

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 6, 1999**

Present: Commissioner Julie B. Randall, President
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator
Mary M. Langley, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 29, 1999 as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the check register as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator

* Draft Agendas for July 13 and July 20, 1999

1. Department of Public Works Documents

- a) Claim letter to First National Bank of St. Mary's in the amount of \$1,500 for Entrance Permit issued to St. Clement's Woods Partnership for an entrance on Long Leaf Lane located off Lady Baltimore Avenue, 3rd Election District.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Claim Letter as presented. Motion carried.

- b) Traffic Resolutions #99-14 and #99-15, establishing stop signs and 25 mph speed limits for Persimmon Creek Road, Rectory Court, Parrish Court and Chapel Court located in the Persimmon Hills Subdivision, 5th Election District.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Traffic Resolutions #99-14 and #99-15 as presented. Motion carried.

1. Grant Documents

- a) Walden/Sierra, Inc.
Rape Crisis Program Grant Renewal
(State Funding - \$236,122)

Also Present: Jean Hoffman, Walden

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Grant Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

- b) Sheriff's Department
Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Agreement
(Federal Funding - \$117,203; County Funding - \$71,159)

Also Present: Lieutenant Charles Malone

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Grant Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

2. Boards/Committees/Commissions
Letters of Appointment

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to make the following appointments and to sign the letters of appointment as presented. Motion carried.

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Terms to Expire</u>
<u>Commission on Aging</u>	
Sandra Wheeler	6/30/2001
<u>Community Health Advisory Committee</u>	
Marcel W. Brooks	12/31/2001
Janet E. Cook	12/31/2001
Dr. Ebenezer Israel	12/31/2001
Claudia Knowlton	12/31/2001
Dr. William J. Marek, Reappointment	12/31/2001
<u>Family Assistance Center Advisory Committee</u>	
Evonne E. Sewell, Reappointment	12/31/2001
Michael T. Snavely	12/31/2001
<u>Marcey House Board</u>	
Florence P. Ballengee, Reappointment	12/31/2001
<u>Millennium Commission</u>	
Ann Marie Abell	No term
<u>Nursing Center Advisory Board</u>	
Paul W. Chesser	12/31/2001
<u>Plumbing Board</u>	
David Johnston	No term

St. Mary's Interagency Children's Council

Christopher S. Berg	6/30/2000
Judy Combs	6/30/2002
Bonnie Elward, Reappointment	6/30/2002
Phyllis D. Leighton, Reappointment	6/30/2002
Karen A. McCleaf, Reappointment	6/30/2002
Pat Morales	6/30/2002
Mary H. Novotny, Reappointment	6/30/2002
Carol Poe	6/30/2002
Mark Smith	6/30/2002
Beck Stevens	6/30/2002
Jean Valentine, Reappointment	6/30/2002
Alexis Zoss, Reappointment	6/30/2002

Tri-County Youth Services Bureau

Christopher S. Bologna	12/31/2000
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INFANTS AND TODDLERS PROGRAM BRIEFING

Present: Beth Weeks, SMC Health Department
Nancy Luginbill, Health Department
Marilyn Beach, SMC Public Schools
Liesl Stark, SMC Department of Social Services
Donna Sasscer & Dee Trudell, Parents of Children in Program

Ms. Weeks moderated a briefing on the federally-mandated Infants and Toddlers Program, established in 1985 and expanded in 1988 to encompass interagency collaboration between the county's Health Department, Public Schools and Department of Social Services. The Health Department, as Lead Agency, is the single-point of entry, although referrals are taken from a variety of sources. Maryland is a "birth mandated" state, therefore all children with development delay or risk of delay have access to intervention services from birth to age 20. The Infants and Toddlers Program services children from 0-3 years who are provided with multi-disciplinary evaluations and assessments. Mss. Luginbill, Beach, and Stark provided an overview of their respective agency's role in the program. A copy of the handout provided is on file in the County Commissioners' Office. Mrs. Sasscer and Mrs. Trudell stated their experiences with the program and how valuable it has been to them and their children.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Special Olympics World Summer Games Sailing Competition and Freedom Fest

Commissioner Mattingly extended congratulations to all those involved in the Olympics to include St. Mary's College and the Department of Economic and Community Development and supporting staff. He noted how well-treated everyone was at the event. He also extended congratulations to Community Services, The Alliance, the Fair Board and all the volunteer groups who contributed to the success of Freedom Fest.

Governor's Workforce Investment Board

Commissioner Anderson indicated that the Boards of County Commissioners from Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's are working together relative to the local make up of the new board and should be able to meet the program deadlines.

Maryland Association of Counties Executive Board

Commissioner Randall reported on the recent Board Retreat held in Waldorf, Md. She indicated that MACo is looking to jurisdictions for the submittal of legislation for forwarding to the Congressional Delegation in early Fall and provided a synopsis of legislation currently of interest to the Executive Board.

Plan Reviews by Fire Marshal's Office

Commissioner Mattingly noted that the delay in plan review by the Fire Marshal's Office is still a major issue. He requested that the Board submit a letter to the supervisor, the Superintendent of State Police, relative to the lack of staff to provide adequate plan review which in turn delays projects, including those which have been approved locally for fast tracking.

Collaboration with Public Schools

Commissioner Randall noted the progress made by Central Services and Public Schools in increasing efficiencies by the reduction of duplication through collaborative efforts and requested that a briefing be placed on an upcoming agenda to inform the public of the progress made to date.

MEETING WITH NURSING CENTER

The Commissioners departed for the lunch and a meeting with Nursing Center staff (11:55 a.m. – 3:06 p.m.)

PROJECT CHILDREN

The Commissioners invited Ms. Jane Lancaster to introduce the two young boys, John Paul Graham and Darryl Kelly, from Northern Ireland whom she and her husband were hosting for a six-week period. She noted that the purpose of the program is to provide children from Northern Ireland with the experience of a peaceful environment. The Commissioners welcomed them and invited the boys to return at the end of their visit to tell the Board of their experiences and impressions.

**PUBLIC HEARING
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ORDINANCE**

Present: Patrick Murphy, Assistant County Attorney
Steve Welkos, Finance Director

Mr. Murphy stated that a Notice of Public Hearing on a proposed Ordinance imposing an Accommodations Tax was published in *The Enterprise* on June 23 and June 30, 1999. He noted that the county suspended the Public Accommodations Tax in 1993 as neighboring Calvert County had a higher per-diem rate which put St. Mary's County at a competitive disadvantage. St. Mary's County now has the same per-diem rate as Calvert County. The proposed ordinance repeals Ordinance Nos. 86-14, 88-19 and 93-30 and exempts "Bed and Breakfasts" and/or "Country Inns," defined in the Ordinance, from the tax. The Ordinance provides for the collection of 5% of the transient charge on lodging and will become effective August 1, 1999. The Commissioners may elect to provide a 1% administrative discount to the hotels collecting the tax. Mr. Welkos indicated that the incoming revenue and disbursements will be tracked, which is the standard practice.

Commissioner Randall requested that the proposed ordinance be amended to state that the Board is imposing this tax "in order to raise revenue for the county to *enhance and promote economic development diversity with a priority on tourism*" Commissioner Raley stated that he prefers the definition of "Bed and Breakfast" and "Country Inn" contained in the Ordinance over the one recommended by the consultant for the Unified Development Code; he asked that this definition also be used in the Code. The County Commissioners agreed by consensus. Commissioner Guazzo requested that a "cap/ceiling" be explored on the amount of funds collected before disbursement is required so that small hotels are not having to issue checks for small amounts to the county.

Commissioner Randall opened the floor for public comments. There being none, the public hearing was closed. The record will remain open for ten days for the receipt of written comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel (Boards and Committees), as provided in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
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Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 3:45p.m – 6:55p.m.
Action Taken: The Commissioners reviewed the current status sheet and gave direction to staff.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE
VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION REQUEST**

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize the dissemination of a Public Information Release urging all county citizens to voluntarily conserve their use of groundwater during the remainder of the summer. The request applies to citizens served by public water systems as well as those served by private wells since many areas share the same aquifer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved on 7/13/99
by Board of St. Mary's County Commissioners

Mary M. Langley
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