

MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
November 27, 2017

Northern Senior Activity Center
29655 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

GUEST SPEAKER: Angie Graves, Fiscal Supervisor

Ms. Graves provided an overview and the functions of the fiscal office. Ms. Graves also discussed the various aspects of the grants maintained within the Department.

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m. (This is a recorded meeting).

ROLL CALL: Members present were Juanita Nether, Margaret Forrest, Linda Fry, Greg Havens, Deb Johnstone, Gail Murdock, Mary Novotny and Nicky Pires. Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present were Lori Jennings-Harris, Director and Beth Sandberg, Senior Administrative Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the October 23, 2017 minutes was made by Mr. Murdock and seconded by Ms. Novotny; the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Outreach Committee – Juanita Nether/Linda Fry
Ms. Fry suggested the Commission have an open forum targeting younger caregivers to help older adults. Ms. Nether requested Ms. Fry discuss this with the Department's Community & Outreach Manager. Ms. Novotny will also help coordinate the plan of action.
Ms. Fry would like to have a speaker discussing senior mental health.
- Legislative Update – Gail Murdock
There have not been any advanced bills posted to the website.
- Garvey Council – Dale Taylor
Ms. Taylor discussed the progress and updates to the new Garvey Senior Activity Center. Ms. Taylor informed the Commission what events the Council is participating in.

DISCUSSION OF OLD BUSINESS:

- Transportation – Nicky Pires
The Thomas Johnson Bridge renovations are not in the budget for the next 20 years. The bridge has been inspected and it is not considered deficient.
Ms. Pires is working on a committee including Pax River to alleviate congestion during high traffic periods as well as getting a shuttle back on the base.
The Tri-County Council submitted an application to the Washington Council of Government for software on behalf of the non-profits enabling communication with vehicles. Hopefully, a decision will be made in January.

A follow-up meeting with contractors from the “design thinking process” is scheduled on December 12th.

DISCUSSION OF NEW BUSINESS:

- Long Term Care and Life Insurance – Margaret Forrest
Ms. Forrest would like to schedule a presentation on long term care and life insurance.
Ms. Jennings-Harris suggested the Commission speak with Debbie Barker regarding long term care.
- December Meeting
There will not be a December meeting due to the Christmas holiday.
- January Elections
Mr. Murdock has been appointed to the nominating committee.
Elections will be held at the January meeting.
- Annual Report – Juanita Nether
The Annual Report needs to be submitted in January.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Pires made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. and Ms. Johnstone seconded; the motion passed.

Purpose: To advise and assist in the content, administration, and financing of county programs designed to serve the elderly residents of the county; to work with the community to develop awareness and understanding of problems and concerns of the elderly.