

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 Cont'd

Proposal # 6 Proposed by: St. Mary's County Historical Society

Proposal Description Bond Bill in the amount of \$75,000 to repair, improve and upgrade the condition of historic Tudor Hall.

Presenter **Richard Gass, President, Board of Directors,
St. Mary's Co. Historical Society, P. O.Box 212 Leonardtown, MD 20650**

No additional public comments were provided.

Proposal # 7 Proposed by: Pathways, Inc.

Proposal Description Bond Bill in the amount of \$500,000 to improve service delivery and accessibility of mental health services offered.

Presenters **Gerard McCloin, 21920 Potomac View, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Donald Barber, 25790 Ricky Dr., Hollywood, MD**

No additional public comments were provided.

Proposal # 17 Proposed by: The Southern Maryland Winegrape Growers Cooperative

Proposal Description To promote agriculture and tourism in our area by making wineries more visible and more successful by allowing increased participation in community

events.

Presenter **Mary Wood, 39136 Avie Lane, Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

No additional public comments were provided.

Proposal # 18 Proposed by: The Citizens for the Preservation of Historic St. Mary's City

Proposal Description Request the creation of a process that reflects a partnership between Saint Mary's College and local citizens that would enhance the future of the College by giving local citizens input towards and a specific role in the planning and design of construction projects at the College.

Presenter **Arlie Bryan Siebert,**
The Citizens for the Preservation of Historic St. Mary's City,
50447 Hays Beach Rd., Scotland, MD 20687-3415

Mr. Siebert provided a copy of the proposal (original version). Mr. Hanessian submitted a copy of a letter dated October 23, 2007, to the Board of County Commissions from the St. Mary's College of Maryland.

The following individual provided comments in opposition of the proposal:

Maggie O'Brien, President, St. Mary's College of Maryland

- College has exercised good neighbor policy, is proud of legacy
- Almost all 300 acres is RCA

Cindy Broyles, SMCM Board of Trustees member

- Alumni, has lived in St. Mary's Co. for 30 years
- All required permits obtained
- Maryland Historic Trust (building does not destroy historic character)
- Dialog with the community, two meetings, professional facilitator, "4 C's"

Peg Duchesne, President SMCM Alumni

- Thoughtful and fair process
- SMCM is the only charter college in the State
- ½ of trustees live in So. MD or have residences here

The following individual provided general comments:

Mike O'Brien, Chair, Bldg. & Grounds, SMCM

- After the building was constructed, did affect him
- 4 Cs report will take some time to digest, but the door is not closed
- objections to the building came late the process

The following individual provided comments in support of the proposal:

Robert Hanessian, 19481 Jack Stone Lane, Dravden, MD 20630

- Abomination of St. Mary's City; river is one of the cleanest in the United States
- New building will be twice as high as the boathouse
- 60% of business not related to water (e.g., classrooms and offices)

Gladys Siegel, St. Mary's City, MD

- Interested in obtaining a meeting transcript before commenting (difficult to hear in the back of the meeting room)
- Ad-hoc groups, community members limited to what they could discuss
- Concerned about soil erosion requirements (letter to Sen. Dyson and Critical Areas Commission)
- Has lived here since 1951

Don Beck, P. O. Box 986, St. Mary's City, MD

- Referenced 2005 Community award plaque (explore and enjoy heritage). Our heritage is being destroyed.
- Person on the Board of Trustees didn't know what was going on (was blindsided)
- Could have been avoided (with public notice and communications)
- Who is funding these projects?

Proposal # 19 Proposed by: Diane Fadeley

Proposal Description To require site plan compliance with recently passed Storm water Act; to allow full citizen input and comment from concept plan to final approval; to deny development along MD RT 235, especially in the California area, until adequate infrastructure is in place to accommodate increased traffic volume; to require impartial environmental impact studies be completed before concept approval for all major development site plans proposed for any County watershed.

Presenter *Ms. Fadeley was unable to attend this meeting. Proposal was presented by*

Colin Keohan, Deputy County Attorney

No public comments were provided.

Proposal # 8 Proposed by: Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County, Maryland

Proposal Description Increase fine for alcoholic beverage sales violations from \$500 to \$1,000.

Presenter **Joann Wood, 22738 Maple Rd. #101, Lexington Park, MD 20653**

No additional public comments were provided. Sen. Dyson requested statistics.

Proposal # 9 Proposed by: Dept. of Public Safety for the Emergency Services Committee

Proposal Description To increase the percentage (from 75% to 90%) that the County is allowed to loan on the purchase price of new fire fighting, rescue and emergency medical services machinery and equipment.

Presenters **Keith Fairfax**
Dave Zylak
Dept. of Public Safety for the Emergency Services Committee
P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650

No additional public comments were provided.

Proposal # 10 Proposed by: St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office

Proposal Description To remove the residency requirements for Deputy Sheriffs from the Code of Public Laws of St. Mary's County.

Proposal # 11 Proposed by: St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office

Proposal Description To replace the rank name of Captain with "Assistant Sheriff"; to require that the "Assistant Sheriff" must have held two (2) preceding permanent ranks within the Sheriff's Office; that the salary of the "Assistant Sheriff" will be set by the County Commissioners.

Presenter **Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron, Leonardtown, MD**

No public comments were provided.

Proposal # 12 Proposed by: Department of Economic and Community Development

Proposal Description To alleviate the tax burden on property owners who place a restrictive conservation easement on their entire property.

Presenters **Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Mgr., DECD**
Jimmy Spence, Supervisor, Tax Assessment Office, Court House

Document (Total Assessed Value of Residential Structures Land on Preserved Lands) was provided by Ms. Sasscer.

The following individual provided comments in general opposition of the proposal:

Kenneth F. Booth, 46138 Booth Farm Lane, Great Mills, MD 20634

- Concern that proposal is discriminating, burden to people trying maintain agriculture preservation voluntarily
- Mandatory "down zoning" is being forced

Proposal # 13 Proposed by: Department of Finance

Proposal Description To extend the termination date for St. Mary's County authority to impose a transfer tax from June 30, 2010 to June 30, 2020.

Proposal # 14 Proposed by: Department of Finance

Proposal Description To request authority to issue \$35 million in public facility bonds.

Presenter **Elaine Kramer, CFO**

Ms. Kramer provided additional documentation for Proposal #13; i.e., Summary of Capital Improvement Projects – FY2008 to FY2013, Transfer Tax Funding Only. Current Transfer Tax rate is 1.5%. Del. O'Donnell requested a definitive answer regarding the impact if form of government is changed to Code Home Rule.

No additional public comments were provided.

Proposal # 15 Proposed by: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell

Proposal Description To require that the Meningitis vaccination necessary for school enrollment be considered a reimbursable expense and covered by health insurance companies.

Presenter **Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell**

No public comments were provided. It was requested that the County Attorney's office solicit input from MACO.

Proposal # 16 Proposed by: Office of the County Attorney

Proposal Description To add language to the St. Mary's County Code of Public Laws concerning the responsibilities of a park owner in the event that a mobile home park is closed. To consider lengthening the lease notice termination period for displaced mobile home residents and to further clarify what is to be included as part of a resident relocation plan upon a change in land use.

Presenter **Colin Keohan, Deputy County Attorney**

No public comments were provided on this proposal.

Commissioner President Russell announced that written comments may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners through October 29, 2007.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Administrative Coordinator