

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Governmental Center  
June 20, 2000**

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

*(Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. was not present at the meeting because he was attending the State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City.)*

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

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

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE  
PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Present:** Torry Meringolo, St. Mary's College

Mr. Meringolo appeared before the Board to introduce the recipients of St. Mary's College scholarships, which the County participated in funding. The winning students are April Mason, Erin Rorabacher, and John Dixon.

In closing Mr. Meringolo thanked the Commissioners for supporting this program and also expressed appreciation to the Board for supporting the Summer River Concert series, which begins June 23.

**MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
REGIONAL AIR SERVICE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

**Present:** Bruce Mundie, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance  
Jim Stirling, Director, Office of Capital Projects

Mr. Mundie appeared before the Board to provide a briefing regarding the Regional Air Service Development Initiative (HB 17/Chapter 23), enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in the 2000 Session. In addition Mr. Mundie reported that the U. S. Congress enacted legislation (HR1000) authorizing a new Federally funded three-year pilot program to provide small communities with access to affordable, regularly scheduled air service. He pointed out that HB 17 and HR1000 will present an opportunity for the development of public/private partnerships with airlines interested in providing regional air service.

Highlights and areas of discussion included:

- ❖ An article in *Aviation Week and Space Technology* describing a project in Oregon for a "travel bank," a depository of funds created by area companies to bring new air service to the community;
- ❖ MAA officials are traveling throughout the State to get communities' desires for inclusion in the Regional Air Service Development Initiative (looking at four airports in the State for possible regional service);
- ❖ Presentation of proposed aircraft for the provision of regional air service (including advantages/disadvantages, ridership, whether aircraft can use St. Mary's airport with its current configuration, and whether they qualify under JTR (joint travel regulations));
- ❖ Review of airport approach systems, including precision systems; (In response to inquiry from the Commissioners, Mr. Mundie advised that in order to accommodate a precision instrument approach system, that airport runway would need to be changed.)
- ❖ Discussion of obstruction issues (requirement for 1,000 foot clearance centered on the runway in order to use a precision approach), and whether in order to accommodate a precision landing would require moving the runway (or acquiring surrounding property and removing obstacles);
- ❖ For the County to contact local travel agencies to determine air commuter service needs;
- ❖ Discussion of proposed air fares (\$100 round trip/\$50 one way) to and from BWI;
- ❖ Viability of consumer service would depend on ease of use including checking of luggage;

Needs assessment answers and Letter of Intent to be submitted by the Board of County Commissioners to MAA by July 31.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of June 13, 2000 was deferred until next week.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel Property Acquisition and as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11 and 4-210(a)1, respectively. 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  
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

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

**Time Held:** 11:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

**Action Taken:** The Commissioners discussed several personnel issues and gave direction to staff.

**Property Acquisition**

**Present:** Commissioner President Julie B. Randall  
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson  
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator  
John B. Norris, III, Asst. County Attorney  
Joan Lolcama, Property Manager  
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

**Authority:** Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11

**Time Held:** 12:10 p.m. – 1:02 p.m.

**Action Taken:** The Commissioners discussed a property acquisition issue and gave direction to staff.

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS  
NICOLET PARK MASTER PLAN**

**Present:** Phil Rollins, Director  
Sam Crozier, Crozier and Associates, Park Planning Consultant  
David Powlan, Whitney, Bailey, Cox and Magnani, “  
Jim Stirling, Director, Office of Capital Projects

The referenced individuals appeared before the Board to present the Nicolet Park Concept Plan, which was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Commissioners by the Recreation and Parks Board after significant public input.

Highlights of the presentation included:

**Financial**

\$124,000 has been included in the FY 2001 Capital Budget for design and engineering work;

\$1.2M is the estimated amount for the FY 2002 and 2003 Capital Program for park construction;

\$2.5M is the estimated amount for the FY 2005 and FY 2006 for a recreation center at the park;

**Park Concept**

The park will have a promenade with benches, flowers, and lighting, fountain; activity rooms to be connected by sidewalks with a shade trellis; a pavilion that may contain roller hockey, lawn area for community events, play and picnic activities, including softball, volleyball and lighted shuffleboard courts; a labyrinth and nature trail.

**Access**

Additional access points have been provided from residential areas, including the adjacent apartment complex and to the corporate office park.

*After review and of the details of the Nicolet Park concept plan, the Commissioners gave consensus for Recreation and Parks to proceed with the planning process.*

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**Present:** Sheriff Voorhaar  
Capt. Doolan  
Lt. Charles “Rusty” Malone

**911 Communications Operators**

Sheriff Voorhaar appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns relative to the proposed integration of the Police Communications Operators and the Central Communications Operators to be located at the new 911 Communications Center once it

is completed. Sheriff Voorhaar noted that since the majority of the communications relate to law enforcement activities and that he did not believe his communications operators should move to the Center, at least until the new Sheriff's Office has been completed. He stated that retaining the operators was his first choice; however, another option would be to hire ten station clerks to replace the Police Communications Operators. He further recommended that the future Sheriff's Office be designated as the 911 Backup Center.

In conclusion Commissioner Randall requested that Sheriff Voorhaar and Director of Emergency Communications Phil Cooper get on a future Commissioners' agenda to discuss the issues and to try to come to a resolution.

#### **Sheriff's Department Vehicle Purchase**

In response to discussion during approval of the bills at last week's meeting, Sheriff Capt. Doolan explained to the Board the justification for the purchase of Expeditions as opposed to the usual Crown Victoria. He stated that the Expeditions are unmarked cars and are used for inclement weather, undercover operations, property transport and prisoner transport, etc. He further pointed out that the cost of the Expeditions was \$961 more than an unmarked Crown Victoria.

In closing Commissioner Randall suggested that when the Commissioners raise questions the Sheriff be informed so that he can come before the Board to address the concerns.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Present: Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

1. Draft Agendas for June 27 and July 11, 2000
2. **Budget Amendments:**
  - a. **Budget Amendment No. 2000-50 (\$5000)**  
Recreation and Parks  
(To purchase land adjacent to St. Clement's Island Museum)

**Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment No. 2000-50. Motion carried.**

- b. **Budget Amendment No. 2000-51 (\$5295)**  
Emergency Management Agency  
(To cover insufficient funds in Salaries, FICA, Pension, Health Insurance and Workman's Compensation for the Animal Control Division through year end FY2000)

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment No. 2000-51. Motion carried.**

- c. **Budget Amendment No. 2000-52 (\$58000)**  
County Commissioners  
(To allocate tourism funds from FY2000 Accommodations Tax Revenue)

**Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment No. 2000-52. Motion carried.**

*(Commissioner Guazzo requested a report on Accommodations Tax revenues and authorized expenditures to date.)*

- d. **Budget Amendment No. 2000-53 (\$5000)**  
County Commissioners  
(To allocate funds for the 2000 Investment in the Greater Washington Initiative)

*The Commissioners deferred action until next week in order to give the Commissioners an opportunity to review the material and to get a report on the balance in the Accommodations Tax.*

**3. Department of Public Works Documents**

- a. Resolution for the Unauthorized use of the Railroad Right-of-Way  
*(deferred until next week)*
- b. Temporary Easement Agreement – William J. & Dorothy R. Sickel, Indian Bridge Road Project
- c. Easement Agreement – James M. Amsden, Indian Bridge Road Project
- d. Easement Agreement – Curtis A. & Ann M. Seltzer, Indian Bridge Road Project
- e. Easement Agreement – Patrick E. & Ethnea C. Montgomery, Indian Bridge Road Project
- f. Easement Agreement – John H. & Mary P. Bowen, Indian Bridge Road Project  
*(Items b – f were deferred until after County Attorney review)*
- g. DPW Agreement Addendum for St. James Subdivision
- h. DPW Agreement Addendum for Bay Ridge Estates Subdivision, Section 3
- i. DPW Agreement Addendum for Woods Subdivision, Section 3

*Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and sign Items g – i. Motion carried.*

**4. Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department**

Fire and Rescue Revolving Loan Fund (\$500,000)

**Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the loan application for the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department Substation in Golden Beach. Motion carried.**

**5. Department of Planning & Zoning**

Draft Ordinance - Adoption of mandated Maryland Building Performance Standards (BOCA/1996 and CABO/1995)

Present: Jon Grimm, Director, DPZ  
Adam Knight, Code Coordinator

**After discussion Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the 1996 BOCA and the 1995 CABO with the inclusion of the requirement for smoke detectors in every sleep area as well as on every floor. Motion carried.**

**6. Human Resources**

FY2001 Salary Schedule

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve the FY 2001 Salary Schedule as presented. Motion carried.**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

**Update Requests**

Commissioner Anderson requested an update on:

- Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant Superfund Site
- Affordable Housing Livability Issues

**VISTA Volunteer Induction**

Commissioner Anderson advised that he attended the VISTA volunteer induction at Olde Breton Inn and stated there were approximately 20 young adults participating in the "America Reads Program" to help children with their reading.

**Chesapeake Biological Lab**

Commissioner Anderson reported that he attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Chesapeake Biological Lab. He stated that the Lab was instrumental in the efforts to clean up the Patuxent River.

**Awards Ceremony/Water Quality Committee**

Commissioner Anderson stated that Dana Brookhart was the recipient of the Science Educator of the Year at the BOE's First Annual Hope Swann Educator of the Year Plaque Dedication.

Commissioner Anderson noted that Ms. Swann was on the first County Water Quality Task Force, and he recommended that the Commissioners re-establish this Task Force to help in efforts to ensure that the quality of our water supply is incorporated in the County's major planning initiatives. He suggested that the Commission on Environment be tasked to establish a water quality subcommittee, which would provide information as the Water/Sewer Plan and the Comprehensive Plan are updated. The Commissioners agreed to ask the Commission on Environment to make recommendations as to the scope of work of the subcommittee.

**ULDC Recommended Changes**

Commissioner Anderson requested the County Administrator to get from planning staff a summary of the changes that have been made to the Plan since the Commissioners discussions and to get a copy of the zoning maps for the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Randall stated that she has been contacted by citizens regarding the process the Commissioners will be following once the Board gets the recommended Code. The Commissioners indicated that they would be holding their own hearing after the two joint public hearings with the Planning Commission.

**Permit Backlog**

Commissioner Randall stated she is getting calls regarding the log jam in DPZ in processing permits. She requested the County Administrator to get the Director of DPZ on the agenda every two weeks to give the Board an update in terms of permits and their turn-around time. Mr. Lacer will find out the status of permits; what DPZ staff is doing to correct the problem (hiring of temps, overtime), and to verify hours the counter is open in DPZ.

**Tobacco Settlement Buyout/Transition Survey**

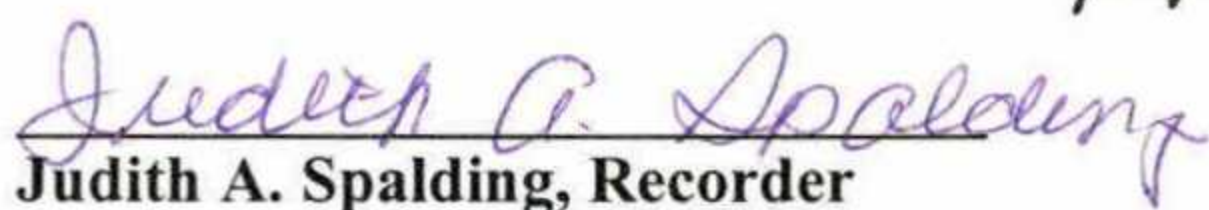
Commissioner Guazzo advised that she had talked to a farmer friend who received the survey that was distributed to all the farmers regarding participation in the tobacco settlement funds. She stated that after reading it she was concerned with some of the buyout and transition programs. The survey indicated that rather than a lump sum payment, funds would be spread out over a ten-year period.

Commissioner Raley, the County's representative on the Tobacco Settlement Committee reported that the survey was non-binding. He pointed out that the payments would be made dependent on availability, and the farmers would enter into a contract with the State, and if the State does not live up to its end, the contract would end.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by the  
Board of County Commissioners on 6/27/00**

  
**Judith A. Spalding, Recorder**