

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
CHESEAPEAKE BUILDING  
Tuesday, August 25, 2009**

**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  
BJ Pasko and Donna Gebicke (Recorders)

**WELCOME HOME CEREMONY**

Prior to the opening of the business meeting, the Commissioners participated in a ceremony at the flagpole in front of the Potomac Building to welcome home U.S. Navy reservist and 18-year member of the Sheriff's Office, Lt. Christopher Medved, who recently returned from a lengthy deployment in Iraq.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the addition of an Executive Session to today's agenda for the purpose of discussing real property acquisition related to FDR Boulevard. Motion carried 4-1.** (Commissioner Jarboe voted no.)

Commissioner Mattingly briefly stepped out of the meeting at 9:07 AM.

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register for checks dated August 25, 2009, as submitted by staff. Motion carried 4-0.** (Commissioner Mattingly was absent for the vote).

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, August 18, 2009, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.** (Commissioner Mattingly was absent for the vote).

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

- Charles Johnson, Department of Land Use and Growth Management, received a proclamation in recognition of his retirement after 22 years of service.
- Members of the Commission for Women received a proclamation acknowledging August 25, 2009 as the 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Equality Day.

## **ST. MARY'S COUNTY JURISDICTIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Present: Dr. Michael Somers, EMS Medical Director  
Dave Zylak, Director, Dept. of Public Safety

Dr. Somers provided an overview of accomplishments and goals, working with the Dept. of Public Safety and the St. Mary's County Health Dept., during the first year of his contract as the Jurisdictional Medical Director for St. Mary's County.

## **COMMENDATIONS:**

St. Mary's County American Little League 12 and Under Girls Softball Team and coaches each received commendations and congratulations for winning the 2009 Maryland State Championship.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agenda for September 1, 2009. There will be no meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on September 8, 2009.

Mr. Savich announced that as a partial measure to respond to significant budget cuts at the state level, he has imposed a hiring freeze for St. Mary's County Government vacancies to help reduce costs. Deputy Sheriffs, Correctional Officers and Emergency 911 Communications Specialists are exempt from the freeze. A reduction of approximately \$250 million in state funding to local governments is expected to be announced by the Governor. A budget work session is anticipated for mid-September to discuss how to deal with the state cuts.

**2. St. Mary's County Health Department**

*(William B. Icenhower, M.D., M.P.H.; Health Officer; Joyce Sapp, Fiscal Officer)*

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the document confirming the local St. Mary's County Budget for mosquito control. Motion carried 5-0.**

**3. Office on Aging** *(Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor; Rebecca Kessler, Manager, Home and Community Services)*

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Grant Application Renewal and Management Plan for the Ripple Center from the Maryland State Department of Education Child and Adult Care Food Program on behalf of the Department of Aging in the amount of \$35,000 to provide partial reimbursement for the cost of meals served to the participants in the St. Mary's County Medical Adult Day Services and Senior Center Plus programs. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Medicaid Waiver Grant Application, Project #US1062, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging in the amount of \$126,085 to provide local administration of Medicaid Waiver for Older Adults during Fiscal Year 2010. Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Department of Human Services**

*(Bennett Connelly, Director; Julie Ohman, Mental Health Coordinator)*

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY2010 Five-County Crownsville Project Agreement #MH 448 OTH, Project #'s MD1092 and OT1089, and the Human Services Contract Proposal Form from the Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Human Services for jail mental health services and related administrative costs in the amount of \$78,222, and to sign the related budget amendment to decrease the project budget by \$3,000. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY2010 Core Services Agency (CSA) MOU Services/Administrative Funds Grant Modification #1, Project #'s MD 1081 through MD1087 and project #MD1090 from the Mental Health Hygiene Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Human Services for CSA Administration costs and community mental health services in the amount of \$888,622 and the related budget amendment to decrease the budget for project #MD1090 by \$12,802. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Department of Economic and Community Development** (*Bob Schaller, Director, DECD; Rebecca Deprey, Tourism; DECD; Phil Rollins, Dir., Recreation & Parks*)

**Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Water Trails Adventures in St. Mary's County, Maryland, Grant Application from the So. MD Heritage Area Consortium on behalf of the Dept. of Economic and Community Development's Tourism Division in the amount of \$1,000 for the creation and publication of the Water Trails Adventures brochure. Motion carried 5-0.**

**FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (FVCC) ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Dr. Kathleen O'Brien, Chairperson  
Ella May Russell, Council Member

Council activities and accomplishments over the past year were reviewed, including the development of an FVCC oversight flowchart, a coordinated community response protocol, multi-disciplinary case review teams, interagency cross-training, and an interagency data collection and management information system.

**MD STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (SHA): UPDATE ON MD 4 - THOMAS JOHNSON BRIDGE STUDY**

Present: Russell Anderson, SHA Project Manager  
Mike Rothenheber, VP, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT)  
Alexis Zimmerer, Environmental Manager, JMT  
Sarah Fowler, SHA  
Zane Rettstatt, DPW&T Project Engineer

An update of the MD 4 - Thomas Johnson Bridge Planning Study was provided. The project extends from the MD 235 intersection in St. Mary's County to the intersection of MD 2/MD 5 and Patuxent Point Parkway in Calvert County. The update included project background and need, a review of alternative construction options, and a discussion of short-term "breakout" projects.

SHA presentations and public meetings will continue to provide citizens and the Commissioners the opportunity to provide input and remain informed on the project. A location/design public hearing is anticipated for the winter of 2009-10. Actual location/design approval is expected during winter 2010-11.

**COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events and those attended over the past week as well as personal interest items.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real property acquisition related to FDR Blvd. Motion carried 4-1. (Commissioner Jarboe voted no.)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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  
George Erichsen, Dir., Dept. of Public Works & Transportation  
Liz Passarelli, Real Property Manager  
Robin Finnacom, Dir., Community Development Corporation  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11  
Time Held: 12:10 p.m. – 12:48 p.m.  
Subject Discussed: Potential property acquisition related to FDR Blvd. project.

**MOTION IN OPEN SESSION**

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to direct staff to proceed as discussed in Executive Session on matters related to property acquisition. Motion carried 4-1. (Commissioner Jarboe voted no.)**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:51.**

**VISIT COUNTY STAFF**

Following adjournment, the Commissioners visited staff at the Potomac Building, Office on Aging, and Emergency Communications Center.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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B.J. Pasko, Sr. Admin. Coord. (Recorder) Donna Gebicke, Admin. Asst. (Recorder)