

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
APRIL 15, 1997**

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
John J. Kachmar Jr., County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 8, 1997, as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to authorize payment of the bills. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included the following:

1. **Correspondence**

To Jana K. Siskind and to Rebecca Bensur expressing congratulations upon receiving the Girl Scouts' Gold Award.

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: John J. Kachmar Jr., County Administrator

1. **Budget Amendment No. 97-44 Recreation and Parks**

Planning for development of soccer, baseball and softball fields adjacent to the new Hollywood Elementary School (\$10,000)

Commissioner Brugman referred to a newspaper article regarding the fields and that public hearings will be held and youth sports coordinators consulted to determine which types of fields would be a priority.

Therefore, Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Budget Amendment with the understanding that soccer fields will be a priority, with all levels of soccer to be accommodated, thereby eliminating the need for public hearings.

During discussion of the motion the following comments were made:

- * Commissioner Thompson stated that she would not vote for the motion stating that there is staff to evaluate the needs and that there is a process in place for the evaluation. She stated that the budget amendment itself indicated the Commissioners' desire to see something happen quickly in Hollywood.
- * Commissioner Chesser indicated he received a telephone call pointing out the need for basketball courts.
- * Commissioner Eagan requested that Mr. Rollins provide the Commissioners with an analysis of the number of youth registered for soccer, baseball, softball, and other sports and the number of fields for each sport. Commissioner Thompson added the request that the analysis also include trends in growth in the various sports.
- * The need for practice fields.
- * Commissioner Eagan questioned insurance liability if there is practice on church or other properties.

After discussion vote on the motion was three to two with Commissioners Thompson and Chesser voting against.

2. Grant Documents

- a. Memorandum of Understanding Modification (Marcey House/Prevention Program)
Providing a one time only supplement to Marcey House (\$20,000 for purchase of a van) and Prevention Program (\$3,000 for "Hooked on Fishing not Drugs" program)

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

- b. Grant Applications - Walden/Sierra, Inc.
 - (1) Moral Reconciliation Therapy (group treatment program for perpetrators of domestic violence)(\$36,820 federal funding)

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

- (2) Homeless Women - Crisis Shelter Program Services (\$78,376 state funding)

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the referenced Grant Application as presented. Motion carried.

During discussion of the motion the Commissioners directed staff to contact the Director of Walden/Sierra to request that she come before the Board to explain the funding and delivery of services for the homeless shelter program.

3. **Resolution No. 97-15**
Procurement Manual - Amendment No. 5

(Requiring all computer-related purchases over \$500 to have approval of the Information Systems Manager)

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve and sign Resolution No. 97-15 - Procurement Manual - Amendment No. 5, as presented. Motion carried.

4. **Department of Public Works Items**

- a. Addendum to Public Works Agreement for **Pine Lake Subdivision**; backed by Letter of Credit in the amount of \$20,900 by Cedar Point Federal Credit Union.

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

- b. Public Works Agreement for **St. George's Hundred**, Phase III; backed by Letter of Credit in the amount of \$88,000 by Suburban Beneficiary.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Public Works Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

- c. Addendum to Public Works Agreement for **Greenbrier**, Section 2; backed by Letter of Credit in the amount of \$408,800 by First National Bank of St. Mary's.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Addendum, as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Eagan abstaining in that she is on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of St. Mary's.

- d. Public Works Agreement for **Westbury PUD**, Phase 2, Section 1; backed by Letter of Credit in the amount of \$652,300 by First National Bank of St. Mary's.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Public Works Agreement as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Eagan abstaining in that she is on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of St. Mary's.

- e. **Road Resolutions**

(1) No. 97-11 - posting **Waterside Drive** at 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign Road Resolution No. 97-11 as presented. Motion carried.

- (2) No. 97-12 - posting **Old Golden Beach Road** at 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign Road Resolution No. 97-11 as presented. Motion carried.

5. **Information Release - Wicomico Shores Golf Course Manager**

On behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks the County Administrator presented an Information Release announcing the selection of Patricia Meyers as the new golf course complex manager for Wicomico Shores. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to issue the Release.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners issued the following Proclamations:

- * National Volunteer Week
- * National County Government Week
- * National Big Brothers/Big Sisters Week

**ALLIANCE FOR ALCOHOL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION
GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Present: Joe Dick, Director Alliance
Joe Donnick, Alliance Coordinator

The referenced representatives of the Alliance appeared before the Commissioners to present and request approval of the following grant applications:

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration Prevention Grant

continuation of Prevention Grant; \$82,145 state funding in support of Summer of Safety Arts Camp, which will be offered at five different locations throughout the County.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Grant Application as presented. Motion carried.

Americorps*VISTA Project

continuation of past five-year grant; \$3,000 federal funding for living allotment and tuition stipend; for the period July 31, 1997 - July 31, 1998.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Grant Application as presented. Motion carried.

Lexington Park Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program

Grant Agreement for continuation of existing grant in the amount of \$24,338 in state funding for the period April 1, 1997 - March 31, 1998.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Grant Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

**Summer of Safety Arts Camp Budget
(1997 Revised for Sixth Camp)**

Mr. Dick indicated that there were plans for a sixth Summer of Safety Camp, to be located at Dynard School, and reviewed the budget and possible funding and grant sources. He requested consideration from the Commissioners for a guarantee of funds to back the project should the grants not be realized.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to support the request for guaranteeing back up funds should the need arise. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO RECREATION AND PARKS EMPLOYEES

Representatives of the Little League made a presentation of plaques recognizing their work and efforts to the improvements to the ball fields to the following Recreation and Parks employees: William Ball, Mike Beavens, David Guyther, Kenny Sothern, Tyrone Harris.

SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE

Present: Pat Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Elaine Kramer, Director, Budget and Finance
Mary Washington, President, Board of Education

In preparation for this evening's public hearing, the referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to provide an update relative to the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget including projected revenues (Federal Impact Aid and additional State Education Aid Requiring Supplemental Budget). The handout indicated a shortfall of requested funding of over \$350,000 and possible solutions to address the shortfall would be through carry-forward Fiscal Year 1997 funds or an additional county appropriation. Other areas of discussion included funding for Alternative Learning Center and restricted use of state targeted poverty funds.

In addition Dr. Richardson addressed the issue of the school bus contractors and provided a handout setting forth the Elements of the Bus Contractors Payments (vehicle allotment, allocations for drivers and aides, training costs, inspections, etc.).

PUBLIC HEARING

LITTLE KINGSTON CREEK WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Present: George Erichsen, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the plans and construction costs associated with the maintenance dredging and timber jetty construction/rehabilitation at the entrance of Little Kingston Creek, Eighth Election District.

Mr. Erichsen read the Notice of Public Hearing and presented the Certification of Publication and list of property owners notified by certified mail of the hearing.

Mr. Erichsen reviewed the Scope of Work of the Waterway Improvement Project (which includes constructing of 310 foot timber jetty; replacing sheeting and wales on the existing southern jetty; maintenance dredging of approximately 600 cubic yards of material from the entrance of the channel; and depositing dredged material at an approved site); funding (total estimate cost - \$78,300; with a 50% matching grant from DNR) and annual assessment to each property owner (\$218 per owner (17 owners); local sponsor project requirements; and the project schedule (final accounting scheduled for October 1997).

The hearing was opened for comments from the audience:

Laura Shaw - questioned the effectiveness of the location of the jetty. (Mr. Erichsen will contact DNR to request a re-evaluation and will respond to Ms. Shaw.)

Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed; the record will remain open for ten days for written comments, after which the Commissioners will take action on the Confirming Resolution.

**APPOINTMENT
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

(Although scheduled for Executive Session Commissioner Jarboe requested that the appointment to the RC&D Board be conducted in open session.)

Hearing no motion for executive session Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman to reappoint Tom Tudor to the Resource Conservation and Development Board. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Commissioner Chesser abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of Personnel (Reclassifications), as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried.

Personnel (Reclassifications)

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
John J. Kachmar Jr., County Administrator
George Foster, Personnel Officer
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

Time Held: 3:45 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners reviewed reclassification requests and gave direction to the Personnel Officer.

**PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the St. Mary's County Public Schools' portion of the Fiscal Year 1998 Recommended Budget.

After presentations by County staff and Public School staff comments were received from the audience as follows:

Ebonee Rothwell (student) - requested the following to be added back to the budget: more assistant principals, more special education teachers and paraprofessionals, expansion of ALC, and building renovations for Spring Ridge School.

Terry Lefebvre and Scott - spoke in support of inclusion facilitators.

Evan Simon and Pat Martin (student and principal) - requested more funding for media center, more science books, more equipment for science labs, more furniture.

Cheryl Blazer - Spoke in support of inclusion facilitators.

Mary Edwards (President, School Bus Contractors) - spoke in support for funding for drivers' salaries.

Don Ervin (President, Bus Drivers' Association) - requested aids for kindergarten runs; additional funding for drivers' salaries; and \$1200 for medical package.

Jan Emerson (President, Education Association) - Spoke in support of fully funding Board of Education budget.

Charles Purcell (Education Association) - In support of fully funding Board of Education budget.

Alice Willingham - Spoke in support of fully funding Board of Education budget.

Gary Lohman - Spoke in support of full time middle school assistant principals; Alternative Learning Center; technology education equipment; printing of educational handbook; to make a proactive commitment to investment to project investment strategy rather than line item funding of the projects.

Pat Davidson - In support of fully funding Board of Education budget.

Sharon Brown - In support of assistant principals for elementary school.

Trevor Rothwell - Spoke in support of class size, appropriate staffing, material of instructional equipment and technology equipment; behavior center monitors at elementary schools.

Adam Cropper - In support of ALC Program.

George Forrest - Spoke in support of Early Childhood Development Program at Tech Center.

Alice Marie Horton - In support of ALC program.

Patty Roscoe - In support of Inclusion Facilitators.

Jan Briscoe - In support of appropriate class size and for assistant vice principals.

Richard Wilder - In support of fully funding Fiscal Year 1998 budget for Board of Education, behavior management program, paraprofessionals.

Marc Quellet - In support of full-time guidance counselors, full-time elementary school paraprofessionals, full funding for special needs children.

Emily Jackson - In support of fully funding Board of Education budget; behavior management program; ALC; assistant principals; equipment and furniture.

Jeanne Taylor - In support of behavior management centers.

Ken Ritter - Suggested that the Commissioners not decrease taxes in order to fund the budget; in support of giving extra money to the school bus contractors and to give the Board of Education extra funding.

Rodney Hardesty - In support of ALC.

Charles Walsh - In support of fully funding Board of Education budget; evening high school program.

Doug Ritchie - Stated that extra funding should come from state and federal government and not by raising taxes.

Greg Reynolds - Spoke in support of school bus drivers.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 4/22/97**

Judith A. Spalding

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Recording Secretary**