

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
County Administrator, Dr. Rebecca Bridgett
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioners Jarboe and Morris abstained.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of April 1, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

INVITATION TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY ENVIROTHON

Mr. Bruce Young, District Manager, Soil Conservation District, officially invited the Commissioners to attend the Envirothon being held today at Hunter Hills Farm in Valley Lee.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for April 15 and 29, 2014. There will be no meeting April 22, 2014.
2. **Circuit Court** (*Teresa Weeks, Sr. Legal Assistant*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Project US1427, for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, on

behalf of the Circuit Court from Child Support Enforcement, in the amount of \$12,513 and the related budget amendment that increases the project budget from the Supplemental Reserve, based on the award. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and accept the Family Services Grant Award, Project MD1420, from the Administrative Office of the Courts, in the amount of \$103,259, and approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the related budget amendment to decrease the project budget revenues and expenses by \$10,846, in accordance with the actual agreement/award. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Department of Land Use and Growth Management *(Phil Shire, Director;
Sue Veith, Environmental Planner)*

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and accept the FY2015 Critical Area Grant Application, Project MD1527, from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Critical Area Commission) on behalf of the Department of Land Use and Growth Management in the amount of \$8,000 for reimbursement of a portion of the salaries of county staff who perform review of Critical Area permits and development applications. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Aging and Human Services *(Lori Jennings-Harris, Director;
Kelsey Bush, Program Manager)*

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe,
(1) to authorize the County Local Management Board Chair and Departmental Staff to execute the FY2014 Community Partnership Agreement and Appendices A & B;**

(2) to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to:

(a) execute the FY2014 Community Partnership Agreement for Projects MD1460, 1461, 1462, 1465, 1466, 1467 and 1488, from the Governor's Office for Children in the amount of \$401,718;

(b) execute the related budget amendments; and,

(c) execute the Sub-recipient Agreements between County Government and Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, St. Mary's County Public Schools, United Way of St. Mary's, and Walden Sierra, Inc.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Emergency Services & Technology *(Bob Kelly, Director)*

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Tower Lease Agreements with

**Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, and St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission in support of the NextGen Radio System Project.
Motion carried 5-0.**

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT: PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT
UPDATE**

Present: Ken Reed, President, S. Aero Hunt, LLC
Patrick Weaver, Development Team Member, S. Hunt Aero, LLC
Steve Bildman, Airtec, Inc.

Mr. Reed provided the history of St. Mary's County Regional Airport noting the expansion that has occurred from its beginning in 1969 until the present. Private and public investment has provided the necessary capital to build the existing aircraft storage, maintenance and commercial business facilities; therefore, the County does not need to incur the time or expense of day-to-day maintenance, marketing and rent administration of these facilities. S. Hunt Aero, LLC, purchased land adjacent to the south border of the airport and is seeking to enter into a Lease and Operating Agreement with St. Mary's County to construct and manage aviation related facilities from which aeronautical services and storage could be provided to the general public. The proposed Development Plan consists of a mixed use development campus of Aircraft Hangars, Research and Development, Production and service facilities. The land for the 77T and box hangars will be dedicated to the County along with land for a right-of-way to connect Airport Road through to Lawrence Hayden Road.

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION PRESENTATION OF FY
2015-20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND FY2015 CIB**

Present: Daniel Ichniowski, Executive Director
Rebecca Shick, CFO
Dave Elberti, Chief Engineer

Staff from the Metropolitan Commission (MetCom) presented their 2015 Capital Improvement Budget and the FY2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan noting that they are having a public hearing tonight on their proposed budget and will return on May 27 for County approval. The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed capital projects and approved them as being consistent with both the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan. MetCom has reprioritized and adjusted the scope of several projects that were projected for 2015 in the 2014 budget. The Executive Summary highlighted schedule of project changes from 2014, funding projections, capital improvement rates per EDU, projections on debt and rates, and an analysis of their debt ceiling limit. Specific locations of water and sewer projects were also presented. Mr. Ichniowski will provide additional information on the Sheehan-St. Georges Park Subdivision Project that was listed as County funded.

Commissioner Jarboe asked that individuals in the Town Creek area be notified of the new lines coming into their area.

Commissioner Jones asked that steps be taken to reduce the continual, large discrepancies between original and later project estimates and asked if MetCom had considered hiring an outside service agency to obtain more accurate cost estimates on these projects. MetCom agreed to obtain cost estimates on utilizing professional estimators for projects in the out years.

Commissioner Morris asked that homeowners be notified before MetCom attempts to enter private property to install the radio-read water meters.

Commissioner Jones asked to see more details on the St. Georges Park project. She noted if people want to live there and installing a septic system is not an option there is a need to make it happen and we need to understand what we need to do.

Commissioner Russell said he felt the St. Georges project should be tabled for now, particularly since the Commissioners are just learning that \$7m in county funding is being proposed. The developer should pay the costs.

Commissioner Jones noted that since the St. Georges project was in the 2020 CIP plan, there is adequate time to review the numbers more carefully and asked that MetCom provide more information on the proposed new sewer system.

Commissioner Jarboe asked that the County Administrator provide information on the County's history relative to the St. George project.

Commissioner Jarboe asked that the Charlotte Hall project be moved out along with the St. Georges Park project.

Commissioner Morris asked MetCom to review their rates and consider changing the policy that calls for new construction and established older homes with working sewers and wells to pay the same for connection to MetCom lines.

Commissioner Jones asked MetCom to provide a summary of how much is being spent on project engineering.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 12:00 noon.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)