

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 6, 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  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

### **1. WELCOME**

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

I move to approve the minutes of September 29, 2015 as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR October 20, 2015**

##### **B. CIRCUIT COURT - Family Services Coordinator Grant Award**

I move to approve and accept the Family Services Grant Award, Project MD1620 from the Administrative Office of the Courts, in the amount of \$117,477 and execute the related budget amendment to realign the budget to award, increasing the overall budget by \$8,546.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

##### **C. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - FY16 General Block Treatment Grant - Services and Administration**

I move to approve 1) the budget modification request related to the Behavioral Health Administration's General Treatment Block Grant Project #s MD 1689, 1697, and MD 1698; 2) the amended Sub-recipient Agreement between the County and Walden Sierra, Inc. decreasing residential funds by \$15,000; and 3) the Sub-recipient Agreement between the County and The Jude House, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**D. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES**-Second revision for the FY2016 Grant Award and budget documents for Year 3 of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service.

I move to approve the Notification of Grant Award (NGA) for the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant project #US1610 from the Corporation for National & Community Service in the amount of \$44,760 Federal funds, including \$3,000 in Augmentation Funds, and authorize the Department Head to submit the NGA electronically, consistent with the document reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related 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

**E. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES** - FY2016 Senior Medicare Patrol Program Application

I move to approve the Senior Medicare Patrol Program (SMP) application, project #US1661, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services, in the amount of \$2,551 Grant, \$313 County, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related document.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**F. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES** - FY2016 Maryland Access Point (MAP)/Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Grant Application

I move to approve the Maryland Access Point (MAP) grant application, project #US1645, from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services, in the amount of \$60,750, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**G. DEPT. OF RECREATION & PARKS - Budget Amendment to Decrease Derelict Boat Removal Grant PL1602**

I move to approve the budget amendment to decrease the Derelict Boat Removal Grant project #PL1602 budget by \$5,000 in accordance with the actual grant award 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

**H. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- Close Out of Two CDBG Projects**

I move to approve the Colony Square Rehabilitation, Project US0744, and the Gateway Infrastructure, Project US0544, Community Development Block Grants Close- Out Agreements from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development on behalf of the Department of Economic Development, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**I. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Project**

I move to approve the SHA Tourist Area and Corridor Signing Program at the intersection of US 301 and MD 5 to display First Landing & Capital, Naval Air Museum, and Lighthouses

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

**J. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Presentation of the CY2016 Meeting Schedule**

**K. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Budget Amendment to transfer Debt Service Allocation to the Commissioners Emergency Reserve**

I move to approve the budget amendment realigning Debt Services savings in the amount of \$3,613,058 to the Commissioners Emergency Reserve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related budget amendment.

*Commissioner Hewitt requested CIP tours be set up for Three Notch Trail and FDR Boulevard.*

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. FINANCE DEPARTMENT** - Seek Commissioner direction to proceed with review and legal sufficiency for award and execution of the FY2016 exempt financing.

I move that we direct the Department of Finance to proceed with review, and to obtain from Bond Counsel legal sufficiency and bring back on October 20, 2015 the Resolution authorizing the five-year financing agreement in the amount of \$3,200,000.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

### **3. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** – Application for the FY2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Three Oaks Center Crisis Services Program

**Present:** Lori Jennings-Harris, Director  
Cynthia Brown, Division Manager  
Robin Finnacom, Deputy Director, Economic Development

A public hearing was held on September 22, 2015. Public testimony given during the hearing and letters received during the 10-day open period were all in favor of the recommended grant request. The Dept. of Aging and Human Services in conjunction with the Dept. of Economic Development and Three Oaks are applying for the Community Development Block Grant program to acquire a modular building to be located on county owned property next to the Three Oaks Center. This building will alleviate overcrowding of Three Oaks and will include six crisis beds, a veteran's resource center, and space for homeless service intake as well as case management.

I move to approve: 1) the Resolution for the Community Development Block Grant Program application requesting CDBG funds in the amount of \$208,460 from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Three Oaks Crisis Services Program, project US1621, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services; 2) the commitment letter for the Three Oaks Center Crisis Services Program; 3) a sub-recipient agreement between the St. Mary's County Government and the Three Oaks Center; and to authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**B. DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Introduction of proposed Lexington Park Development District Master Plan**

**Present:** Phil Shire

Jeff Jackman Senior Planner

Howard Thompson, Chairperson, Planning Commission

Mr. Shire explained the timeline and process involved to adopt the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan. The Plan includes maps and descriptions for land use and community character to be achieved over the next 20-30 years. The plan provides for a mix of governmental, cultural, residential, office, retail, entertainment and recreational uses throughout the development district. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County must hold a public hearing before adopting or modifying this plan or an amendment to the plan.

I move that the Department of Land Use and Growth Management be authorized to schedule a public hearing on the proposed master plan for the Lexington Park Development District.

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

**4. COMMISSIONERS TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

**5. OUTSIDE EVENT**

The Commissioners attended the State of the County Luncheon at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 46900 South Shangri-La Drive, Lexington Park.

**6. RECESS**

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Resolution to Approve Fees for the Office of Environmental Health**

Commissioner Guy opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm.

**Present:** Meenakshi Brewster, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Health Officer SMC

Daryl W. Calvano, Director, Environmental Health, SMC Health Department

Dr. Brewster noted that the last environmental fee increase was in 2007 and provided reasons for the proposed increase.

Commissioner Guy opened the hearing for public comments.

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

**Lynn Brady, 24569 Hollywood Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636**

Small Business Owner in St. Mary's County. Catering license will increase from \$292.00 to \$330.00, the largest of the fee changes. Small Business owners do not want the increase. I've paid this fee since 2007 and pay a lot for county taxes, so don't feel I should have to pay for them to improve their services.

Commissioner Guy announced that the record would remain open 10 days for additional comments and closed the hearing for public comments at 6:10 pm.

**8. 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)*

**Walter Burch, 23098 Esperanza Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653**

Support red light cameras. Concerned with digital signs along roadways – very distracting – safety issue. This particular Amendment written 6 years ago says signs cannot strobe, flash, scroll, or display full motion video? The Department of Land Use and Growth Management (LUGM) wrote the sign regulation and it was adopted by the Planning Commission and Commissioners, but LUGM does not have a plan to enforce it and never did. They should not issue permits for signs until they have a plan to enforce. If there is no plan to enforce, then I ask you to repeal it.

**Bob Wirt, 45118 Voyage Path, Apt. 2, California, MD 20619**

Support Red Light Cameras. Cameras won't stop wrecks -- individuals have to change driving behavior. Stoplights have the function of directing traffic. If individuals know they are going to be fined for running a red light they might be more attentive. Police cannot be visible at all street corners. They are limited in numbers and have far greater concerns that require eyes on. Knowing intersections will be covered by cameras should cause awareness.

**C. Aloysius Bowman, P. O. Box 19, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

Why did the County change the name of Dept. of Economic and Community Development to Dept. of Economic Development? Why was "community development" taken out? What are we doing to develop the community? We need to put emphasis on that. Is there a plan going forward? If so, what is it? If you don't have one are you going to entertain ideas for it? What are you going to do to speak to some of the things happening or not happening? Don't hear a lot about principles this County was founded on.

**James Raley, Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

Representing St. Mary's County Farm Bureau. Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC) proposed an Agriculture Business Park and Food Innovation Center to be located somewhere in the five Southern Maryland counties. (A synopsis of Southern Maryland farm bureaus' positions was provided to the Commissioners.) Suggested Commissioners should not bid on RFP because it is questionable if there is sufficient volume of livestock in the area and questionable if there is sufficient produce in region without pulling away from already active stands.

**Justin Fiore, 227 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650**

Representing Citizens Steering Committee for Teen Youth Center in the Lexington Park area. A facility to exercise, play basketball, that is safe and drug free, surrounded by various health service facilities will bring better quality of life to St. Mary's County. Requested Commissioners consider teen center in the next budget cycle. Committee has a petition with over 400 signatures (striving for 3,000) in support of teen center.

**Jackson Webb, 20614 Goddard Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653**

Support Southern Maryland Ag Business Park. It might give younger farmers incentive. Farmers spend a lot of time traveling to slaughter facilities out of the area. Would like to see Southern Maryland farmers using Southern Maryland resources if at all possible.

**Kegan Zimmerman, 44460 Redbud Dr., Callaway, MD 20620**

Intellectual Disabilities Month. I'm representing everyone with disabilities. People with special needs are bullied at school and at jobs. I've been called the R word. (Showed Commissioners a key chain with the message "Spread the Word to End the Word.") Suggested putting the message on bill boards in the County and putting the word out at schools. We need people to listen to us.

**Angela Cameron, P. O. Box 152, Morganza, MD 20660**

Support red light cameras. Provides opportunity to save lives.

**Roderick Lewis, 20820 Skipjack, Ct., 20653, Lexington Park, MD 20653**

Support a Community Teen Center. Children need activities to keep them off the streets. Not all children can afford Recreation and Parks programs offered. (Read several letters supporting a Center.)

**John Parlett, 38220 Turner Market Rd, Charlotte Hall**

Chair, Agriculture, Seafood, and Forestry Board. The Tri County Council and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission assisted farmers in the transition from tobacco to alternative products. The proposed Agriculture Business Park and Food Innovation Center is the next step. The Ag Center will benefit St. Mary's County Agriculture by expanding and revitalizing the multi-cultural farming community, enhancing farmer profitability, enabling entry into larger wholesale markets, increasing the region's capacity to meet the public demand of locally grown foods, and creating jobs for the region. The facility will support counties from all over Southern MD. Preserve our farming heritage. Requested the Commissioners respond to the

RFP. Important we get this facility in St. Mary's County. The northern end of the County is the ideal location.

**Joe Wood, 39136 Abbey Lane, Mechanicsville MD 20659**

Support Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission's concept for food hub. Recalled when we were growing tobacco and the concept of growing grapes arose we did not have a local winery to sell to but decided to grow them anyway. A Co-op was formed to operate the Port of Leonardtown Winery. We are now not only providing grapes for our local winery, but selling to other wineries. Concept of a food hub may be controversial from some perspectives, but it will be a success. Quoted from Field of Dreams: "build it and they will come."

**Phil Dorsey, Leonardtown 20650**

Support Agriculture Center in northern end of County. In 1997 we had a tobacco buyout. At that time we had 4,000 acres of tobacco bringing in \$9M in sales. Today we have 150 acres with \$300K in sales. There has been a transition in agriculture over the years. Since 2007 the number of farms in St. Mary's County has increased over 2% while the number of farms in MD decreased over 5%. Support young farmers in community who want to continue this tradition. Support economic development in the community.

**Barry Roache, 28045 Old Village Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

Farmer for 35 years. Co-managing member of Home Grown Market, LLC. I've seen growth and demand for fresh products in the community. Asked Commissioners to support the Ag Center.

**Roy Fedders, Dameron, MD**

Red Light Cameras. Whether you are for them or not you should put red light cameras on the ballot and let citizens vote if they want them. Research the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution.

**Teri Branch (Facebook)**

Thank you for the opportunity for us to present a plan for a youth center in the St Mary's county region.

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator