

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Governmental Center
Tuesday, November 6, 2001**

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Administrative Assistant to BOCC (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

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

GREAT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Great Mills High School Chorus opened the meeting by singing "*Star Spangled Banner.*"

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to accept the agenda as amended (to add discussion, during County Administrator time, of the letter to The Facchina Group regarding the Hunting Creek PUD property. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 30, 2001, as corrected. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners presented the following Proclamations

- Designating the Month of November Hospice Month
- Designating November 8, 2001 World Town Planning Day

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

1. Draft Agendas – November 13 and November 27, 2001

(During discussion of the draft agendas, the Commissioners agreed to change the public forum from the 13th to the 27th of November because the majority of the Board will be attended an event.)

2. Supplemental Appropriation Ordinances (follow up to public hearings)

Present: Elaine Kramer, Director of Finance

- Office on Aging (\$19,333 – federal; \$48,902 – state)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and sign the Supplemental Appropriation. Motion carried.

- Office of the Sheriff (\$17,500 – state funds)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and sign the Supplemental Appropriation. Motion carried.

- Office of the Sheriff (\$10,000 – anonymous)

Present: Lottie Bell, Fiscal Specialist, Sheriff's Dept.

Ms. Kramer reported that one comment was received, which was from the gentleman who spoke at the public hearing to recommend that a Valor Fund be established utilizing half of the \$10,000 donation. The money would act as seed money for the fund to recognize acts of exceptional bravery by law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel in service to the citizens of the County.

Ms. Bell advised that it was the donor's wish that the funds go directly to the Sheriff's Office and not to the General County Fund.

Commissioner Mattingly suggested that such a fund could be established by the County for special recognitions.

After discussion Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and sign the Ordinance. Motion carried.

3. Boards and Committees
Letters of Appointment

Commissioner moved, seconded by Commissioner, to approve and sign the letters of appointment. Motion carried.

Community Health Advisory Committee

William B. Icenhower

Terms To Expire

12/31/2004

Development Review Forum

Daniel F. Ichniowski

12/31/2004

Economic Development Commission

Gary Bell

6/30/2004

Thomas W. Bell

6/30/2004

Capt. Patrick J. Hovatter

6/30/2004

Plumbing Board

Charles J. Bryson – *Reappointment*

6/30/2004

Charles F. Hammett, Sr. – *Reappointment*

6/30/2004

St. Mary's Interagency Children's Council

Suzanne Gibbs *St. Mary's County Memorial Library Rep.*

6/30/2004

Jo Stuble *Child Care Representative*

6/30/2004

Yvonne Ward *TCCAC/Head Start Rep.*

6/30/2004

4. Department of Public Works Items ((*George Erichsen*))
- a) Resolution accepting Oriole Drive, Goldfinch Drive, Blue Jay Court, Purple Martin Court and Wren Court located in Section 3 of the Victoria's Grant Subdivision, 8th Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Also, attached are the 25-mph speed limit and stop sign resolutions for these streets.
 - b) Resolution accepting Clearfields Court located in the Clearfields of Breton Bay Subdivision, 3rd Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Also, attached are the 25-mph speed limit and stop sign resolutions for this street.
 - c) Public Works Agreement Addendum for Wilderness Subdivision Section 3, 3rd Election District, extending the completion date to October 1, 2002. The letter of credit provided by Key Bank and Trust in the amount of \$37,000 remains as posted.
 - d) Public Works Agreement Addendum for Brooks Cluster Subdivision Section 1, 3rd Election District, extending the completion date to October 1, 2002. The letter of credit provided by The First National Bank of St. Mary's in the amount of \$184,500 remains as posted.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the referenced DPW documents. Motion carried.

5. Schedule of Legal Holidays

Present: Dawn Drew, Deputy Director, DHR

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the Schedule of Legal Holidays as presented. Motion carried.

6. Department of Planning and Zoning
Update on Integrated Strategic Planning

Present: Jon Grimm, Director, DPZ

Mr. Grimm appeared before the Board to present an overview of the Integrated Strategic Planning project which he had presented at the August Department Head meeting and the September GIS Committee meeting.

Highlights and basis of the presentation included:

- That the purpose of this project is to establish a way to make changes to the planning process, capital program and budget process as well as integrating the addressing of service provisions through an overall strategic planning process.
- Through consolidation of projects, deferrals and/or elimination, this could result in budgetary savings because they can be accomplished in a more efficient manner.
- The process will use GIS and a consolidated data base as an approach in making sure that everyone who enters a planning process, a project planning process or program and service provision process will be using the same set of information.

During his presentation Mr. Grimm identified members of the Coordination Team, provided program methodologies, and implementation, and advised that he will keep the Commissioners updated as the development of the project proceeds.

7. Consent Agenda Letter

As requested by the Commissioners Mr. Lacer referred to the letter in the Consent Agenda responding to the September 20 letter from The Facchina Group of Companies. The letter indicates that the Board was willing to work with The Facchina Group regarding the Hunting Creek PUD property. The developer intends to limit development of the property granting an easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust. Mr. Facchina will donate 20 acres of the property to a 501(c)(3) entity for the development of "moderate priced" units, five units to an acre, within 18 months.

During discussion of the letter the Commissioners agreed to change the words "moderate priced" to "affordable" dwelling units. Mr. Lacer indicated that he would have the letter amended and resubmit it in the Consent Agenda.

EMERGENCY PREPARATION BRIEFING

Present: Paul Wible, Director, EMA

Mr. Wible introduced the Emergency Preparedness team members, who then in turn presented their agency's/department's involvement, preparations in place, response and implementation techniques, cooperation among each participant, and plans and needs as a result of incidents since the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks. He explained that Patuxent River Naval Air Station is also involved; however, because of classified information, will not be a part of this briefing.

William B. Icenhower, County Health Officer
Lt. John Horne, Sheriff's Department
First Sgt. Michael Thompson, Maryland State Police, Leonardtown Barracks
Brad Clements, St. Mary's Public Schools
George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator
Andy Bell, County Fire Chief
Harry Koehler, County Rescue Chief
Steve King, Director, Metropolitan Commission
Kathleen O'Brien, Director, Walden/Sierra
Alexis Zoss, Mental Health Authority

During discussion the Commissioners raised the following issues: evacuation procedures, if necessary; HazMat equipment; coordination between Sheriff's Department and State Police; recruitment of fire/rescue volunteers and the possibility of adding it to the school system's curriculum; ensuring that the elderly and nursing homes had plans in place; adding a representative from the hospital to the group;

At the conclusion of the presentations, the Commissioners expressed appreciation to the team members for their cooperative efforts in ensuring that St. Mary's County has a plan in place to handle emergency situations and stressed the importance of keeping the public informed.

Commissioner Randall announced that this segment of the Commissioners' meeting has been video taped separately and will be aired regularly on Channel 12.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Present: Alexander Stewart, SCS

Mr. Stewart appeared before the Board to provide a status report on the sediment control plan issues relative to Willows Road Subdivision. He explained that there were two sediment control plans for this site, and the overall plans had expired in July 2001. Most of the work had been done on Phase 1, and the Plan for Phase II was revoked at the request of the Commissioners on August 28, 2001. The developer as of yet has not submitted revised plans. There are one or two houses under construction; however, they are under the old approvals (prior to August 28).

In conclusion Mr. Stewart advised that he had met with the developer and advised that a new application for soil and erosion control would have to be submitted before any new building permits would be issued.

The following portion was recorded by Peggy Childs, DPZ.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS ORDINANCE

Commissioners present were Shelby Guazzo, who chaired the meeting, Tommy Mattingly and Dan Raley. DPZ staff present were Jon Grimm, Director; and Peggy Childs, Recording Secretary. Deputy County Attorney John B. Norris, III was present in the audience.

Also present: Ian Frost, St. Mary's County Tower Consultant

Mr. Grimm advised that the public hearing was advertised in the Enterprise on 10/19/01 and 10/26/01, and that the file has been available for public access since the Commissioners' meeting in October that directed the public hearing. He said there are 13 or more applications for communications towers and additional antennae exclusive of emergency response towers, and the commissioners must make a policy decision as to whether this Ordinance will apply, retroactively, to those towers, should the ordinance be enacted. The draft document does contain a provision that the ordinance be applied retroactively. Communications towers require conditional use approval by the Board of Appeals, which may impose conditions they deem appropriate to protect the surrounding community.

Mr. Grimm's summary memorandum of 11/01/01 spells out a preference that towers be located on county-owned land and a secondary preference for siting towers on commercially and/or industrially zoned property, so there is not a proliferation of towers in rural residential districts or the RPD. There are a number of detailed submission requirements that are increased in specificity; e.g., calling for a "crane test" as an alternative to a "balloon test," which is an option the Board of Appeals may apply in the conditional use process; and evidence that there is at least one lease for each proposed location. Mr. Frost said the current applications all meet these criteria, however he cannot say whether they meet the setback requirement. At least one of the current applications is proposed along a scenic highway. The setback requirement proposed along scenic highways is 300% the height of the tower.

One provision proposed by Mr. Frost, the county's tower consultant, is that tower companies provide their plans for new towers or antennae within the county for the next two years, including propagation maps showing the different signal intensities for

existing and proposed sites, and the anticipated timing. Mr. Frost stated that information can be held as proprietary, if requested by the company, but the information requested should not be specific enough to compromise their proprietary interests. Mr. Grimm asked that that question be posed to the county attorney's office, pointing out that DPZ files are public information. He said another question that has come up in staff discussion is whether or not a company could hold the information provided against the county and use it as implied consent to the other locations. Staff will seek advice from the legal department on this issue also. Mr. Frost stated that the additional information would give the county a pro-active ability to work with applicants for future sites.

Commissioner Mattingly asked whether price gouging of co-locators by the tower owner would be justification for someone to erect a new tower? Mr. Frost replied that he does not believe the proposed ordinance addresses cost. Mr. Grimm deferred to the legal office on this issue also; however, as set forth on Page 7, item d., there are four findings that must be made by the Board of Appeals to deem that co-location is not possible, and economics is not one of them. He added that, in the three years the county has had the current co-location requirement, cost has not been an issue.

The draft ordinance calls for either a "balloon test" or a "crane test" for towers. Mr. Frost said he has been encouraging counties to put language requiring a "crane test" in their tower ordinances, because in 50% or more cases the "balloon test" is not successful because of the wind. He said the crane test is more expensive to do and in some cases it is impossible to do without road access, but it has greater success.

Commissioner Anderson asked how private communication towers would play into the public safety-related network? Mr. Grimm replied that anything under 100 feet is considered a private non-commercial tower unless it has commercial equipment on it, and they would be unaffected by this ordinance.

Commissioner Guazzo opened the hearing to public comment. Barney Wheeler, of Tall Timbers, said he had opposed a 500-foot tower proposed on Piney Point Road in the Critical Area a year ago. He thanked Ms. Grover, of DPZ, and the commissioners for the tower ordinance, stating if we had had the ordinance a year ago, it would have been a lot easier to fight the 500-foot tower. He urged that the commissioners pass the ordinance as soon as possible and asked if another tower similar to the 500-foot tower were to be proposed, does the ordinance allow the county to say "no." Mr. Wheeler was advised of the conditional use process.

Clare Whitbeck, of 40502 Port Place in Leonardtown, representing the Potomac River Association, said the PRA believes this is important work and that the aesthetics that are part of this are an important aspect of community building and environmental stewardship, and urges the commissioners to proceed to enact the ordinance as soon possible.

There were no further comments. Commissioner Guazzo closed the public hearing, announcing that the record will remain open for 10 days for written comment. She said the commissioners are not meeting on November 20th but will try to schedule a decision for the meeting of November 27th.

Judith Spalding recorded the following portion of the meeting.

**REDISTRICTING BOARD
PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Present: John Norris, Deputy County Administrator
Members of the Redistricting Board

For the Commissioners information, Mr. Norris presented a Resolution of the St. Mary's County Redistricting Board. As required by Chapter 26-2 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County, the Board of County Commissioners had appointed the County Redistricting Board. The Redistricting Board had conducted four public hearings throughout the County and after review of comments from county departments and the public, developed a Redistricting Plan, effective as of October 11, 2001, as follows:

- Commissioner District 1 – 1st, 2nd, and 9th Election Districts and the 3rd and 4th precincts of the 8th Election District.
- Commissioner District 2 – 3rd and 6th Election Districts.
- Commissioner District 3 – 4th, 5th, and 7th Election Districts
- Commissioner District 4 – 8th Election District, except the 3rd and 4th precincts.

It was noted that the districts remained unchanged as currently exists.

The Commissioners thanked the Redistricting Board members for their work in establishing the referenced Redistricting Plan for St. Mary's County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Hollywood Rescue Squad Annual Installation of Officers

Commissioner Anderson reported that he and Commissioner Guazzo represented the Board of Commissioners at the Hollywood Rescue Squad's Annual Installation Dinner and that it was a very well attended event.

Commissioner Guazzo stated that it was a great event and that it appeared that there were a lot of youth and also those who were "young at heart." She reported that it was a growing rescue squad—there was a total of 240 calls in 1975 and this past year there were over 2,000.

Knights of St. Jerome

Commissioner Anderson stated that he attended the Knights of St. Jerome's dinner in Ridge and that the organization is working hard to make improvements to the building.

Teen Court in St. Mary's County

Commissioner Anderson advised that a group has been formed to investigate the establishment of a Teen Court in St. Mary's County. The group includes representatives from the State's Attorney's Office, Juvenile Justice, public schools and other agencies, and was originated by a student at St. Mary's College who did her senior year paper on the subject. The program will augment existing programs to help the youth in the County that are on the verge of getting in trouble.

Commissioner Anderson's Forum

Commissioner Anderson advised that he conducted one of his regular public forums last night at the American Legion in Ridge. He stated that one of the primary areas of discussion was "homeland security," and that the people wanted to be able to play a role in how the County addresses this issue. People expressed an interest in having meetings in the three areas of the county to hear what the County is doing with regarding to homeland security. He stated that one of the most important things the County can do for its citizens is to provide them with the most recent information available. Other issues raised at the forum was the status of the zoning ordinance and discussion of economic development and assistance to small businesses. Commissioner Anderson will be holding another forum in Valley Lee on November 29.

Thornton Commission

Commissioner Anderson stated that the Thornton Commission is preparing to put together a draft to take to public hearing, which is scheduled for November 19.

Field Trip

Commissioner Mattingly advised that he and Commissioner Raley (and their wives) took a field trip to Myrtle Beach in inspected golf courses, skate parks, entertainment centers, and other economic development facilities. He said that they brought back a number of ideas to give to county departments.

Commissioner Raley responded stating that Commissioner Mattingly and his wife were wonderful travelling companions.

Margaret Brent Middle School Renovation Project

Commissioner Guazzo referred to an article in a local paper, which reported that the Margaret Brent project might be jeopardized because of a land dispute with a Maryland legislator from Prince George's County. She pointed out that the Board of Education had been attempting to reach an agreement with the property owner. The BOE needs the adjacent 10 acres in order to meet the State's requirements for the renovation and before the State will release its funds. She stated that this impacts not only the school but also the economic of the northern end of the County. She suggested concerned citizens could write to encourage landowner to reach a settlement with the Board of Education.

Commissioner Randall suggested that a letter be drafted encouraging the landowner to cooperate with the school system so that state funds would not be jeopardized. The Commissioners agreed with this suggestion and Commissioner Randall requested Mr. Lacer to prepare the letter.

Agricultural Trade Fair

Commissioner Raley reported that the Agricultural Trade Fair was held this past weekend and he had learned that it was a great success. There were tapes made of the speakers at the event and he requested that they be played on Channel 12.

Commissioner Anderson pointed out that the Tri-County Council and Christine Bergmark did an outstanding job on the event and stated that there was everything at the trade fair from "alpacas to zinnias."

Tobacco Buyout Program

Commissioner Raley reported that 66% of the tobacco farmers participated in the buyout, which represents six million tons of tobacco being taken out of the market. The farmers will be looking for alternative crops to take the place of tobacco.

Leonardtwn High School vs. Great Mills High School

Commissioner Raley announced that on Friday, November 09, 2001, Leonardtown High School will be hosting Great Mills High School football team and pointed out that both have the same record. He indicated that he and Commissioner Mattingly would be there.

Maryland Association of Counties Executive Board Meeting

Commissioner Randall advised that she attended the MACo Executive Board meeting last week and she highlighted some of the topics of discussion:

- There were representatives from the Governor's staff and state legislature regarding the upcoming session.
- The Thornton Commission information was the "hot topic," which included funding per student calculation (\$5,969); weighting for students with special needs; She was concerned about what this could mean to St. Mary's County because of the possible loss of grants. (Mrs. Kramer is analyzing the information and will report back to the Commissioners.) Commissioner Randall thanked Commissioner Anderson for all the hard work he has done on this topic. Commissioner Anderson pointed out that general transportation may not be included, and that he would be making a motion at the next Thornton Commission meeting to have it included in the ultimate proposal.
- That Senator Neall, who is on the Budget and Tax Committee, has indicated that the 2002 budget is in trouble because of the economic turndown and additional funds needed for security; that 2003 is irretrievable and that all capital commitments should be reconsidered; particularly projects in "pay-go" that have not been dispersed could be held and reallocated for the 2002 budget revenue shortfalls. (\$1.7B shortfall over 2002 and 2003.
- The Governor's legislative proposal will have very little new spending; there are funding issues from the Department of General Services; however, the Governor will not be changing course until January.

**ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JAMES A FORREST CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER**

Present: Dr. Patricia Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Brad Clements, Chief Administrative Officer

The referenced individuals appeared before the Board to discuss the referenced project that has been bid which resulted in an overbid of approximately \$3M. BOE staff recommended accepting the base bid plus alternates. In order for the project to move forward and the project awarded, the Board of Education reprioritized its Capital Improvement Program, a deferral of six other school projects, and incorporating the changes in the Fiscal Year 2003 through Fiscal Year 2008 CIP.

Areas of discussion included review of the attachments, the realignment of CIP projects, impact on outer year budgets, use of the contingency funds, concerns about deferral of certain projects; and that the actual local expense is \$1.5M.

After discussion Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the revised total of \$23,328,970, of which \$13,966,495 is the local share for the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center, and that the revised amount be incorporated into the CIP for FY 03 through FY 08; this is based on accepting the base bid and alternates: 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, and 27, as requested by the Board of Education; additionally, that the Board of Education be required to provide periodic updates on the project's status and that Board of County Commissioners' approval as needed before any additional alternates are added or any greater planned costs such as additional equipment get committed. Motion carried.

The following portion was recorded by Peggy Childs, DPZ

ZONING ORDINANCE WORK SESSION – 4:20 p.m.

Having reviewed the changes made by staff, the Commissioners directed the following changes to Articles 1 and 2:

- Page 21-1, lines 19-20 Delete "within one (1) day of" and substitute "by the end of the business day following" The provision will read: "If the applicant fails to correct the specified deficiencies *by the end of the business day following* the notification of deficiency, the application for development approval shall be deemed withdrawn and will be returned to the applicant with any fees that have been paid."
- Page 22-3, lines 1-2 Change to read: "... if to do so would violate the spirit and intent of this Ordinance, the Comprehensive *Plan*, or functional *or* area plans..."
- Page 21-3, lines 4 and 5 Rewrite to make more readable, to reflect that "The sign(s) shall be located on the *property which is the subject of the public hearing...*"
- Page 26-1, line 19 - Add period after "designated receiving zone." Delete rest of sentence.
- Page 26-2, line 23 - Add "allowable" after "increased" and before "non-residential intensity."
- Page 26-2, lines 21-24 Address TDRs within the RPD as a separate sentence.
- Page 28-6, lines 17-18 Mr. Grimm will check to see whether this provision that the applicant must request, in writing, within 60 days of Planning Commission approval, that his application be forward to the Board of County Commissioners, is the same as the current requirement.

Judith Spalding took the following portion.

2002 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PUBLIC MEETING

Present: Senator Roy P. Dyson
Delegate John F. Wood, Jr.
Delegate John Bohanan
Delegate Anthony O'Donnell

The Board of County Commissioners and Legislators held a public meeting on the 2002 Legislative Package.

The following items were highlighted by the submitters:

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

1. **Elected Officials' Compensation**

(Reviewed by Charles W. Wade, Chair of Compensation Committee)

To request an increase in salary for the following elected officials: President of the Board of County Commissioners, other County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Sheriff, State's Attorney, Judges of the Orphans Court.

(submitted by the Compensation Study Committee through the County Administrator)

2. **State's Attorney's Office – Arrest Powers**

(Reviewed by Daniel Morris, State's Attorney's Office)

To request legislative authority to allow the Criminal Investigator full arrest powers..

(submitted by Daniel Morris, State's Attorney's Office)

(Areas of discussion included liability issues and the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights.)

3. **Department of Public Works – Solid Waste Vehicle Parking**

(Reviewed by George Erichsen, Director, DPW)

To regulate the parking of vehicles used in the transportation of municipal waste (vehicles being spotted as parking overnight at various locations throughout the County.)

(submitted by the Director of Public Works)

(Areas of discussion included letting MACo have an opportunity to offer comments.)

4. **Department of Public Works – Sidewalk Maintenance**

To clarify the responsibility of sidewalk maintenance and levels of responsibility in road right-of-ways.

(submitted by the Director of Public Works)

(Areas of discussion included property owners versus government's responsibility regarding snow removal, sidewalk repair.)

5. **Tax Assessment Appeals – Public Utilities**

To change the law to ensure that St. Mary's County and all other counties in the State, receive adequate advance notice of appeals

(submitted by the County Attorney)

(This proposal is also being submitted by Charles and Calvert Counties as a tri-county effort, and discussion included whether it could be regional or whether it had to be statewide and that this item should also be commented on by MACo)

6. **Executive Sessions (public safety and security provisions)**

To add provision to allow public agencies to address public safety and security, to allow discussion for deployment of fire or police services or staff, or deployment or implementation of emergency plans.
(submitted by Commissioner Mattingly)

(Areas of discussion included whether there was a need to have a closed session for this topic; that the Open Meetings Law for St. Mary's County already contains disbursement of law enforcement officers and this would be an expansion of that reason; and that the language submitted was taken from the State's Open Meeting Law.)

ITEMS SUBMITTED AT NOVEMBER 6 PUBLIC MEETING

Right to Farm

To authorize the County Commissioners to adopt an ordinance or regulations to protect a person's right to farm or engage in agricultural or forestry operations
(submitted by Robert Jarboe and Bubby Norris)

Filing an Appeal to the Board of Appeals

To amend the provision of Article 66B, Sections 4.07 and 4.08 to include the words "any taxpayer" to the list of who may file an appeal to the Board of Appeals
(submitted by Walter Burch)

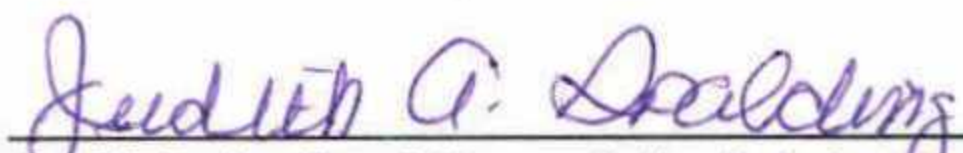
Mr. Doug Ritchie recommended that the County do away with the property tax and raise the income tax so that people could pay taxes on what they earn.

The public meeting concluded at 9:05 p.m. and the Commissioners advised that they would be taking positions on each of the items at next week's meeting and submit this information to the legislators as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by the
Board of County Commissioners on 11/13/01**



**Judith A. Spalding, Administrative Assistant
to the Board of County Commissioners**