

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
Tuesday, July 17, 2007**

**Present:** Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell  
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
Phil Rollins, Director, Dept. of Recreation, Parks and Community  
Services  
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to the Board (Recorder)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am.

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register dated July 17, 2007, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of July 10, 2007, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: Janice Hummel, Lexington Park Library Manager**

Present: Joe Bush, Chair, Library Board of Trustees,  
and other Board members  
Kathleen Reif, Library Director and staff

The Commissioners recognized Janice Hummel for her 20 years of dedicated service to St. Mary's County.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agendas for July 24 and 31, 2007

2. **Maryland Dept. of Agriculture** (*Mark Smith, Agronomist* )

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY2008 Grant Agreement between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and St. Mary's County for the purpose of control and eradication of noxious weeds. Motion carried 5-0.**

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

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the following Budget Amendments realigning expense accounts for the completion of the FY2007 budget year: (1) transferring \$7,950 from the Highway Division to the Construction and Inspections Division; (2) transferring \$4,050 from the Development Review Division to the Engineering Division; and (3) transferring \$742 from the Non-Public School Bus Service Division to the Mailroom Division. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Public Works Agreement Addendum for The Woods at Myrtle Point Subdivision, Section 1, located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Election District, with an expiration date of April 1, 2008. Motion carried 4-0 (Commissioner Raley abstained.)**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Public Works Agreement Addendum for Dahlia Park of Wildewood Subdivision, Phase 2, located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Election District, with an expiration date of June 1, 2008. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DEPT. OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND WINE GROWERS COOPERATIVE: BRIEFING ON THE PORT OF LEONARDTOWN WINERY PROJECT**

Present: Members of the Cooperative: Steve Purvins, Peter Conrad, James Horstkamp, Rich Fuller, Grace Fuller; Joe Wood, Mary Wood, David Wood, Paige Fletcher; and Town Administrator Laschelle Miller, and Mayor Harry Norris;  
Donna Sasscer, Agriculture and Seafood Manager.

Mr. Rich Fuller briefed the Board on the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative's progress to date toward implementation of the Leonardtown Winery project. The Co-op published a business plan in April 2007, incorporated in May 2007, approved bylaws and elected a Board of Directors in July, and currently has 17 members. Mr. Fuller reviewed

the operational and financial plans and described the Cooperative's mission as follows:  
to support the preservation of farmland and the farming way of life in Southern  
Maryland; make high quality

wines from local grapes; produce a good economic return to members and investors; support members through quality assurance, training, fair purchasing and being a good partner; and create new jobs.

The Cooperative requested that staff be provided direction to proceed with the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding for the project.

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to direct County staff to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners, the Commissioners of Leonardtown, and the Southern Maryland Wine Growers Cooperative for design analysis of property owned by the Town of Leonardtown, located at the former State Highway Administration, which may be utilized as a winery; and that the amount of funds required for the design of the winery will be determined and reviewed prior to the signing of the MOU and the funds for the design work will come from the CIP FY07 Winery Project. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT (LU&GM): DECISION ON PROPOSAL TO APPROVE METROPOLITAN COMMISSION'S (METCOM) RESOLUTION 2006-04 ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE PINE HILL RUN SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 8 BOUNDARY**

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, LU&GM  
Jeffrey Jackman, Senior Planner, LU&GM  
Chet Frederick, Chief Engineer, MetCom

Mr. Jackman noted for the record that the Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on June 26, 2007, to receive public testimony and consider approval of the Metropolitan Commission's Resolution 2006-04 to revise the Pine Hill Run Sanitary District No. 8 boundary to incorporate the Hollywood Town Center boundary and to enable the Pine Hill Run Sanitary District sewage collection system to be extended to the Town Center and to the Holly Gaf subdivision. The change is also necessary to incorporate several properties in the St. Mary's Industrial Park that are served by the Pine Hill Run Sanitary District sewage collection system but are in the Leonardtown Sanitary District.

No additional public comments were received during the 10-day open record period following the public hearing on June 26, 2007.

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the Metropolitan Commission Resolution 2006-4 and its accompanying plat to adjust the boundary of the eighth and third Sanitary Districts, and that the Metropolitan Commission be instructed to record these instruments among the land records of St. Mary's County. Motion carried 5-0.**

**DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT (LU&GM): BRIEFING ON THE PREPARATION OF A COMPLETE REVISION OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN (CWSP) AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION TO PROCEED WITH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

Present: Denis Canavan, Director, LU&GM  
Jeffrey Jackman, Senior Planner, LU&GM

The St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP) was revised and adopted in 1993. Although it has been amended many times, it remains in effect at this time. After the adoption of a new County-wide Comprehensive Plan in 1999, followed by a Plan modification and comprehensive rezoning in 2002, the County prepared a revised CWSP and held public hearings in 2003. It was tabled pending the outcome of a master plan for the Lexington Park Development District. The Lexington Park Master Plan was adopted in 2005, followed by a comprehensive rezoning of the development district in 2006.

Mr. Jackman reviewed the draft Plan and distributed additional pages. The draft Plan contains new water and sewerage service area maps that consolidate the many piecemeal amendments since 1993 and aligns service areas to implement the growth management concepts of the 2002 Comprehensive Plan; inventories community water and sewer systems and provides the basis for planned expansions; correlates plan amendment procedures with corresponding requirements in the Zoning Ordinance; and incorporates administrative amendments in certain cases and by expanding financing mechanisms.

Mr. Canavan anticipates making the Draft July 2007 St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan Revision available for public review, including copies at each public library, by the end of the week, and taking the document to Planning Commission public hearing on August 27 and Board of County Commissioners public hearing on September 18.

*Commissioner Raley asked if MetCom has revisited -- from an economic and practical perspective -- the previously established 25 lot threshold number. Mr. Frederick responded that MetCom has not revisited this number, but they are currently going through a Facility Plan process. Also in response to a question from Commissioner Raley's, Mr. Frederick will look into why Rodo Beach and Scotland (physically located side by side) are shown on page 27 as having the same problems, but the option for one is shown as "package treatment plant" and the other as "possible tap into Point Lookout."*

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to accept the report and "2007 Draft St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan - Revision July 2007" document from staff and to instruct the Planning Commission to proceed with a public hearing and preparation of a recommendation for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.**

Although not a legal requirement, LU&GM staff noted that they will make every attempt to notify property owners who are amended out of the water and sewer plan.

## **HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS PUBLIC FORUMS**

Commissioner President Russell announced that Hurricane Preparedness Public Forums will be held as follows:

July 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Volunteer Fire Department, 45245 Drayden Lane, Valley Lee

July 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, 13820 Point Lookout Road

July 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department, 28165 Hills Club Road

## **COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

### Commissioner Dement

Attended the Lawn Mower Races; large turnout, proceeds to go to the 7<sup>th</sup> District Rescue Squad and Optimist Club.

Attended the Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival presented by the Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums.

### Commissioner Mattingly

Attended 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Mary's County Lawn Mower Races at Tommy and Tina Bowles' farm. Lots of people helped out, including some from our DECD staff; local involvement and participants from as far away as Michigan, Ohio, and Maine.

Regarding the Potomac Jazz and Seafood Festival, our staff and volunteers put a lot of effort into this great, sold-out event.

Thanked Donna Sasscer and the large group of volunteers for coordinating the Agriculture Safety Day held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Sixty kids participated in the event that was focused on teaching farming safety.

The Mechanicsville Lions Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner was a great event for a good organization.

Placed materials from budget discussions at MACo in the Commissioner's boxes; John Savich and staff are following up. Getting potential impact information on St. Mary's County if state moves forward with proposals; Governor trying to hold local governments as harmless as possible.

Extended happy birthday greeting to son, Tommy.

### Commissioner Raley

At the Mechanicsville Lions Club event, presented fifty-year pins to charter members Sonny Burch and St. Clair Hill (three other recipients were not in attendance). We are very blessed and privileged to so many who give back to community; helps make St. Mary's County the great place that it is.

Commissioner Jarboe

Flushable toilets at 7<sup>th</sup> District Park are under construction and should be completed this fall.

Commissioner President Russell

Commended Commissioner Mattingly and Leonardtown VFD on the good presentation at the Farm Safety event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adjourn.  
Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Donna M. Gebicke, Administrative Assistant