Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 10, 2015)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt,
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
County Administrator, Dr. Rebecca Bridgett
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting to order at 9:03 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of February 24, 2015, as presented or amended.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

2. RECOGNITION

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR:

- A. Developmental Disability Awareness Month Proclamation
- B. Women's History Month Proclamation

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 17 and 24, 2015

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Budget Amendment to close COPS Technology Grant budget

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the budget amendment decreasing the project budget for COPS Technology Grant, US1519, and increasing the Appropriation Reserve in the amount of \$500,000, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, due to non-receipt of grant.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners President Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Increase in Award Highway Safety Grant

I move to approve the grant modification for the Maryland Highway Safety grant, project US1583, from Maryland State Highway in the amount of \$14,000 for the Daytime Demonstration Seatbelt Project, and authorize Department to submit electronically, consistent with the document reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$14,000 from the Appropriation Reserve.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - School Bus Enforcement Fund

I move to approve the grant application for the School Bus Safety Enforcement grant, project MD1623, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$35,000, and authorize the Department to submit electronically, consistent with the subsequent hard copy reviewed and executed by the Commissioner President.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Memorandum of Understanding for the Establishment of DataLink

This item was postponed to a future date.

F. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Notification of Grant Award (NGA) in the amount of \$36,943 for the FY2015 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) Grant Award, project US1506, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to provide meals to our seniors, and the related budget amendment to decrease the project budget based on the Grant Award.

Motion by Commissioner Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Amendment Number 16 to the Multi-Year

Encroachment Protection Agreement

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute Amendment Number 16 to the Multi-Year Encroachment Protection Agreement, Navy Contract Number N62470-09-RP-00018, related to the Best Industries, Inc. (Shannon Farm) property acquisition.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

H. FINANCE - 2 budget amendments to cover the estimated FY2015 income tax shortfall and to re-align debt service to the Emergency Reserve for weather related costs

I move that we approve the budget amendments to cover the estimated \$3.6 million shortfall in income tax revenue and to re-align the debt service savings due to deferral of the sale of bonds to the Emergency Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY - Mutual Aid Firefighting,

Emergency Medical Services, Hazardous Materials and Special Operations Assistance

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Mary's County and Calvert County to support Mutual Aid for Fire and Emergency Medical Services between the two Counties.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. COUNTY ATTORNEY - PUBLIC HEARING: Re-conveyance of Extension of Barbet Drive

The public hearing opened at 10:05.

Present: George Sparling, County Attorney

An approval of Broad Creek Subdivision required the construction of an extension of Barbet Drive as a secondary means for ingress and egress. A procedure then in effect in 2007 required the land be deeded to the County for construction of an extension of the road. The Planning Commission revised the conditions of approval and the extension of Barbet Drive will not be constructed. The developer has requested that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to reconvey the area conveyed to the County in 2007.

Commissioner Guy opened the hearing for public comment. There were no public comments and Commissioner Guy stated the record would be left open 10 days to receive public comment on this matter and closed the public hearing at 1025.

B. DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Critical Area Growth Allocation, per Article 4, Chapter 285, of the Code of St. Mary's County and Resolution No. 2012-62 (Jason Mills)

The public hearing opened at 10:26 am.

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management Sue Veith, Environmental Planner, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Mr. Shire provided Notice of Public Hearing that was posted in the Enterprise Newspaper on February 18 and 25, 2015 and return receipts from notifications sent to neighbors in the surrounding area. The amendment was introduced to the Commissioners on January 20, 2015. The proposed amendment is to convert 6.1 acres of critical area Resource Conservation Area (RCA) land to Limited Development Area (LDA) land in order to support a septic service reserve area (SRA) for a vacant LDA zoned lot that will not perk and retro-actively rezone to LDA existing SRA's in the same 6.1 acre area. This action allows remaining 40 acres of the parent parcel to be built on. This will allow Mr. Mills to build a house on his lot and will correct an error made by the County in the 1990s.

Commissioner Guy opened the public hearing for public testimony.

Don Ocker, P. O. Box 209, Park Hall, MD

Land Surveyor representing Jason Mills. The property on the south side of Snow Hill is LDA and the north side is RCA, which are smaller lots. This is unfortunate this happened because of a will stating the property be made available for sewerage reserve area easements to serve four grandfathered lots owned by the heirs so they could build houses on the property. This is not where lots are being created. This has also happened in other places in the County.

John Paradis, 47287 S. Snow Hill Rd., California, MD 20619

Landowner on the south side and a little east of Jason Mill's lot. I had the same problem 25 years ago. Because of the clay soil we had to build drain fields across the street. Different type of soil and drain fields work better over there. There are four grandfathered lots there to be built on. Don't see any problem if Jason Mills adds one more drain field over there.

Commissioner Guy closed the public hearing for public comment and stated the Commissioners will receive public comment on this matter for an additional 10 days and closed the public hearing at 10:42.

C. DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HEARING: Request for Amendment to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan for Water Service Category Change (McCauley)

The public hearing opened at 10:45 am.

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Dave Chapman, Capital Facilities Planner, Dept. of Land Use ad Growth Management

Mr. Shire provided Notice of Public Hearing that was posted in the Enterprise Newspaper on February 20 and 27, 2015, along with return receipts from notifications sent to neighbors in the surrounding area. Land Use and Growth Management received a request from the property owner on Charlotte Hall Road to change the water service category from W-6D to W-3D. The change would allow the property owner to connect to the existing public water system in Charlotte Hall for a future detached dwelling with accessory apartment to be built on Charlotte Hall Rd. in Charlotte Hall. This will not affect any other

property owner. The line will be bored under the road directly to his property.

Commissioner Guy opened the hearing for public comment. There were no public comments. Commissioner Guy stated the record would be left open for an additional ten days to receive public comments on this matter and closed the public hearing at 10:57.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association Brief

Present: Ed Sierra, President, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association Pete Butt, Vice President, Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association

The history and mission of the Museum was provided. The goals of the Association are to ensure organizational and fiscal sustainability; actively engage and serve our museum audience; make the museum a resource for life-long learning; bring economic benefits to the local economy by serving as a tourism anchor site; fully implement a comprehensive collection management process; and, achieve national museum accreditation status. To-date the Association has invested \$1.5M dollars towards the new Museum. The Museum complex consists of three building that are owned by the County. The Museum is funded from membership fees; admission fees; events; simulators; gift shop sales; facility rentals; donations; and grants. Originally, the Navy contributed to the funding of them Museum. Due to sequestration the Navy has stopped subsidizing the Museum which has contributed to a funding shortfall. The older buildings require maintenance and funding is not available at this time to meet all the Association's needs. The Association is requesting a grant in the amount of \$555,737.00. The request would include funds for the repair of the existing county building occupied by the PRNAMA in support of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitor Center. In addition, they are requesting \$130,000 for 2016 to support the operational expenses required to maintain the County-owned Air Museum and Tourist Center.

Discussion of the Association's request and the options of a loan or grant followed the presentation. It was noted that the County had given the association the buildings and the Association was to assume responsibility for them. The Museum Association was also to have fiscal sustainability. The consensus of the Commissioners was that a detailed business plan and financial report is needed from the Association before a decision can be made on their request. It was also stated that if the Commissioners decided to fund the Association's request, it would be a one-time funding.

6. COMMISIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of he past week.

7. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, specifically, appointments to boards and commissions.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner James R. Guy, President

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Diane Gleissner, Boards and Commissions Staff Liaison

Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Authority:

Article 24, Section 9-512(a)1

Time Held:

11:54 am - 12:30 pm

Subject:

Personnel (Boards and Commissions)

8. FY16 BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners attended the Budget Workshop to review requests from County Departments and Compensation Benefits.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting Adjourned at 4:51 pm. Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on	
Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator	

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments. (Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)

Dale Taylor, P.O. Box 22, Loveville MD 20656

Chairperson for Garvey Group representing 3,288 St. Mary's County citizens who signed a petition to move the Garvey Center from the FY18 budget to the FY16. We want Commissioners to use funds in 2016 to begin planning for the New Garvey Center.

David Ryan, 44911 Smith Nursery Rd., Hollywood, MD 20619

Eric Colvin. previous chairman Commission for People with Disabilities.

Wants County to hire a full-time ADA Representative. What facilities in county do not comply with ADA regulations? No comprehensive study has been done since 2010. Your ADA Coordinator works in Recreation and Parks and only spends part time on ADA. There is no way a comprehensive study can be done without a full time employee.

Bonnie Green, Executive Director, The Patuxent Partnership (TPP)

Requested funding for the Museum. Plan to use the Museum for STEM. TPP developed a national academy very popular in STEM.

Gene Towsend, President, The Patuxent Partnership

Initiative is to help the Museum with the STEM program. Only way can do that is with the Museum.

Mark Converse, 17885 River Bay, Tall Timber, MD

Commanding Officer of the local squadron of Association of Naval Aviation. Mission aligned with the museum. Preserve aviation. It educates residents and visitors alike. Request funding for Museum. Continue to educate and inspire next generation

Dennis Gordge, 22810 Laurel Haven Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Representing ALS. ALS units are sole provider for pre hospital care. Staffed with 48 volunteer paramedics and 16 support staff. Paramedics have 2 years of study, clinical and classroom, and internship well-armed with specialized training. Answered almost 5,000 911 calls last year. Located on hospital property with satellites in Lexington Park and Mechanicsville. We have outgrown our facility. Lease will not be renewed because hospital wants to repurpose. Need to build a new building. Stated that ALS made an error when they submitted their FY16 Capital Budget. Our FY16 budget requested \$173,000 for Architect/Engineering. Medic unit has \$43,000 in-house to help with funding, that leaves a shortfall \$130,000 in FY16. Requested Commissioners reconsider their request. Invited Commissioners to tour their facility.

Paul Kelly, 41885 Medley's Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Supports New Library on Hayden Farm. Emphasized this is a County Library not Leonardtown Library. Had a graphic design of Hayden Farm showing 2 schools, library and fields for sports. County owned land and room for expansion. Please don't let the opportunity pass us by. Remember PPP – Public Private Partnership.

Christopher Jeys, 41820 Eastwick Lane, 3301, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Supports Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. Have attended many functions there. Active volunteer. Museum links past to future. If we don't open the door to new museum it sends a bad message. Will play an important part for tourism.

Carol Romary, 23081 Silk Oak Way, California, MD 20619

Janice Walthour, Jim Hanley, Lynn Newkirk

Library board had meeting this morning and want new library at the entrance to Leonard's Grant. Hayden Farm has adequate parking space. October 2011 voiced lack of adequate space. Thirty percent of patrons don't live in Leonardtown. Saint Mary's County residents thank you for your support.

Barbara Ives, 23785 Kingston Creek Rd., California MD 20619

On Board of Directors for Navy Museum. It's important to the County; shows the history and development of the County. We have many volunteers who love Naval Aviation and have a commitment to the Museum. The buildings and land are owned by the County. County could maintain museum just as the others in the County. STEM activities at Museum. Community organizes meetings at site. Complex needs maintenance.

Leslie Roberts, 22560 KeyWay, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Leonardtown Council member who supports the Library on Hayden farm. Use the library often. Most important point is we need a new library. Library Board needs should be considered. Do not want town push to have it in downtown area to keep you from moving forward. Want it built.

George Herbert, 44491 Whitestone Pl., Tall Timbers 20690

Support Museum. It's a 30-year institution. Served as member of board. Museum raised 120K a year and maintained it for 30 years. Today we have new board that is proactive and energized. Sales in the gift shop have increased, membership has grown, and community interest has grown so there is potential there. Continue the Museum. Number five industry in the County, vital gateway to county and research center. Supports education STEM program. Continue Flight Academy in St. Mary's County schools. It serves as diversity.

Sandra Callahan, 35711 Golf Course Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20653

Support Navy Museum.

Paul Callahan, 35711 Golf Course Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20653

Support Navy Museum.

Col Wes Hester, Retired, 2180 River Dr., King George, VA 22485

Past base Commander at Dahlgren. Outreach with community is a challenge. The museum is best way to tell history and what is going on. Personal stories being told there and it is amazing to see kids going to see displays. Simulator program is great. Have a new class of six kids who want to learn to be instructors.

Ron Bremer

Stationed here in 1968 when there was nothing here. Came back this year to the county to stay. If the museum goes down you are going to do an injustice to this County. I used to take kids to BWI to watch airplanes take off and land and to the control tower and have never seen children so happy. Will be crucial to the County economy. Provided DVD to Commissioners of museums in Georgia and Florida.

Roger Mattingly, 41810 Eastwick Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Member of Leonardtown Council. Support the library at Leonard's Grant, think it is the right place. More space to expand, Tudor Hall Farm only 3 ½ acres. You have two of the largest developments, Leonard's Grant and Clark's Rest in that area Town Council was told the state was going to build a road from Tudor Hall Farm into Leonardtown, but I have never anything on that. Support Library on Hayden Farm.

Roderick Lewis, 20820 Skipjack Ct., Lexington Park, MD Janice Walthour, 20493 Parks Lane, Lexington Park, MD

Community Coordinator for NAACP. Joined by two others representing NAACP. Want to thank the Commissioners for offering \$1M towards Building 3 at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Main issue is we are trying to diversify the economy. We want to boost the economy, want jobs for all, not just skilled but to pull people out of poverty. Petition is online for state to reinstate \$2.8M in their budget. NAACP supports Building 3.

DeForest Rathbone, 1886 McKays Beach Rd., Leonardtown, MD

Here on behalf of parents in St. Mary's County to discuss drug abuse in the County. Drug Summit was held last year and 600 people showed up. Parents are still meeting. Provided Commissioners with a Parent Drug Czar's Report upon the first anniversary of the 3/7/14 SMC Parent Drug Summit. Things have gotten worse since Colorado has legalized marijuana. Kids are getting drugs through the mail. We want to prevent kids from getting started, want to start health screening for school children. Recently in the County a 16 year old died from an overdose, and there are many more that have died from overdoses that is not known. A 2013 Risk Behavior Survey recaps what is going on in County. It's a National problem that all Communities have. Need central coordinator for this issue.

Mike Anderson Jr., P.O. Box 120, Colton's Point, MD

Representing St. Mary's County Northern Soccer League. Would love to see the County build a

complex to house indoor soccer and basketball. Montgomery County has a facility called Germantown Soccer Plex. They have 24 fields and we only want 9 and a complex to house indoor soccer and four basketball. This weekend we are hosting combined league tournaments. There will be 54 teams, 38 from outside Maryland, with 11 players per team. This could be quite a boost to community's economy. When we have tournaments they are spread over the county; would be nice to have one central location. Have verbal support from U.S. soccer and DC United already. Nike Charity Foundation will only accept request for funds if a County has made a significant step toward a viable plan. My plan is a public-private partnership with DC United and Nike.

Mike Barbour, 21213 Bernie Lawrence Land, Abell, MD

I take pride in the US and Maryland Flag. Want to make you aware that anytime the Maryland flag is on a pole it is to have the gold cross at the top. I have noticed that all throughout the County and even the Northern Senior Center have brass balls on them. We have many new hotels along 235 and they are flying Maryland flags with brass balls on the top. Just wanted to make you aware.

Thomas Brewer, 23320 Laurel Hill Dr., California, MD 20619

Member of Commission on the Environment. Have suggestions for solid waste. Suggested composting -there are no facilities around here for that. Suggested starting at Public schools. Suggested the new Capt. Walter Duke as best place to compost and have been working with the Board of Education on that. Plastic grocery bags, some communities charge a plastic bag fee. Consider charging for garbage but not recycling. Want to raise awareness of putting bags in transfer station.

Commissioner Morgan invited Mr. Brewer to brief at a regular Commissioners' Meeting.

Carol Williamson, P.O. Box 37, St. Mary's City, MD 20685

Board member of the Library. Limited to current space. Friends of Library want a new library with flexible space. Two sites have been considered. The 2007 study recommended 5 acres. Citizens thank you for your time and energy on this. Please deliberate carefully.

Tom Mattingly, P.O. Box 173, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Supports new library. Clarified this is a new branch of the St. Mary's County Libraries not the Leonardtown Library and is not funded by the town of Leonardtown. A library study was completed and in 2009 several sites were considered. Based on the public process and the Library Board, it was determined that the Hayden Farm was the most suitable site. It would seem appropriate that one would develop schools, parks and libraries in the area that provides for residents of the town to walk to those facilities, i.e., Leonard's Grant, Clark Rest on the Clark Farm and Singletree. A handout was presented to the Commissioners.

Beverly Stickles, 24825 Lucie Beall Land, Chaptico, MD 20019

President of Cedar Lane which serves 200 seniors. Thanked Commissioners for past support and requested Commissioners to consider building Garvey Center closer to Cedar Lane. Willing Partner

with you and Office on Aging.

Vern Lochausen 25099Ingelside Rd., Hollywood, MD

President and Historian of TACAMO Community Veterans Association. TACAMO started 1964 and is still based here. TACAMO veterans are local engineers that worked on instruments that provide stability on aircraft. Museum still preserves, educates and inspires hope for the future. People will come here to the birthplace.

Dennis Warren, Edmond. OK

Retired Navy. Support Patuxent River Museum. TACAMO veterans are donating treasures to Museum. I'm going to the aircraft bone yard in Arizona next week for aircraft system parts. Museum will allow us to share with not only our grandchildren, but the sons and daughters of this very important mission that started years ago.

Hank Caruso, 44518 Rolling Oak Dr., California, MD 20513

Lifetime member of Patuxent River Museum. Easy to forget how important NAS is. Have experts in technology. Interesting to tell stories and have conducted tours at the Museum for girl scouts, boy scouts and seniors. It's been a challenge overall but Museum has 40T visitors and is not located in a popular business center, it's off the beaten path. Have no paid staff, no Navy support. New complex will house a lot of history.

Martin Ahmad, 43619 Primrose Ct., California, MD 20619

Patuxent River Museum important to the community. 1980 was an engineer on the base. There is so much history at Pax River and people must see it. Saw a book on the history of Taiwan and their Air Force sent members here to be trained on the P-3. The County and the Museum Board must provide this venue. Chesapeake Charter School is starting a program at the museum. Please support.

Scott Bruce, 18873 McKay's Beach Rd., Valley Lee, MD

Member of National American Helicopter Society Chapter and President of local American Helicopter Society Chapter that has approximately 250 members. In 2009 the navy retired the H-3 out of its inventory. Our mission as a chapter was to bring it back. There is no H-3 in the museum. We have been working since 2009 and are days away from being at the Museum.

Bob Wirt, California MD

Executive Director of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance and Chapter President for the Council of the Navy League. Support the Navy Museum. They say Pensacola Florida is the cradle of naval aviation but many think Pax River is the cradle of Naval Aviation. Lots of history at NAS Pax River. Today in naval aviation most combat is supported by work done at Pax River. Pax River is an RDT&E facility. Museum needs support. It's a national asset, preserve every inch of history you can. Support means County heritage.

William McNamara, Lexington Park MD

Museum volunteer that works with Flight Simulators. Children get the benefit of Museum from an educational standpoint. Here only to ask for your support.

Kyle Duboc, 21751 Newtown Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

A Marine who came to Pax River in 1961 from Michigan. Pax River one is of only three test pilot schools in the US. Retired from the military and decided to come back to the County. Have seen County expand and Museum is unique part of it; it would be a shame not to continue on. I support the effort.

Commissioner Guy closed the public forum at 8:15 pm.