

**MINUTES OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING * LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
Monday, March 8, 2010**

Members present were Brandon Hayden, Chairman; Shelby Guazzo, Susan McNeill, Merl Evans, Martin Siebert, and Lawrence Chase. Joe Meinert was excused. Department of Land Use & Growth Management (LUGM) staff present were Derick Berlage, Director; Bob Bowles, Planner IV; and Jada Stuckert, Recording Secretary. Deputy County Attorney David Weiskopf was also present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – The minutes of January 25, 2010 were approved as amended.

DISCUSSION

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Presentation

Ms. Elaine Kramer passed out a new Draft FY 2011 Budget and FY 2012 to 2016 Capital Plan dated March 8, 2010 as well as a FY 2011-FY2016 Capital Improvement Plan Summary. Ms. Kramer gave an overview of the documents highlighting additions and amendments from last year.

Mr. Evans asked what happens to earmarked funds and how these funds are tracked. Mr. Evans asked what happens to the money if its specific purpose is no longer necessary. Ms. Kramer stated when these funds come in they are set up either as a capital fund or as a liability in the general fund depending on the type of funds being collected. Mr. Berlage stated there are several hundred thousand dollars in Forest Conservation monies in which we will be spending \$105,000 on plantings in the county's parks, critical areas, and several streetscapes. Mr. Evans asked if this money could be used to purchase an easement on a tract of forested land. Mr. Berlage stated he believes these monies could be used for this purpose.

Ms. Guazzo asked about the comments regarding the Adult Detention Center regarding the amount of people we incarcerate. Mr. Erichsen explained the 10.2% rate is what we are currently dealing with. Mr. Erichsen stated this expansion will relieve 50% of the double and triple bunking that is occurring now. Ms. Guazzo asked if all residents are from St. Mary's County. Mr. Erichsen stated we house residents from other counties if they are arrested here or attending court hearings here prior to their transfer. Ms. Guazzo asked if there is an issue with the water and sewer connections for the expansion. Mr. Erichsen stated there is capacity to handle the expansion however there are no EDUs available. Mr. Erichsen stated we are now looking at the difference between EDU allocations versus actual flow.

Mr. Chase asked what the Margaret Brent plant is. Mr. Brad Clements explained this is the same process we went through with the Chopticon plant. Ms. McNeill asked if we are expecting to receive any additional stimulus funding. Ms. Kramer stated we take advantage of every possibility we can and currently have two projects. Mr. Evans asked about the reconsideration of the Leonardtown Library.

Ms. Guazzo made a motion having reviewed the FY2011-FY2016 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and find that the Plan is in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan, I move to approve the FY2011-FY2016 Budget and Capital Plan and further allow the Chairman to sign a letter to this effect which shall be forwarded to the County Commissioners and Mr. Seibert seconded. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jada Stuckert
Recording Secretary

Approved in open session:

Brandon Hayden
Chairman