken High School Planning Committee, stated that the committee has been working with the school to develop a plan to expand the school commensurate with new tasking in the Washington Area Catholic Conference. Mr. Gass stated that the committee has been working for about 1½ years to get the legislative items in line to allow establishing the ground rules to

state hard planning and hard capital fund raising projects that will ultimately result in some expansion to the facilities there. One

of the committee's first tasks is to look at putting in a sports complex/upgrading the sports capabilities. Need ground rules for zoning, critical areas designation, etc., to make plans and secure funding.

Mr. Gass provided some of the history of Ryken High School, which has been on public sewer and water since 1957. It is a campus like facility that is more like St. Mary's College than like Piney Point Elementary (and should therefore be treated the same under Critical Area ordinance).

Facility is extensively used for a full range of team sports and other activities, such as the Fine Arts Center, and, used not only by the campus, but by the community at large. Virtually all of the 5th – 8th grade parochial schools in the So. Md. Region use the facility for basketball and other sports.

Mary Joy Hurlburt, 44491 Whilestone Place. Tall Timbers MD

Ms. Hurlburt, President of St. Mary's Ryken, expanded on Mr. Gass's comments by stating that the zoning is critical to them and that they have completed their strategic plan for future expansion and property enhancements.

Robert Jarboe, Leonardtown, MD

Mr. Jarboe stated that his children (and granddaughter too) went to Ryken. He stated that it is a fine school and needs to be supported.

As there were no further comments from the public, the hearing was closed. The record will be kept open for 10 days for written comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE TERM "FACILITIES" FROM THE *ORDINANCE*.

Present: Jeff Jackman, Sr. Planner, LUGM

Mr. Jackman stated for the record that this Public Hearing was advertised the June 25 and July 2, 2006, issues of *St. Mary's Today*. The purpose of the hearing is to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan (CWSP) that would remove the word "facility" from the language that allows extension of the utilities for elementary and secondary schools in the Rural Preservation District. The amendment was proposed as a result of some citizens who felt that including the word "facility" may be too inclusive. The Planning Commission has recommended the deletion of the word, "facility," as it appears in two sections of the CWSP.

Public Comments:

Linda Vallandingham, 21705 Indian Bridge Rd., California MD

I speak before you this afternoon on behalf of myself and Robert Jarboe.

We are here once again to say that we do not support schools in the RPD zoned areas of the County. The infrastructure is not there and the cost to the taxpayer in the long run is greater than in the development district and the majority of the children are located in the development district. Of the 11 schools located in the RPD, most of the construction occurred at a time when our County was much different. Schools still were placed where the populated was at that time. The designated development districts of Leonardtown and Lexington Pare are where the developers should be encouraged to build. The infrastructure is already in place. However, we believe the proposed Wildewood school property represents a compromise. It is the logical place for a school, the children are there, it abuts the development district with no infill of property between the school site and the district boundary, the property is accessible through Wildewood Parkway and water and sewer service would be available to this site.

We are still opposed to schools in the RPD as it would jeopardize all RPD land contiguous to the Lexington Park and Leonardtown Development Districts. An example of some property that could be jeopardized would be land along Hermanville Road and Indian Bridge Road. As sewer service is developed in the Mechanicsville and Charlotte Hall areas, the land of the Amish and Mennonite could be jeopardized. We recognize that today Mechanicsville and Charlotte Hall are town centers, but with water and sewer service this could become a northern development district. We feel this text amendment is allowing the developer to benefit greatly and circumvent meeting the Adequate Public Facilities in the zoning ordinance.

We feel that we can support, with reservations, this text amendment if amended by adding only to lands and by deleting facility after elementary or secondary school. Facility, according to the dictionary, means something created to serve a particular function or functions.

The original intent from the beginning has been the need for an elementary and secondary school in/or adjacent to the Wildewood development. Other concerns expressed by citizens were lights, noise, and activities other than normal elementary and secondary school use. This is why we continue to support the language to add only to lands and deleting the word facility after elementary or secondary school.

The text amendment would then read, Exception: service may be extended only to lands which adjoin and are accessible by a street through the development district for the exclusive purpose of serving an elementary or secondary school.

The Resolution approved by the Planning Commission on 12/5/05 is attached which clearly added the language only to lands and eliminated the word facility.

We feel that it is better for school property to adjoin the development district rather than be in the middle of the RPD such as Buchanan property.

Robert Jarboe, Leonardtown, MD

Mr. Jarboe expressed support for Ms. Vallandingham's testimony,

Commissioner McKay requested, of Mr. Canavan, that the letter received from the Board of Education be included in the Record.

As there were no further comments from the public, the hearing was closed. The record will be kept open for 10 days for written comments.

(This portion of the meeting minutes was transcribed by Donna Gebicke)

**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT
AMENDMENTS PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
RESIDENTIAL CLUSTERING PROVISIONS**

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Yvonne Chaillet, Zoning Administrator

The public hearing was advertised in the St. Mary's Today newspaper on June 25 and July 2, 2006. The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to Section 32.1 to provide standards for cluster developments; to Section 51.3.10 to modify the requirements for Use Type 10, an attached dwelling unit; and to Article 19 to revise the definition of cluster development; and a Subdivision Ordinance Text Amendment to Article 5 to revise the definition of cluster development. The Planning Commission voted to unanimously recommend adoption of the proposed amendments on June 12, 2006.

The Comprehensive Plan advocates the concept of clustering residences, but the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance do not provide standards for clustering in order to fully implement the concept. Section 30.13.1.f.1 of the Subdivision Ordinance requires developers to cluster lots on 50% or less of the lot(s), tract(s) or parcel(s) proposed for major subdivision in the Rural Preservation District and the Residential, Low-Density District. Article 5 of the Subdivision Ordinance defines a cluster development, but no standards have been provided elsewhere to substantiate the definition.

Public Comments:

Robin Guyther, P.O. Box 502, Leonardtown, Planning Consultant

I support the proposed amendments. The thrust will be in the village and town centers which is where you want to encourage clustering. I believe this was just overlooked when the first Ordinance was done and I support this clarification.

As there was no further public comment, the hearing was closed, but will remain open for written comments for ten days.

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ST. MARY'S COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLAN (Plan)

Present: Matt Wolniak, Consultant, Johnson Mirmiran and Thompson, Inc.
John Groeger, Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Works & Transportation

The public hearing was advertised in the St. Mary's Today newspaper on June 25, and July 2, 2006. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan adopted in February 2002 that would amend page 105 of the Plan to incorporate the St. Mary's County Transportation Plan to guide future generalized land use and capital improvements. The proposed amendment is published in draft form as "St. Mary's County Transportation Plan – Planning Commission Recommended Plan" (Plan). Mr. Wolniak presented an overview of the Plan.

Commissioner Mattingly offered the following comments and/or revisions:

- *Pg 7, confirmed that numbers on the left of the chart do not indicate priority order*
- *Pg 9, Levels of Service, in previous draft, Pegg RD/235 was failing in am and pm it is different in this document, have you re-evaluated data?*
- *Pg 17, 2nd paragraph 2, line 2: correct typo in first sentence, and in second sentence, include donation or dedication of right-of way in second sentence*
- *Pg 19, Leonardtown Ring Road, includes statement that this Plan differs from the Leonardtown Transportation Plan” Why should the plans differ? In addition, the ring doesn't appear to go anywhere. It goes out to Cedar Lane Road, not clear what it is used for. It should have an ending point that is doing something with traffic.*
- *Pg 22, Intersection Improvements, there is an area around the Farmers Market on Rt 235 - crossing there State Highway that has significant number of accidents, as well as Rt 243/Compton Rd., Newtown Neck Rd./Rt. 5. Rt. 5 at Compton Road is the worst.*
- *Pg 49, Recognize the need to expand Park and Ride availability in southern area (beyond airport's capacity).*
- *Pg 57, Park and Ride Lots: There has also been on-going correspondence about using the MD Rt. 5 Salt Dome as a future lot*
- *Pg. 84: Add Abell's Wharf and St. Inigoes Public Landings (map from "Existing Conditions" will also be included)*

- *Biggest concern is that 2002 mapping data is being used. Numbers have changed dramatically in the last four years.*

In response to comments from Commissioner Raley, Mr. Erichsen (Director, DPW&T) agreed that the priority level shown on page 26 for addition of shoulders on MD 5 from Scotland Beach Road into Point Lookout Park needs to be elevated. Commissioner Raley also indicated that the road to Webster Field (Fig. II-17) warrants a classification upgrade from minor to major.

Commissioner Jarboe expressed support for the inclusion of Railroad right of way and the concept of a ferry in the Plan and recommended that future Park and Rides be located close to the Railroad Right-of-Way so that in the future you can use to access trail, commuter parking and railroad should light rail come to St. Mary's County. You have in here the Solomons Annex and possibility for ferry service. I want to strongly emphasize the possibility of a ferry to connect back and forth to the Navy base, just as San Diego does with their base. Depending on growth, this could solve a lot of traffic problems in the am and pm so that you might not have to build the 2nd bridge span for awhile longer.

As there was no one present wishing to provide public comment, the hearing was closed, but will remain open for ten days for written comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Administrative Coordinator