

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 5, 2015)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael 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 meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of April 28, 2015 as presented or amended.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR:

- A. Older Americans Month**
- B. Mental Health Awareness Month**
- C. Drug Court Month**

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS for May 12 and 19, 2015

B. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2016 Alcohol and Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Grants

Commissioner O'Connor requested a copy of the report prepared by the local Drug Task Force..

Commissioner Hewitt suggested a discussion topic for the Commissioners Retreat - "How the various groups in the County are working to combat the drug issues."

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute: (4) Sub-recipient Agreements related to Project numbers MD1659, 1697, and US1655 between the County and Walden Sierra, Inc.; one (1) Sub-recipient Agreement related to Project US1623 between the County and St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County, Inc.; and one (1) Sub-recipient Agreement related to Project MD1697 between the County and Step N2

Recovery Services, LLC.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Revised Notification of Grant Award for FY2015 State Grants

I move to approve the State grants' Revised Notification of Grant (NGA) award, project numbers MD1501 through MD1504, MD1506, and MD1514 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to support a variety of programs and services in the amount of \$197,344 and the related budget amendment that includes decreasing grant funding by \$2,653 and decreasing County funding by realigning \$86 to the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY 2016 Homeless Services Grant Application

I move to approve the homeless services grant application, project # MD1658, 1657, and 1655, from the Maryland Department of Human Resources on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services in the amount of \$81,506, \$67,241, and \$15,282, respectively for FY2016 to support homeless shelters and services for St. Mary's County residents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. FINANCE - Potomac Building Water Damage Budget Amendment

I move to approve the budget amendment for the Potomac Building Water Damage, Project OT1520 using \$52,909 of the Appropriation Reserves for insurance revenue reimbursement and related expenses to the Project, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the budget amendment.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contracts

- 1.) I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign an employment contract for the Chief Financial Officer for St. Mary's County Government.
- 2.) I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign revised employment contracts for the following positions: Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator; George Erichsen, Director, Public Works and Transportation; Phil Shire, Director, Land Use and Growth Management; Sue Sabo, Chief of Staff/Director, Human Resources; and Tony Jones, Public Information Officer.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. PRESENTATION

A. Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) Briefing on Agricultural Business Park and Food Innovation Center

Present: Christine, L. Bergmark, Ph.D., Executive Director, SMADC

Eddie Bowling, Charles County Commission Member, SMADC

Dr. Bergmark presented an overview of SMADC and the Commission's proposal for a centrally located Agricultural Business Park and Food Innovation Center to promote rural economic development, enhance farmer profitability, create a consumer focused market outlet, and foster new farmers for future food production. This concept would provide a structure of ownership and control to give farmers and rural business a voice in the market and its success. SMADC is requesting that the Commissioners send a letter of support for this initiative to the Tri-County Council and the Southern Maryland Delegation.

5. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEM

A. DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Introduction of 2015 local amendments to Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS)

Present: Phil Shire, Director

Brian Taylor, Code Coordinator

Building codes must be updated every three years. The proposed amendments are the result of a review of the International Building Code (IBC), International Residential Code (IRC) and International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) by the Department of Land Use and Growth Management and segments of the local building community as represented by the St. Mary's County Building Code Appeals Board and local members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Land Use and Growth Management requested authority to conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments.

Commissioner Morgan requested Phil Shire, as Chief Planner for the County, to provide input to the Commissioners on the Library Location.

"I move that the Department of Land Use and Growth Management be authorized to schedule a public hearing on the proposed amendments."

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. RECESS

7. OUTSIDE EVENT

Tour of Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitor's Center, 22156 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park, MD

The Commissioners toured the construction site of the Patuxent Naval Air Museum to see the progress

towards completion of the facility.

8. RECESS

9. PUBLIC FORUM

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.)*

Garvey Senior Activity Center Comments

Represented 3,288 citizens who signed a petition to move the FY2018 planning phase for the new Garvey Senior Activity Center to the FY2016 CIP Budget. Thanked the Commissioners for moving the planning forward and strongly encouraged Commissioners to endorse: (1) final approval for FY2016 Budget for new Garvey Center; and (2) to co-locate both the new Garvey Senior Activity Center and the new St. Mary's County Regional Library on the Hayden Farm. Current Garvey Center is too small to support the number of seniors wanting to use it. Please take into consideration the list of activities seniors want that was provided to you by Garvey Senior Activity Group, in addition to the 43 activities currently being offered. The number of seniors is growing and we need Disabled Parking and Combat Wounded parking. Handouts were provided to the Commissioners.

- 1. Dale Taylor, Chairperson, Garvey Center Senior Activity Group, 25981 Sotterly Cliffs, Hollywood, MD 20636**
- 2. Margaret Forrest, Vice Chairperson, Garvey Center Senior Activity Group**
- 3. Patricia Armstrong, Secretary, Garvey Center Senior Activity Group**
- 4. Rose Frederick, Treasurer, Garvey Center Senior Activity Group**
- 5. Gail Murdock, 39075 Cedarwood Ct., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

Gymnastics Center Comments

The following individuals voiced their concern for the County's Gymnastic program. Currently there is no full time coach and students have had as many as 4 different coaches in one week. Need full time coach. Need qualified coaches. Practice time is critical in gymnastics. Need pads for coach to spot students - safety issue without the proper equipment. Want a facility that is clean, safe, and well equipped that the County can be proud of.

- 1. Chris Giggey, 7420 Mayflower Ct., Saint Leonard, MD 20685**
- 2. Tanya Robrecht, 21331 Onion Hill Ln., California, MD 20619**
- 3. Rocco Aiello, 459864 W. Quincy Terrace, Lexington Park, MD 20653**
- 4. Abbie Rooney, 27303 Cat Creek Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

5. **Stacy Crosby Bahr, 23232 Willow Creed Way, Lexington Park, MD**
6. **Anita Votasco, 11561 Cedar Lane, Lusby, MD 20657**

New Library Comments

The following citizens addressed the issue of the location for the proposed new County library. Each provided their reason for the location. Examples of reasons for choosing downtown Leonardtown site included five acres donated for building site with utilities and fiber optics already in-place would help stimulate the economy of downtown and keep the tradition of small towns having Libraries in town. Examples of reasons for the Leonard's Grant area included close to school, property already owned by County and in the original concept plan for the property, visible location, room for large parking area, and within walking distance to two major housing developments.

It was suggested that the St. Mary's County Director of Economic Development work with Leonardtown to help boost the economy in Leonardtown and the County. It was suggested that some type of sports facility or a park could be put on the Tudor Hall property. It was stated that much conversation has been about money, and that the purpose of a library should not be about making money -- it is a customer service for citizens.

In support of Downtown Leonardtown Site

1. **Joe Orlando, 22160 Bull Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
2. **Dan Burris, 22535 Breton Bay Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
3. **Hayden Hammett, 22585 King Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650**
4. **Mike Mummough, 41160 PawPaw Hollow Ln., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
5. **Rayner Blair, 46145 River Hill Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
6. **Susan Dyer, 41567 Knight Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
7. **Sara Cochran, 43671 Deer Run Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
8. **Jennifer Cochran, 43671 Deer Run Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
9. **Winifred Thompson, 44000 Thompson Farm Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636**
10. **J. Harry Norris III, 22960 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD**
11. **Jannette Norris, 22960 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD**
12. **Ellen E. Lewis, 41850 Phoenix Way, Leonardtown, MD**
13. **Bob Schaller 41100 Paw Paw Hollow Ln, Leonardtown MD 20650**
14. **Doug Marek, 22750 Newtowne Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
15. **Leonard Kohl, 21133 Pt. Lookout Rd., Callaway, MD**
16. **Brad Newkirk, 41810 Eastwick Ln., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
17. **David Triantos, 42371 Riverwinds Dr., Leonrdtown, MD 20650**

In Support of Leonard's Grant Site

1. **Roger Mattingly, 41810 Eastwick Ln, Leonardtown, MD 20650**
2. **Leslie Roberts, 22560 Kew Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650**
3. **Barbara Sue Nelson, P. O. Box 28, Avenue, MD 20609**
4. **Phyllis Krasnokutsby, 41700 Mattingly St., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
5. **Paul Kelley, 41885 Medley's Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
6. **Deborah Spalding, 20200 Poplar Hill Creek Ln., Leonardtown, MD 20650**
7. **Andrew Hackney, Mechanicsville, MD**

Kathleen Reif, St. Mary's County Library Director

Thanked Commissioners for funding the new Library and reassured citizens that no matter where the library is built staff will make it like the others in the County – the best.

James Raley, P. O. Box 52, Avenue, MD 20609, President St. Mary's County Farm Bureau. Noted that the Farm Bureau endorses the process the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission is recommending for the Agricultural Business Park and Food Innovation Center; however we are not supporting it yet because it is in the early stages -- a work in progress. The St. Mary's Farm Bureau can support two of the five items they are recommending -- meat and farmers market. We are not sure the other three are the best use of the money. The Farm Bureau believes there is a need to have a survey of the Southern Maryland farming community to determine their needs and ascertain what resources are required to increase on-farm profitability and direct public policy and resources to improve the success of our farmers. They have forwarded a letter to Dr. Chris Seubert, requesting the University of Maryland Extension undertake a survey of farmers in Southern Maryland similar to the one being conducted on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore. He provided the Commissioners with a copy of the letter and asked that the Commissioners endorse their letter in support of the survey.

Chris Alderucci, 23575 Belmar Dr., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Two dangerous intersections in Leonardtown. Would like to see action to alleviate these problems. The intersection on Rt. 5 and the Hospital and the intersection of Rt. 245 and Leonard's Grant Parkway.

Elaine Williams, 37990 Mohawk Dr., Charlotte Hall, MD 20620

Problem at Charlotte Hall Convenient Center. People using center with no white stickers on their cars. Concerned that St. Mary's County tax payers are paying for something out of county residents are using.

Gunnar Eskelaud, 41431 Whimsical Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Advocate for the State Highway Administration to put a stoplight at intersection of 245 and Leonard's Grant Parkway. With 335 homes, a new elementary school and proposed expansion, he would also like to see different access to the land other than Leonard's Grant Parkway.

Keith Harless, 23225 Garfield Ln, Lexington Park, MD 20659

Thanked the Commissioners for not raising solid waste tax. The annual real estate taxes show several streams of revenue. If this is realigning, I don't hear anything about where the reduction is. How you spend money is important. There are lots of volunteer groups who do a lot of fundraisers that could use money - make people the priority.

Christine Senese, 21745 Newtowne Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Newtowne Neck State Park. Everything going well with the state. Eventually you Commissioners will have a say on the park; would like you to have sensitivity regarding what you do at Newtown Neck.

Tony Jones, Public Information Officer, read the following comments from the St. Mary's County Government Facebook page into the record during the public forum:

Tonya and Jim Robrecht: I support St. Mary's Recreation and Parks Gymnastics Center need for properly trained coaches. Funding is needed to support the center to make it a safe gymnastics environment.

Carolyn Young: I support the Hayden Farm site for the Library and Garvey Senior Activity Center. I think putting these facilities in Leonardtown will not allow the adequate space needed for maximum usage. [#CSMCforum](#)

Laura S. Schult: I support a traffic study to be sure the library at Hayden Farm will not cause undue traffic and public safety issues along Rt. 245 and LG Parkway. [#CSMforum#accidentyesterday](#)

Susannah Stewart: I support extra funding for the St. Mary's County gymnastic center to secure a quality head coach and a safe environment for our children. [#csmcforum](#)

Carol Powers Youmans: I support St. Mary's Recreation and Parks Gymnastics Center need for properly trained coaches. Funding is needed to support the center to make it a safe gymnastics environment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Guy closed the public forum and closed the Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting at 8:37 pm.

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

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)