

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 8, 2015)

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Members present

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

Absent: Commissioner Tom Jarboe

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 December 1, 2015 as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR December 15, 2015

B. DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's Transit System (STS) - Fiscal 2016 Capital Grant Agreement

I move to approve the FY 2016 STS Capital Grant Agreement, Project #US1628 from the Maryland Transit Administration, on behalf of the Department of Public Works & Transportation for the STS Transit System in the amount of \$507,832 and the related Budget Amendment to decrease the project budget by \$38,528 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - The FY2016 Notification of Grant Award (NGA) for the Title III Federal Grants for Aging Services

I move to 1) accept the FY2016 Title III Older Americans Act grant award, projects #US1602, 1604, 1605, 1608, 1609, and 1633 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services for various programs and services provided to the seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$283,738 and 2) approve the five related budget amendments that includes decreasing grant funding by \$5,017 and increasing County funding by \$20,212, 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, Morgan, O'Connor

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SMART Registry Grant

I move to approve the SMART Registry Grant from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Project #US1626 in the amount of \$5,000 for converting paper sex offender records to digital format, and authorize the Sheriff to execute the Memorandum of Agreement, and the Commissioner President to execute the related Budget Amendment as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - State Aid for Police Protection Program MD1730

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute Form One of the Police Protection FY15 Actual Expenditures Form - Project #MD1730 to be submitted to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Replacement Tasers

I move to approve the attached budget amendment to increase the Non-Capitalized New account by \$27,875 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Commissioner O'Connor expressed concern that the Sheriff's Office wanted to use salary savings to pay for tasers. He noted the need to break the cycle of incentives for not filling positions.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

I move to appoint the following people listed to to Boards, Committees and Commissions with terms to expire as indicated:

Airport Advisory Committee

Erik Anderson (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Board of Appeals

William Greene (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Board of Trustees, Museum Division

Bryan Barthelme (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Patricia Friend (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Victor Govier (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Eleanor Slater (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Dale Springer (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Commission for People with Disabilities

Andrea Butler (12/31/19)

Elizabeth Snyder (12/31/19)

Commission for Women

Diane Danaher (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Kathleen Werner (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Erin Walker (partial) (06/30/16)

Karen Wathen (partial) (06/30/18)

Commission on Aging

Deborah Johnstone (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Economic Development Commission

Richard Braam (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Phil Langley (reappointment) (12/31/18)

Electrical Examiners Board

Ron Derby (reappointment) (12/31/19)

James "Danny" Johnson (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Donald Haskin (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Rudolph Worch (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Ethics Commission

David Willenborg (12/31/18)

Housing Authority Board

Tina Dean (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Historic Preservation Commission

Sean Wickers (12/31/18)

Planning Commission

Daniel Ichniowski (12/31/20)

Joseph VanKirk (12/31/20)

Hal Williard (reappointment) (12/31/20)

Recreation and Parks Board

Valarie Brosky (12/31/19)

Richard Buckler (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Thomas Nelson (reappointment) (12/31/19)

Fred Parker (partial) (12/31/18)

Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's

Mary Ann Murray (12/31/18)

Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board

David Phalen (12/31/19)

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Resolution in support of NAS PAX JLUS

Present: Phil Shire

The JLUSE study was designed to promote and enhance communications and compatibility activities of the navy in St. Mary's County and neighboring jurisdictions. It will be used to develop strategies to promote mutual compatibility of land use for the navy operations. This resolution will formalize the recently adopted JLUS study.

I move that the resolution in support of the NAS PAX JLUS be adopted

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COMMISSIONER'S TIME

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

Commissioner Hewitt provided an update on the septic system failures at St. Clements Shores. Commissioners received word from Delegate Morgan's office that Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) will allow failing systems in St. Clements Shores to hook-up, and if the hook-ups exceed the permitted discharge, the fines will be waived. The challenge is going to be a consent agreement with certain standards and benchmarks that will have to be met and accountability along the way. The details of the consent agreement will be very important as to how we move forward. This shows collaboration between the County Commissioners, MetCom and MDE.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move to enter into Executive Session at 1:00 pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel, specifically to conduct interviews for the Human Resources Director position and for Boards and Committees.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Gut, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. RECESS

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

Personnel

Present: Commissioner James R. Guy, President
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, Ed.D., County Administrator
Diane Gleissner, Boards and Committees Staff Liaison
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Authority: Local Government Article Section 9-512(a)(1)

Time Held: 1:17 pm – 1:25 pm

Subject: Personnel (Boards and Committees)

Personnel

Present: Commissioner James R. Guy, President
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, Ed.D., County Administrator
Sue Sabo, Director, Human Resources Dept.
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Authority: Local Government Article Section 9-512(a)(1)

Time Held: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Subject: Personnel (Interviews for Human Resources Director)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - PUBLIC HEARING ON LEXINGTON PARK DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MASTER PLAN (LPDDMP)

Commissioner Hewitt opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

Present: Phil Shire

Mr. Shire provided an overview of the draft vision for Lexington Park. The plan calls for transformation of the downtown area into a place with a distinct and recognizable character, a concentration of community facilities, mixed-use development, housing choices, and a balanced transportation system. The plan supports: existing neighborhoods through ongoing community revitalization, timely construction and maintenance of local roads, trails, parks, and utilities; an emphasis on overall community health through investment in safe and walkable neighborhoods; and protection of open space. He presented maps depicting sub-area and focus area designations and explained priorities and strategies in each of the areas.

Commissioner President Guy arrived and opened the hearing for public comment.

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

Robb Cecil, Allan Cecil, Michael Cecil, 691 Santa Maria Lane, Davidsonville, MD 21035

- Representing factory preservation
- Our sole intent is to keep the Cecil Historic District intact.
- Tax Map wrong - need to straighten boundaries - inconsistent zoning around our property
- We want to preserve integrity of property - want legacy of Cecil Family to live on
- Current zoning we have to have sewer tanks – MetCom won't let us hook up because we are not in a Development District
- We love the Plan –

- Request our property 100 acres (Cecil Historic District) be brought into the Lexington Park Development District

Scott Warren, 42686 Waiverly Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

- Representing The Kenneth H. Gerred Revocable Trust.
- Owns 24 acre parcel at 22835 Old Rolling Road (Parcel #91).
- Property is between FDR Blvd and Rt. 235 and is bordered on three sides by commercial entities and higher density housing.
- Current plan calls for medium density residential – request property be designated as Medium Intensity Mixed Use (MXM) so it can be utilized or sold as either commercial, residential, or a combination of both.
- Written comments presented to Commissioners.

Vicki Volk, 46940 Shangri La Dr. Lexington Park, MD 20653

- Recently elected Executive Director of Community Development Corporation (CDC).
- Impressed with the Plan.
- Pleased it calls for more public infrastructure and endorses public leverage to encourage economic incentives.
- The Lexington Park Plan captures the goals and mission of the CDC.

Pat Mudd, 17764 Whitestone Dr., Tall Timbers, MD 20690

- Civil Engineer.
- Pleased with what I see in plan.
- Concern there are no incentives to reinvest – need incentives of various types.
- Zoning density in this County relative to other areas in the country is low – if you want to develop in development district, need to increase density.
- If you want revitalization, you need to have a process in place for fewer obstructions to take developers from concept to final build.
- Keep in mind incentives and density.

Howard Thompson, Chairman, Planning Commission

Mr. Thompson thanked members of the Planning Commission, Land Use and Growth Management staff, Department Heads, land owners, the Navy, and citizens who dedicated their time to develop the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan. He noted the intent to bring streets together to allow easier access to shops and neighborhoods and emphasized the importance of projects along Great Mills Rd.

There were no others wishing to speak. Commissioner President Guy closed the hearing for public comments and closed the hearing at 7:25 pm.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator