

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
Monday, October 29, 2007 cont'd**

**2008 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

**Present: Colin Koehan, Deputy County Attorney**

**The Commissioners presented their positions relative to each of the 2007 Legislative Proposals, presented at the Joint Public Meeting on October 23, 2007, as follows:**

No.	Submitter and Proposal	BOCC Position			Comments
		Support	Oppose	No Position	
1	<p><i>David Lowe</i></p> <p>To require promoters of outdoor musical festivals in St. Mary's County to: obtain a license for the event if more than 500 spectators are expected to attend; provide adequate security for those persons who might reasonably be affected by the festival and for their property; post a cash bond with the application for a health permit and pledge a cash bond instead of real or personal property.</p>		<p>Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell</p>		<p>BOCC does not support as drafted, but open to a proposal that ties these stronger requirements with the serving of alcohol, non-alcohol events would continue to be exempt. But Mattingly concerned that non-profits' fundraising events would be adversely affected due to cost of bonding; also, liquor standards should be the same for county/state/private organizations. Need Dept. of Land Use &amp; Growth Management's input re permitting process.</p>
2	<p><i>Linda Vallandingham &amp; Robert Jarboe</i></p> <p>To repeal the legislation creating the Metropolitan Commission for St. Mary's County and, if necessary, to authorize St. Mary's County to create, within county government, a Sanitation Department.</p>		<p>Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell</p>		<p>Dement: needs more study</p> <p>Jarboe/Raley/Mattingly: needs public accountability processes; e.g., more public forums to allow for appeals and opportunity for citizens to bring their concerns forward for resolution by MetCom.</p> <p>Raley: not this year, but may consider for next year if public meeting process and proper coordination with CIP is not implemented by METCOM</p> <p>Mattingly: prudent to meet more often with MetCom to resolve issues that the community is bringing to us.</p>

3	<i>Mary Wood</i> To exempt agri-tourism or agricultural operations in St. Mary's County from the "Amusement Tax."	Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell			Raley: The term "agri-tourism" needs to be defined.
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5	<p><i>Justice &amp; Advocacy Council</i></p> <p>To require the owner of a mobile home park to give the County, Housing Authority, and a tenant organization an opportunity to buy mobile home park before it is sold</p>	*Jarboe	Dement Mattingly Raley Russell		<p>BOCC recommends a possible joining of this proposal with #16.</p> <p>Raley/Mattingly: County should be removed from list of potential buyers, needs adjustment in amount of reimbursement and relocation expenses that would be required by property owners who are displacing residents, and reasonable time certain specified for right of first refusal.</p> <p>*Jarboe: support of general intent, but needs to be combined with #6 to come up with a good balance between the two proposals</p>
6	<p><i>St. Mary's County Historical Society</i></p> <p>Bond Bill in the amount of \$75,000 to repair, improve and upgrade the condition of historic Tudor Hall.</p>	Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell			
7	<p><i>Pathways, Inc.</i></p> <p>Bond Bill in the amount of \$500,000 to improve service delivery and accessibility of mental health services offered at Pathways, Inc.</p>	Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell			<p>Mattingly/Raley: The amount requested may be too high, should be adjusted to reflect a lesser amount.</p>
8	<p><i>Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County Maryland</i></p> <p>Increase fine for alcoholic beverage sales violations from \$500 to \$1,000.</p>	Dement Jarboe Mattingly Raley Russell			<p>Raley: gives the board more latitude with enforcement</p>

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