

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Tuesday, September 23, 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, County Administrator

Risë Carter, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner McKay to sign the Check Register, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting of Tuesday, September 16, 2003, as amended. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Present: Regent Diana Pessagno and Susan Erichsen

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week. The Proclamation was presented to members of the Daughters of the Revolution.

RIVERSIDE WINEFEST, SOTTERLEY

Present: Catherine Elder, Executive Director, Sotterley Foundation

Carolyn Laray, St. Mary's County Tourism Department

Ms. Elder spoke about an upcoming event, the Riverside Winefest at Sotterley, which will be held October 4 –5 from Noon until 6 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$15/person for Wine Tasters and \$5.00 for Designated Drivers and those under 21 years old. Ms. Elder displayed the Sotterley wineglasses which will be featured this year and given with each ticket purchase. Ms. Elder thanked the Commissioners and the county for their continued support of Sotterly.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TIME

1. Draft Agendas: September 30, 2003 and October 7, 2003
2. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to adopt the resolution endorsing the SMCPS FY2005-2010 State Capital Improvements Program. Motion carried.
3. Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to approve the reclassification in the County Administrator Office. Motion carried.
4. Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to approve storing the new voting machines at the old rifle range (previously the Archives), which is located at the back of the Leonardtown Library. Motion carried.
5. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize

Commissioner President McKay to sign budget amendment allocating funds through grant reserve accounts for interest funds from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant for procurement of Alcomonitor for Detention Center. Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign a budget amendment consolidating staff development monies within the Dept. of Public Works and Transportation to the Administrative Division Account. Motion carried.
7. Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign MOU with MSHA to purchase and install 11 new lights to replace those removed when utilities placed underground between N. Shangri-La and 246. Motion carried.
8. Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign Conditions of Award from DHMH Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration for Walden/Sierra, Marcey House, and Office of Community Services. Motion carried.
9. Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to approve the emergency authorizations for Hurricane Isabel related expenses. Motion carried.
10. Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to approve the signing of a resolution addressing public health, safety and welfare concerns and storm debris disposal from Hurricane Isabel. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY: UPDATE (Phil Cooper, Acting Director)

Mr. Cooper gave an update on progress with communications with FEMA, MEMA, SMECO, and other agencies working with the county in the aftermath of the hurricane. Mr. Cooper reported that the FEMA intake center, which will be located at the Airport facility, should be operational with twenty-four hours. Ms. Finnacom will act as Project Coordinator – Hurricane Isabel Aftermath. Some staff including the Deputy Director of EMC and Joyce Malone, Real Property Manager met with a representative of FEMA yesterday and began damage assessment. St. Mary's will

continue using the Hotline numbers until deemed unnecessary. The phones will be answered in the Communication Center and then transferred to the FEMA intake center, once it is established and operational.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (John Savich, Director)

Mr. Savich offered information gathered on local businesses dealing with the aftermath of the hurricane and how his department is helping those businesses. He offered information on all areas of his departments operation including Housing and the Lexington Manor Community Block Grant. Mr. Savich also noted that his department continues to work on solutions for increasing low and affordable housing in the community. Upcoming is the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance Annual Dinner tonight and the Governor's visit on Friday.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Jarboe

Reminded everyone about the Community Meetings, which will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in various locations to give the citizens updates about progress and help available. Looking ahead to bridge gaps in the Emergency Services, Mr. Jarboe encouraged the Commissioners to grant the request of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department asking for a small parcel of land to purchase, perhaps in the Chaptico Park, to build a Chaptico Sub-Station. This would be a great service to the community.

Commissioner Raley

Proud to be a citizen of St. Mary's County and is proud of the way our community has banded together to deal with this disaster. He also thanked the county Employees for their hard work. He is grateful that no one was killed during the storm. He also thanks the citizens of the county for their patience and common sense in dealing with this tragedy.

Commissioner Dement

Presented a Proclamation this week for the National Adult Day Services Week Kick-off at the Weisman Center. Mr. Dement sent birthday wishes to his granddaughter upon her 10th birthday. Even though the ham-stuffing event was cancelled at the fair, Mr. Dement reports his wife did a fine job of explaining how to stuff a Maryland Ham.

Commissioner Mattingly

Nothing to report.

Commissioner McKay

Reminded everyone of the State of the County Luncheon, which begins at 12:00 noon today, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, at the J.T. Daughtery Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes Approved by the

Board of County Commissioners on _____

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

to the Board of County Commissioners