

**ST. MARYS COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, February 19, 2008**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

AGENDA ADDITION

There was one addition to Executive Session; i.e., Lexington Manor Redevelopment.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated February 19, 2008, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners meeting of February 12, 2008, as presented. Motion carried 4-0, with one abstention (Commissioner Raley).

PROCLAMATION: CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION WEEK

Members representing the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapters of Chopticon, Great Mills and Leonardtown High Schools received proclamations in celebration of Career and Technical Education week, February 10 16, 2008.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Savich provided the following:

- Recognized the Board of Elections and Information Technology (IT) staff for providing exemplary service during the primary election.
- New building is on track to open in the spring of this year.
- Department of Agings new frozen meals contract has been awarded to GA Foods (Sunshine Meadows), effective February 8, 2008. A yearly savings of \$5,600 is estimated.

1. Draft Agendas for February 26 and March 4, 2008

2. **Dept. of Public Works and Transportation** (*George Erichsen, P.E., Director*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Lease Agreement for the Countys use of SMECOs property for a period of one year, from March 1, 2008, to March 1, 2009, for construction of the North Patuxent Beach Road Shoreline Improvement Project as submitted by staff. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Dept. of Recreation, Parks, and Community Services** (*Phil Rollins, Director*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the FY09 Transportation Enhancement Program application for funding Phase V of the Three Notch Trail and the associated letter of support following the posting of signage informing people of future railroad right-of-way use on the paved trail portion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe questioned if public notice signage has been posted relative to 1999 legislation, and that in light of proximity to public infrastructure, a property owner may be interested in a future park and ride (re: Page 9, Item h. of the MDOT Transportation Enhancement Program application). Commissioner Raley asked Mr. Rollins to ensure the BOCC is notified of any right-of-way encroachment issues. Mr. Rollins said that he is aware of two and staff is working with the property owners to resolve.

(Debra Pence, Museum Division Manager)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the FY09 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant application for the Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum, and Historic Park, in the total amount of \$100,000; to sign the letter of financial support, and to sign the letter confirming willingness to convey a perpetual preservation easement. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **Office of the Sheriff** (*Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Mgr.*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the State Aid for Police Protection, Actual Expenditures for FY07 (Form 1) and the Estimated Expenditures for FY08 (Form 2), of the St. Marys County Police Protection Report. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Dept. of Public Safety** (*Dave Zylak, Director; Michelle Lilly, Mgr., Emergency Mgmt. Div.*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland Department of the Environment and the St. Marys County Local Emergency Planning Committee and to sign the related Budget Amendment, in the amount of \$1,100, reducing the project budget in accordance with the actual agreement/award. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Commission Appointment** (*John Savich, Co. Administrator*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to appoint Marie Robinson to the Commission for People with Disabilities, as the Center for Independent Living representative; Term to Expire 12/31/2010. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **County Administrator** (*John Savich, Co. Administrator*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to adopt building names as recommended by staff; i.e., naming the new County meeting room the Chesapeake Building, the current main campus building the Potomac Building, and the annex building the Patuxent Building, and that we continue, as the development of this campus takes place, to consider names of bodies of water within St. Marys County as names for future buildings. Motion carried 3-2 (Commissioners Jarboe and Dement voted no). Commissioner Jarboe recommended naming the buildings after prominent St. Marys County individuals to make the names unique, traditional, and historic to St. Marys County, and also suggested forming a nominating committee.

The names of the Garvey Building, Carter Building, and Public Safety Building will remain the same.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel, specifically an

employment contract, and Real Property, specifically the acquisition of property for future FDR Blvd, and the Lexington Manor Redevelopment project. Motion carried 5-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Sabrina Hecht, Chief of Staff
June Robrecht, Deputy HR Director
Betty Jean Pasko, Recorder

Time Held: 10:05 am 10:15 am
Subject Discussed: Employment Contract

Real Property Acquisition

Present: Commissioner Francis Jack Russell, President
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Christy Chesser, County Attorney
Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager
George Erichsen, Director, DPW&T
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11
Time Held: 10:16 am - 10:25 am
Subject Discussed: Property Acquisition for future FDR Blvd.

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Robert Schaller, Director, Economic and Community Development
Robin Finnacom, CEO, CDC
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11

Time Held: 10:26 am 10:58 am

Subject Discussed: Lexington Manor Redevelopment Project

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND (CSM): STATE OF THE COLLEGE REPORT

Present: Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President CSM
Mr. James Raley, Chairman of the Board, CSM

Dr. Gottfried presented the annual State of the College report that included State and County statistics for community college enrollment, student goals and characteristics, and community college initiatives and programs.

The College of Southern Marylands (CSM) vision includes contributing to the quality of life by helping St. Marys County grow and prosper through instruction/programs, student support, addressing student/employer needs, and by offering different education modalities. Emphasis was placed on partnerships; e.g., with the Patuxent River Naval Air Station (technical) and the St. Marys Hospital (nursing). In 2007, there were nearly 23,000 St. Marys County credit and continuing education enrollments with over 2,100 at the Leonardtown campus. New academic programs, initiatives, and non-credit programs were reviewed.

Dr. Gottfried summed-up the state of the college as very good.

The following items were presented as concerns: funding/keeping tuition affordable; safety/security of students and employees, and lack of campus parking. Commissioner President Russell requested that providing a defensive driving course remain as a priority. Commissioner Mattingly requested an update regarding safety issues.

The following safety enhancements were discussed:

- Blue light panic buttons installed in the Leonardtown campus parking lot.
- Students and staff can register for ECampus emergency email notifications.
- New procedures and training have been put into place, including evacuation routes, and training to recognize and address potential problems. On any given day, one or two students may be under protection via a domestic violence protective order.

The following items remain pending due to lack of funds: installation of a siren system (\$40,000), a mass notification system, and inside door locks. Mr. Savich will schedule discussion of security requests on a later agenda.

MOTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, as a result of going into Executive Session, that the County Attorney prepare Contracts of Sale for right-of-way acquisitions for the FDR Boulevard Project and to proceed to settlement under the Terms and Conditions of those contracts. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and personal interest items.

LUNCH AND MEETING WITH COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND (CSM) BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CSM Participants: Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President; F.J. Talley, VP, Leonardtown Campus

Board of Trustees: James Raley, Chairman, Board of Trustees; Mac Jones, Trustee;
Mary Krug, Trustee; Janice Walthour, Trustee; Dorothea Smith, Trustee.

The Commissioners left the Governmental Center for lunch at the CSM, Leonardtown Campus. Following lunch the Commissioners met with members of the CSM Board of Trustees. Discussion topics included an overview of the CSMs strategic directions for St. Marys County and the role and vision of the Board of County Commissioners. The meeting was followed by a tour of the Leonardtown campus. The Commissioners returned to the Governmental Center at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ST. MARYS COLLEGE: PRESENT PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR AMPHITHEATER AND DISCUSS CAPITAL DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present: Torre Meringolo, VP for Development
Chip Jackson, Associate VP of Planning & Facilities
Barbara Bershon, Director of Arts Outreach
David Deaderick, Director of Sponsored Research
Jeffrey Silberchlag, Music Director, River Concert Series

Joined by Mr. Silberchlag, Mr. Meringolo and Mr. Jackson presented an overview and design concept drawings of the St. Marys College Amphitheater.

The proposed amphitheater:

- Targeted for completion by 2010 and will cost just under two million.
- Will be located between Montgomery Hall, Schaffer Hall, and the Athletic Recreation Center.
- Will be used for the River Concert Series. This year marks the 10th season for the River Concert Series, which is attended by 30 35,000 people per year. The first concert for this year is scheduled for June 13th.

Acknowledging the importance of community involvement, the presenters discussed establishing a Capital Design Advisory Committee. The committee is slated to be comprised of community, college, St. Marys City, and church representatives. The

committee will work with the Historic St. Marys City Commission to hold open forums. First meeting will be about the committee itself and may be held at the Ridge Firehouse in about six to eight weeks. Commissioner Mattingly suggested holding a live broadcast meeting at the Governmental Center and/or have meetings video-taped and aired on Channel 95. Mr. Torre Meringolo can be contacted via email at SMeringolo@SMCM.edu.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Present: Colin Keohan, Deputy County Attorney

Mr. Keohan provided a briefing on the status of the Boards St. Marys County 2008 Legislative Package as follows:

	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Title</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Hearing Date/Time</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	HB 212/ SB 258 Bond Bill	Creation of State Debt Pathways Facility Renovation	Appropriations		First Reading
2	HB 261	Deputy Sheriffs Repeal of Residency Requirement	Environmental Matters	March 5, 2008 1:00 pm	First Reading
3	HB 329/ SB 323 Bond Bill	Creation of a State Debt Tudor Hall	Appropriations		First Reading
4	HB 330	Assistant Sheriff	Environmental Matters	March 5, 2008 1:00 pm	First Reading
5	HB 331	Alcoholic Beverages Maximum Fine for Sales Violations	Economic Matters	Feb. 18, 2008 1:00 pm	First Reading
6	HB 401	Alcoholic Beverages Wineries	Economic Matters	Feb. 18, 2008 1:00 pm	First Reading
7	HB 402	Transfer Tax Termination Provisions	Ways and Means	Heard Feb. 12, 2008 11:00 am (attended by Elaine Kramer)	Favorable Report by Ways and Means
8	HB 445	Property Tax Credits Land Preservation Easements	Ways and Means	Heard Feb. 12, 2008 11:00 am (attended by	Favorable Report by Ways

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9	HB 446	Admissions and Amusement Tax Exemption for Activities Related to Agricultural Tourism	Ways and Means	Heard Feb. 13, 2008 1:00 pm	First Reading
10	HB 471 Bond Bill	Public Facility Bonds	Appropriations	Heard Feb. 5, 2008 2:00 pm (attended by Elaine Kramer)	Passed House (1351) First Reading Senate
11	HB 816/SB 798	Mobile Home Parks Plans for Dislocated Residents	Environmental Matters	Feb. 28, 2008 1:00 p.m.(1)	First Reading
12	HB 864	Loans Purchase of New Emergency Equipment	Environmental Matters		First Reading

(1) Two other Bills being introduced that track this legislation.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to adjourn.
Motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coordinator