

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1995**

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

TULAGI PLACE SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS

Present: Joe Densford, County Attorney

Mr. Densford appeared before the Commissioners to advise that settlement on the Skipjack property relative to the Tulagi Place Redevelopment project and certain documents require signature by the Commissioners and President of the Board. Mr. Densford advised that the Skipjack property has been cleared, seeded and mulched. He reported that there are back taxes owed by the corporation, Skipjack Realty, Inc.; however, the amount due will be deducted from the settlement payment. During discussion Mr. Densford advised that the property will be deeded by a Fee Simple Deed and the mortgage will be released, and because there will be a transfer of all the assets of the corporation that is selling the property, the County is required to file Articles of Transfer. He further advised that the President of Board will be required to sign an IRS form acknowledging that a tax deductible contribution is being made by the corporation, but not acknowledging the value of that contribution.

After discussion County Attorney Densford presented the following documents:

- Resolution No. 95-11 - Transfer of Assets of Skipjack Realty, Inc. - relative to approving, authorizing and signing of the Articles of Sale and Transfer from Skipjack Realty, Inc. to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Articles of Sale and Transfer between Skipjack Realty, Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve and sign Resolution No. 95-11 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner President Thompson to sign the Articles of Transfer, IRS document, and settlement sheet. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of Personnel (Boards, Committees, Commissions nomination process), as provided in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried.

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
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Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 12:20 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed an issue relative to the boards, committee, commission appointment process.

FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Martha Jones, Budget Analyst

As a follow up to last week's discussion Mr. Wade presented the Fiscal Year 1996 Strawman budget which included the assumptions indicated by the Commissioners on March 9. He reviewed projected revenues, revenue changes, highlighted certain expenditures, and distributed a list of recommended budget deletions.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to review the information and discuss it in greater detail at next week's meeting.

**ENHANCED 911 UNIFORM ADDRESSING SYSTEM
PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS - POSSIBLE NAMING OF LEONARDTOWN ROAD**

Present: Mary Pat Pope, Administrative Officer

Ms. Pope appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposed handout for the March 22 public hearing on the possible naming of Leonardtown Road. The handout sets forth the background on the addressing project, background on Leonardtown Road, and a "Statement of Opinion" form. She explained there will be a sign up sheet for speakers which will indicate which road name a person will be speaking on.

The Commissioners suggested that moderator announce at the beginning of the meeting that the members of the audience not complete the "Statement of Opinion" until the speakers have been heard.

STATE HEALTH PLAN - LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

On behalf of Dir. Marek, County Health Officer, the County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Health Planning and Strategy Committee for the Commissioners' review and signatures. The letter indicates the Commissioners' opposition to the proposed regulation change to allow "pooling" of St. Mary's County's nursing home beds (future allocation) to a regional pool. This removal, which would result in the removal of 30 the county's allocated 30 beds to a Southern Maryland pool for potential use by Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's, would be detrimental to the county's citizens.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to sign the letter as presented. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET

Commissioner Chesser suggested that when the Fiscal Year 1996 Recommended Budget is developed that the Director of Finance prepare it for publication in the local newspaper prior to the budget hearings in April.

EFFICIENCY AUDIT

Commissioner Chesser recommended that the Commissioners hire a consultant to work with a board appointed by the Commissioners to develop recommendations for the Commissioners relative to an efficiency audit. He suggested that there be an advertisement to solicit interested individuals to serve on the board. He stated that he would like to discuss this in greater detail at the next Commissioners' meeting during County Commissioner time.

(Commissioner Eagan left the meeting - 1:50 p.m.)

ANNUAL REPORTS

Noxious Weed Committee

Present: Mark Smith, Maryland Department of Agriculture

Mr. Smith appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Noxious Weed Committee. He explained that the Noxious Weeds Program is responsible for overseeing the control of these weeds in St. Mary's County and by way of a slide presentation, described the various weeds prevalent in the area.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Resource, Conservation and Development Board

Present: Don White

Mr. White appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Resource, Conservation and Development Board. By way of a slide presentation he explained the various projects of the RC&D program including shore erosion control at the Naval Air Warfare Center. Other projects include recycling mailer and exploration of grants for various projects.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Metropolitan Commission

Present: Larry Petty, Director
Steve King, Deputy Director
(Members Present: William Fitzgerald, Joe Russell, Leroy Williams,
Valentino Johnson)

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report of the Metropolitan Commission. Mr. Petty and Mr. King described various projects of the Metropolitan Commission including upgrade of the Pine Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant, Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Reduction program and a new Wicomico Shores Special Taxing District for wastewater treatment. Mr. Petty described a new program is the installation of automatic chlorine residual monitoring devices which will reduce the number of on-site visits from seven to three times a week.

In conclusion Mr. Petty suggested there be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Charlotte Hall water line.

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Tri-County Community Action Committee

Present: Dana Jones, Director,

Mr. Jones appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Tri-County Community Action Committee. He described a number of the programs and services available through TCCAC including Senior Companion Program, Head Start, Weatherization Program, Community Development Initiative, Self-help Housing, and Homebuyers Club. Mr. Jones pointed out that a TCCAC relies greatly on volunteers.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 3/21/95**

Judith A. Spalding
Recorder