

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 9, 1995**

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Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Aleck Loker, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

(Commissioner D. Christian Brugman was not present.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 2, 1996. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Check Register. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Aleck Loker, County Administrator

1) **Personnel**

As a follow up to January 2 executive sessions, the Commissioners took the following actions:

Airport Management

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, that the County not contract the Airport Management function until such time as the litigation issues are resolved, and in lieu of a contract, to take steps to fill the position in house. Motion carried.

Director, Office on Aging

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser to approve the contract for the Director, Office on Aging in accord with the January 2, 1996 Executive Session discussion. Motion carried.

2) **Correspondence
Chesapeake Bay Ferry Service**

The County Administrator presented correspondence to State Highway Administration requesting assistance in a getting a timely review of a proposed site for a Chesapeake Bay ferry service on state property adjacent to the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge.

Commissioner Jarboe advised that county and state representatives met with Mr. Paul Tobin, who is seeking a Western Shore landing site for the ferry boat service, who had expressed interest in exploring this site. He suggested that prior to signing and forwarding the letter that the Commissioners get input from the community.

Commissioner Thompson expressed concern relative to the zoning of the property and whether a conditional use is needed. County Administrator Loker will contact the Department of Planning and Zoning on this issue.

The Commissioners agreed to defer a decision on the letter.

3) **Resolution No. W/S 96-02**
Airedale Road Sewage System Allocations

On behalf of the Department of Planning and Zoning, the County Administrator presented a Resolution amending Resolution No. W/S 92-01 relative to the Airedale Road sewerage service area to include Parcel 242 (Robert E. Trautman property) in the sewerage system allocations.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and sign the Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

During discussion of the motion, Commissioner Eagan indicated that she did not second the motion because when she was Chair of the Metropolitan Commission, the property owner did not want sewerage service on Airedale Road; however, she would vote in favor of the motion.

4) **Certification for Cooperation - Local/State Library Aid Programs**

The County Administrator presented the referenced Certification for Fiscal Year 1996 funding by the County and the State relative to Library Aid Programs, the County's contribution of which is \$821,623.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Certification as presented. Motion carried.

5) **Office on Aging - Section Three Capital Grant Agreement**

On behalf of the Director of Office on Aging the County Administrator presented the Section 3 Capital Grant Agreement for Fiscal Year 1996 which is administered by the Mass Transit Administration and funded by the Federal Transit Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation with a 10% match (\$12,590) from the County. The grant application, which was for two small lift-equipped buses, computer and software, radios for the buses, and a base station; was approved by the County Commissioners on February 14, 1995 as part of the total transportation grant application.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Grant Agreement as presented.

During discussion of the motion Commissioner Eagan requested the results of the transportation study. as previously discussed with Director Carter, prior to making a decision on the grant agreement. Mr. Loker advised that Mr. Carter will be before the Commissioners on January 23 and will be discussing the study with the Board at that time.

After discussion the motion failed with a vote of two to two with Commissioners Eagan and Thompson voting against.

The Commissioners deferred decision on the Grant Agreement until January 23.

6) **Information Release**
1996 Bell Atlantic Directories/Recycling of Old Directories

The County Administrator presented an Information Release advising that the 1996 Bell Atlantic telephone directories will be delivered in Charles and St. Mary's Counties beginning January 17, and that the cover will include a message encouraging recycling of the old directories. Included in the information release was a list of collection points for the directories.

7) **Department of Public Works
Snow Removal Costs**

The County Administrator advised with the recent snow storm the Department of Public Works has expended nearly all of its budget allocated for snow removal. The cost of the recent storm is expected to be approximately \$100,000.

Commissioner Eagan indicated that if the Governor has declared an emergency for the State of Maryland that perhaps federal money may be made available to the County.

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Present: Aleck Loker, County Administrator
Sue Wilkinson, Administrative Officer

Mr. Loker and Ms. Wilkinson appeared before the Commissioners to present a draft Annual Report which included a letter to the citizens from the Commissioners, major decisions, strategic statement (which included the Commissioners' priorities for 1996), and departmental reviews. Mr. Loker explained that the Report will provide financial information and accomplishments of 1995.

During review Mr. Loker indicated that the strategic statements and significant decisions in the annual report are the decisions of the Commissioners and suggested they submit any comments or recommendations to Ms. Wilkinson so that the Report can be finalized.

After review, comments, and certain amendments to the draft, the Commissioners agreed to submit their comments and that staff proceed with preparing the final report for their review.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Department of Public Works/Snow Removal

Commissioner Chesser commended the Department of Public Works for their dedication and hard work in removing snow off the roads during the recent snow storm.

**Board of Education
Efficiency Study**

On behalf of Commissioner Brugman, Commissioner Eagan requested a status report on the Board of Education's RFP for an Efficiency Study. Discussion ensued as to whether the Bd/Ed was to present what the RFP would contain prior to going out for bids or was to bring the bids to the Commissioners prior to award.

**Commissioners' Agenda
County Attorney Recommendations**

Commissioner Jarboe referred to a memorandum from the County Attorney regarding changes to the County Commissioners' agenda format and indicated that some may not be feasible but warranted discussion. Commissioner Thompson stated she and staff met regarding the memorandum and development recommendations which she would put in a memorandum to the Commissioners for their consideration.

**Boards, Committees, Commissions
Applications at Local Libraries**

Commissioner Chesser inquired as to the status of board, committee, commission applications being made available at local libraries. The secretary advised that the Commissioners were to review the effectiveness of placing the applications at the libraries at the beginning of the year and stated that the Appointments Secretary will contact the libraries to see if citizens were availing themselves of the forms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel (Sheriff's Department - Workmen's Compensation Leave); as provided in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried four to one with Commissioner Jarboe voting against.

Personnel (Sheriff's Department - Workmen's Compensation Leave)

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Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 2:40 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners reviewed a request for additional workmen's compensation leave and agreed to take action in open session.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LEAVE

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve extending workmen's compensation leave for a Sheriff's deputy because of an "on-the-job" injury.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 1/16/96

Judith A. Spalding
Recording Secretary