

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 13, 2015)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Mike L. Hewitt
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
County Administrator, Dr. Rebecca Bridgett
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the regular business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes for January 6, 2015

I move to approve the minutes of January 6, 2015, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Mike L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. Draft Agendas for January 20 and 27, 2015.

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Appointments to Boards and Committees

I move to appoint the the following persons to Boards, Committees, or Commissions with the terms to expire as indicated. Metropolitan Commission Board - Brian Barthelme (term to expire 12/31/17) George (Mike) Thompson (term to expire 12/31/17) Steven Willing (reappointment 12/31/17)

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY - Reclassification of One (1) current IT Positions

I move that we approve the Reclassification of the current Telecommunications Specialist IT II, in the Emergency Services & Technology Department to a Help Desk IT 1, effective immediately as recommended by the Director of Human Resources, pursuant to review and

process, and approve the related budget amendment transferring the savings from the reclass to the CSMC Emergency Appropriation.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

D. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's Transit System (STS) - Annual Transportation Capital Grant Agreement

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the St. Mary's Transit System FY2015 Annual Transportation Capital Grant Agreement to submit to the Maryland Transit Administration, on behalf of the Department of Public Works & Transportation in the amount of \$546,360; and to execute the budget amendment reducing the project budget by \$372,270, with the \$335,046, which represents unawarded grant funds being re-aligned to the Supplemental Appropriation Reserve, and \$37,224 in County funding (match not needed) being returned to the Commissioners Emergency Reserve, in accordance with the award.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Streetscape Improvements

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Public Works & Transportation to utilize available funding in the Street Lighting & Streetscape Improvements project – HW 1404, for the purchase and installation of 4-6 decorative receptacles along Tulagi Place and on the County-owned old Lexington Park Library site.

Motion by Commissioner Mike L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

F. DEPT. OF FINANCE - Budget Amendments to Reduce and/or Close- out Identified Capital Projects

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the two budget amendments reducing or closing Capital Projects PL1303, RP1403, HW0503, HW0703, HW1406, PF1307, and PF1401 to the FIN15 Capital Reserve in the total amount of \$99,331.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

G. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Fiscal Year 2015 Federal Treatment Block Grant Local Addiction Authority (LAA) Supplemental Funding

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to #1) execute the FY15 BHA Federal Treatment Block grant documents for supplemental funding, project #US1555, from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services for a revised award amount of \$651,104; and #2) approve the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$20,000.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners President Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

3. COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

Commissioner Jarboe said he was contacted by a member of Boy Scout 1634. Five scouts need projects to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. He asked citizens if they have any projects to contact him personally.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 am.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum – Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige Street, Leonardtown, Maryland

Absent: Commissioner O'Connor

Commissioner Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:30 pm.

Public Comments. *(Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)*

Curtis Stanfield, 21489 Warwick Court, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Thanked the County for assisting in the matter of cars being towed illegally in Westbury.. I am a victim of that. I have other avenues I am addressing to preclude problems in our community.

NEW LIBRARY – Several individuals addressed the need for a new, centrally located library. They requested the Commissioner consider building a new library in the Leonardtown area, possibly on the Hayden Farm, rather than spend tax payer funds to renovate the existing one. A summary of comments is listed below.

Linda Maloney 26539 Forest Hall Dr., Mechanicsville, MD

Louise Snell, 25060 Old Brick Way, Hollywood, MD 20636

D. Waters, Valley Lee, MD 20692

Alonzo Gaskin, Dameron, MD 20628

Carolyn Guy, 39776 Persimmon Creek Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Amanda Variz, 25225 Pinto Drive, Hollywood, MD 20636

Phyllis Kransohatsky, 41700 Mattingly Street, Leonardtown MD 20650

Bernadette Lewis, 41920 Nazereth Court, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Paul Kelly, 41885 Medley's Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Dan Raley, P.O. Box 10, Great Mills, MD 20634

Eula Prine, 44585 Forest Landing Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636

Joe Wible Sr., 41560 Austin Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Kevin Paugh, 40685 Bishop Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Rosemary Wallace, 21273 Woodmere Dr., Leonardtown MD 20650

- Need additional space – renovation does not do this.
- County spent money on a study that stated 100,000 sq. ft. is needed and as it exists now there is 16,000 on the 1st floor and 3,000 on the 2nd
- Funding to renovate is \$3.2 million – put that towards new building
- Library outdated
- Only one meeting room
- Most used Library in the 3 county area
- Temporary facility not feasible while renovating
- Used by all citizens – Toddlers to Seniors
- Not adequate now – need to look to the future
- Washington Post breakdown of libraries in state shows we are higher in usage and lower in budget
- Issues involved with Maryland Trust
- Leonardtown area is growing – Tudor Hall, Clark's Rest, a new apartment complex
- Libraries have evolved over the years to be mini community centers
- Get State grant to help fund the facility - \$900,000 was returned to the state when decision to renovate was made.
- Think PPP – Private Public Partnership

Tanya Parker, 21414 Manon Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653

I have been a Westbury resident for 10 years. Our subdivision is a blend of roads, some which are County. I am concerned that Management and the Home Owners Association is over

exerting their power. Cars were towed on Warwick Court, a county road, and now home owners are in debt at no fault of their own. Thanks for standing up for us.

Janice Walthour, 20493 Partin's Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Represented NAACP. Two of our priorities are economic stability for all and equal education. Education is the key to economic stability. St. Mary's County is the fastest growing county in the state yet we have household incomes ranging from \$30,000 and below to \$100,000 and above. The defense community has the higher paying jobs for the well-educated individuals. A portion of the county is struggling because of less-skills. I want you to consider looking at the LMB needs assessment; work with the school system and the college to open the Forrest Career Center up to individuals of all ages; open teen centers; expand the public transportation system; and provide after school and summer programs for children. We need a community center in Lexington Park and Leonardtown. Why not have a community center, a cultural center, a library and the Garvey Center all in one location on the property in Leonardtown.

Matt Scassero, UAS Test Site, St. Mary's County Airport

Director of the University of Maryland Unmanned Autonomous Systems (UAS), member of Southern Maryland Alliance, Patuxent Partnership, and Southern Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Thanked Commissioners and asked for their continued support for the University Systems of Maryland Research Facility proposed on the campus of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. The test site located at the county airport is up and running. Infrastructure is important and we have that with the base but we want to expand outside the base to the civil commercial UAS market. We want to expand research to ground, surface, sub-surface and space technologies in the autonomous field. We need every ones support - University of Maryland College Park, Navy Alliance, Patuxent Partnership as well as the Chamber. We want to put a third building on the campus of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. Need support voiced to Delegates and Senators as they go to Annapolis.

Dale Taylor, 25981 Sotterly Cliff Lane, Hollywood Maryland 20636

Margaret Forrest, 23835 Spelth Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Chairperson, Ms. Taylor, represented the Garvey Senior Activity Center Group. A petition containing 3,288 signatures was sent to Commissioners to move planning for the Garvey Center from the 2018 budget to the 2016 budget. The center was built in 1954 and hinders efforts to offer new activities. US census estimate that the potential growth for the senior population 60 years and older in St. Mary's County is projected to have the highest percentage increase (258%) of older adults in Maryland. Citizens who would normally go to the Garvey Center are going to the Northern Senior Center and the Loffler Center because of lack of space. This creates overcrowding at these centers and there is not room for them to expand. The Garvey Center is for active adults not a day care. Leonardtown is the County seat and deserves a new Garvey Activity Center. Suggested it should be built on property that has expansion possibilities for the future – Hayden Property.

Bob Wirt, 45110 Voyage Path #2, California, MD 20619

Executive Director of the Navy Alliance. Patuxent River provides a significant arm to National Security. We have a world class research facility at the Test and Evaluation Center at Pax River. A research facility at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center will attract more commercial businesses and add diversification to the County. Infrastructure is the cornerstone as you look towards the future. We need your support for the third building at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center. We would like you to help communicate our vision of a technology corridor that is world class and second to none. We will be providing you the appropriate information.

Nicole Timms, Westbury, MD

Property Manager and Vice President of the Board for Westbury Community. The Board of Directors of Westbury is working with the attorney and accountants as we move forward to self-management. Thanks to Commissioner O'Connor for his help after the September shooting in our area. A police office was hired to work part time in the Westbury Community. The Westbury Board knows there is a lot of anxiety out there and questions to be answered.

Commissioner Guy said we plan to help you and your citizens.

Terry Branch, Hanover Farms, Breton Bay, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Stated that the County has surplus funds of several million dollars and she has seen nothing in the meeting minutes or any report stating what the Commissioners are going to do with these funds. What is the plan?

Commissioner President Guy adjourned the public forum at 7:40 pm.