

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER**

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. (absent)
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 10:00 AM.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register dated October 9, 2007, as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of October 2, 2007, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

INVITATION TO 10TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND FARM LIFE FESTIVAL

Present: Mary Ann Chasen, Christmas in April
John Parlett, Jr.

The 10th Annual Southern Maryland Farm Life Festival is scheduled for this weekend, October 13 and 14. The Parlett family hosts this event for the benefit of Christmas in April, St. Mary's County. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of Allen Potts.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for October 16 and 22, and 23, 2007

2. **St. Mary's County Public Schools** (*Dan Carney, CFO; Kathleen Lyon, Executive Director of Student Services*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the increase of a .4 FTE physical therapist for FY2008 to be funded by the General Fund – Special Education category, offset by a transfer of funding from the Special Education contracted therapists' account 7291, and to sign the related letter of consent. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Grant Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Maryland Aviation Administration for the wetlands mitigation project in support of the 2002 Airport Master Plan Update, the 2006 Environmental Assessment, and the recently approved Federal Aviation Administration grant for the same project. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Office of the County Attorney** (*Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Amendment to Lease Agreement with Newtowne Players, Inc., for the use of the former Lexington Park Library located on South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, Maryland. Motion carried 4-0.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: PRESENT RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, WITH OR WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, TO A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY OR TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2007 MD LAWS 245

Present: Christy Holt Chesser, County Attorney

During the 2007 Legislative Session, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 602 which allows the Board of County Commissioners to transfer real property no longer needed for a public purpose to the Housing Authority or to a private non-profit corporation. This bill was enacted by the Governor, with an effective date of October 1, 2007. This bill requires that the Board adopt procedures and regulations for transfers pursuant to this legislative authority. The bill further required that prior to the transfer of property there be a public hearing and that at the public hearing the unique characteristics of any structure on the property, the historical significance of the property, the compatibility of the proposed project with the neighborhood, the financial aspect of the project, and the appraised value of the property all be considered.

Commissioner Jarboe questioned conflict of interest potential; i.e., a Commissioner should abstain from voting on transfer of real property if a relative is involved. Commissioner Raley clarified that appraisal costs will be incurred by the receiving entity.

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to sign the Resolution as presented for the purpose of establishing regulations and procedures for the transfer of Real Property no longer needed for a public purpose, with or without consideration, to a private non-profit corporation in the County or to the Housing Authority in accordance with 2007 MD Laws 245. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

Commissioners reviewed upcoming County events and activities attended during the previous week and thanked all those involved for their service to the community.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Present: Sheriff Tim Cameron

- **The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)**

Sheriff Cameron introduced Ms. Pam McKay, the newly hired CALEA Coordinator for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Cameron updated the Board on the CALEA process and announced that the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was awarded International Accreditation at the CALEA Conference in Montreal Canada on July 28, 2007.

- **MD Commission on Correctional Standards Audit of the St. Mary's County Detention Center**

Sheriff Cameron updated the Board on the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards (MCCS) Audit conducted on September 11 – 13, 2007, at the St. Mary's County Detention Center. The observation-based audit for this year and the initial audit last year, both resulted in 100% compliance. It was also noted that percentage-wise, the County's Detention Center is ranked 1st in overcrowding in the state.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

Present: Constance Walker, President, National Alliance on Mental Illness(NAMI), Southern Maryland, and Board members
Members of Tri-County Corp, Mental Health Authority of St. Mary's, Pathways, On Our Own of St. Mary's County, Walden Sierra, Inc., and the St. Mary's County Health Dept.

The first full week in October is nationally recognized as Mental Illness Awareness Week to raise awareness about brain disorders and the importance of early identification, intervention, and treatment. The theme for this year's observance is "Building Community, Taking Action,"

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a grassroots self-help, support, education, and advocacy organization for consumers of mental health services, their family members and their friends. Serving Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County, NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of people with severe mental illnesses and the lives of their families and other caregivers.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY BUSINESS VISITS

The Commissioners visited the following local businesses:

- American Electronics, Inc. (Amelex), 44423 Airport Rd., Holly Building III, Suite 102, California
- Great Mills Trading Post, 20294 Point Lookout Rd., Great Mills
- Carroll's Equipment, 17723 Three Notch Rd., Dameron

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Administrative Coordinator