

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Governmental Center
February 29, 2000**

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

(Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. was not present due to illness.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize Commissioner President Randall to sign the Check Register. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
WICOMICO SHORES GOLF COURSE
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL**

Present: Phil Rollins, Director, R&P

Mr. Rollins presented the annual Alcohol Renewal Application for Wicomico Shores.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Renewal Application as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-03
DENIAL OF AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE PLAN
MILL RUN PLAZA**

Present: Patrick Murphy, Acting County Attorney

As a follow up to the November 9, 1999 public hearing and subsequent discussion, Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and sign Resolution No. 2000-03 - Denial of Request for Amendment to the St. Mary's Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE DISCUSSION

Present: Jon Grimm, Director, DPZ
Martin Fairclough, Director, DECD
Department of Finance Staff

As a follow up to previous discussion, Mr. Fairclough provided the Commissioners with DECD's view points on the impact of the referenced fees on economic development in the county. He addressed the issues relative to the fee (effect on residential sales, development and prices; whether commercial development should be included; whether there should be a flat or graduated fee; and whether the fee should be phased in. During his presentation Mr. Fairclough indicated that DECD recommended that the fee be phased in, that the fee not be applied to business properties at this time; and that the Commissioners should look at property tax rates in addition to the impact fee.

Areas of discussion included:

- The need for EIF revenue estimates in order to get cash flow figures.
- Whether there should be a discount for paying up front;
- That the County's property tax revenue and income tax revenue are in close in balance with each other; that low to moderate-income families benefit by low property tax rate;
- Whether solid waste should be included; and whether first two lots should be excluded;
- Timing of the collection of the fees is an important factor in determining the amount to be collected;
- The time of collection—at time of building permit issuance or prior to plat going to record;
- That the maximum amount to be collected according to the study committee was the amount to cover cost of impact.
- Whether there would be a negative impact on low to middle income families who want to purchase a home;
- That the County should ensure that the existing housing stock has equity;

Commissioner Raley proposed that the fee be set at \$5,000, with one-half of the payment being made at the time of going to record plat and one-half at the time the building permit is issued.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to proceed with the \$5,000 for tentative budgetary purposes with a final decision being made during the budget process, and that the legal department should look into the legality of back tracking for those who have worked under the current EIF system.

In conclusion Commissioner Randall requested, and the Board concurred, that the impact fee should be reviewed each year as part of the budget process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Personnel

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator (*attended from 11:50 am- 12:05 p.m.*)
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder (*attended from 11:50 am- 12:20 p.m.*)
Delores Lacey, Asst. PIO (*attended from 12:40 p.m.- 2:20 p.m.*)

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

Time Held: 11:50 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed personnel issues (position in Office of Capital Projects, Employment Contract, and consideration of appointments to Boards and Committees)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

FY 2001 BUDGET REVIEW

At this time the Commissioners and Finance conducted a budget review of the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on 3/7/00

Judith A. Spalding
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