

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Donna Gebicke (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated February 23, 2010, as submitted. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted no.

Commissioner Raley requested an update from staff at a future meeting on the services provided by Patriot Medical Transport System.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, February 9, 2010, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF HUMAN RESOURCES – WELLNESS AWARDS

Present: Sue Sabo, Director
June Robrecht, Deputy Director

The following employees were recognized for accruing a sick leave balance in multiples of 100 days (*in attendance to receive certificate from the Commissioners):

100 Day Wellness Awards

Darren Alvey
Christina Barbour
Mary E. Bowles
Robert E. Bowles*

Hazel Bowman*
James Downs
John Groeger*
Wayne Herbert*
John Lyon
Robert C. Merritt
Milton Pesante
June Robrecht*
Joseph M. Stanalonis*
William Tench*
Mary Ann Thompson*
Michael R. Worrey

200 Day Wellness Awards

Edward Evans
Steven Hall*
Marcus (Tyone) Harris*
Gerald Johnson
Robert E. Oliver
Richard W. Russell*

300 Day Wellness Awards

Francis Copsey*
Kenneth Sothoron*

ST. MARY'S COUNTY TEACHER RECOGNITION: ANNE FOGEL, NATIONAL SAM KIRK EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

GREAT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: CHORAL PRESENTATION AND MONOLOGUES IN RECOGNITION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners conducted a Budget Work Session on the Board of Education's Capital Improvements Plan.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for March 2, 2010 and March 9, 2010

Mr. Savich reported that plans are moving forward as quickly as possible to repair the considerable damage to the Loffler Center due to the roof collapse during the recent snowstorm. Staff has taken immediate steps to stabilize the building. Total cost of repairs is estimated in the \$500,000-\$600,000 range. LGIT (Local Government

Insurance Trust) representatives have reviewed the damage and indicated they will be sending a check for \$150,000 within the next few days to start the initial work.

- 2. St. Mary's County Public Schools** (*Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent of SMCPSS; Bradley Clements, Chief Operating Officer; Michael Wyant, Safety and Security; Jaclyn Shaw, Emergency Manager, Dept. of Public Safety, St. Mary's County Government*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Partner Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and St. Mary's County Public Schools for the support of Planning and Response initiatives that will be funded, if awarded, by the Readiness and Emergency Management Grant for Schools; and to grant permission to the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety to sign individual Partner Agreements. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3. Office of the County Attorney** (*Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager; Thomas Russell, SMECO, Environmental & Property Rights Mgr.*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Private Drainage Easement, Private Stormwater Management Easement, and Inspection Maintenance Agreement by and between the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Board of County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland, for 848 square feet, more or less, located in the Eighth Election District of Charles County, Maryland, along the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County's property located on the Railroad Right-of Way. Motion carried 5-0.

- 4. Commission on the Environment (COE) and Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)** (*Xavier Prines, SWAC Vice-Chairman; Sue Veith, Environmental Planner and staff to COE; and Richard Tarr, Solid Waste Manager and staff to SWAC*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and adopt the Resolution for the purpose of integrating the Solid Waste Advisory Committee into the Commission on the Environment, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the amended Bylaws for the Commission on the Environment, and to direct staff to bring nominations to fill the two Commission on the Environment vacancies created by the adoption of the Bylaws before the Board of County Commissioners as soon as possible; and that the following changes be made to the recommended bylaws: delete the word "adult" in the second sentence of Article 3, Section 1; delete Article 3, Section 9; and change the quorum requirements in Article 5, Section 5, to six (vs five). Motion carried 5-0.

On behalf of the members of the former SWAC, Mr. Prines asked that they be directly pooled to fill the two new positions on the COE.

5. Department of Economic & Community Development (*Bob Schaller, Director*)

(Dennis Nicholson, Executive Director, HASMC); Jackie Reabe, Program Mgr.; Jean Ortiz, Housing Specialist)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Community Development Block Grant Close Out Agreement for MD03-CD-32 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, for Homeownership Programs, Project #US0344, on behalf of the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, in the amount of \$200,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Schaller and Ms. Robin Finnacom, Executive Director of the Community Development Corporation (CDC), provided an update on a proposed Work Campus at the Naval Air Station (NAS), Patuxent River. Naval District Washington completed Phase I of a market study which identified property at NAS which could be used for the purpose of a mixed-use Work Campus to include office space, administration, base support, meeting and conference support space, along with related retail and other support services. The property is inside the fence just north of Gate 2 at the intersection of Great Mills Road, Rt. 246, and Rt. 235.

Mr. Schaller and Ms. Finnacom proposed that the Department of Economic and Community Development and the CDC be directed to proceed in developing a proposal for a partnership with the Navy to use the Lexington Manor property to meet the Navy's work campus needs. Ms. Finnacom reviewed the benefits of leveraging the Lexington Manor Northern Parcel to achieve the Navy's and the County's shared goals for NAS and the surrounding area.

Commissioner Raley expressed his concerns about a potential retail component of the project planned for inside the NAS gate and the potential impact on private retail activities outside of the gate.

By consensus, the Board agreed to direct Department of Economic and Community Development staff and the Community Development Corporation to examine and conduct the necessary research to develop a proposal for a partnership with the Navy to use the Lexington Manor North Parcel property to meet the Navy's work campus needs for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Jarboe introduced Eagle Scouts Philip and Issac Wiser who attended the Commissioner's meeting to fulfill their merit badge requirements.

6. Department of Aging (*Lori Jennings Harris, Director; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Notification of Grant Awards for the FY2010 State Grants, project MD1001 through MD1004, MD1006, and MD1014, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging for services and programs for the seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$207,253

and the related budget amendment decreasing project MD1002 by \$1,076 in accordance with the NGA. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Dept. of Public Safety (*Jaclyn Shaw, Manager, Emergency Management*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Director of Public Safety to execute the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant Addendum for funding under the Community Right To Know LEPC Grant, Project #MD1019 from the Maryland Department of the Environment in the amount of \$5,367, consistent with the copy reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related budget amendment to decrease the Project budget and realign accounts in accordance with the actual agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events and those attended over the past week as well as personal interest items.

RECESS (12:30-2:00 PM)

JOINT BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION MEETING AT THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND, LEONARDTOWN, MD

Metropolitan Commission Members Present: Kathleen Werner, Chairman
Joseph St. Clair, Member
Thomas R. Tudor, Member
Thomas "Chuck" Lancaster, Member

Metropolitan Commission Staff Present: Jacquelyn V. Meiser, Director
Dan Ichniowski, Asst. Director
Mike Sullivan, Operations Director
Chet Frederick, Chief Engineer

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Mr. Savich provided a summary of the work of the Metropolitan Commission Task Force to date. The Task Force's final report is due in June 2010. Ms. Meiser provided an update on the Marlay Taylor upgrade, which included a review of the process, timing and costs.

There was discussion about the need to follow up with the state on the possibility of using land preserved for agriculture for spray irrigation purposes and to continue discussions with MDE about the possibility of using actual gallons vs. the 250 gallon number currently used to count EDUs.

Mr. Berlage provided a briefing on the Comprehensive Plan Update for St. Mary's County.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Donna M. Gebicke, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)