

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 1995

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Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 30, 1995. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) **Length of Service Awards Program
Volunteer Fire/Rescue Personnel**

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated April 4 with attached annual listing of qualified participants in the Length of Service Awards Program for each fire department, rescue squad and the Advance Life Support Unit for the Commissioners' approval. Mr. Cox explained that the Commissioners on July 1, 1980 established a LOS Award Program, which requires the Commissioners' certification. Once the listings are approved by the Commissioners, they are posted at each department and squad for 30 days.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to approve and sign the annual listing as presented.

2) **Grants**

The County Administrator presented the following grants for the Commissioners' review and consideration:

Chesapeake Bay Trust

Grant Award in the amount of \$734 to the St. Mary's Alliance for Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention for materials for a Bay crafts education program for participants in the Youth Fishing Derby and for the Freedom Fest community fair.

Grant Application in the amount of \$1,000 to fund a field trip to the Calvert Marine Museum as an element of the summer fun camps.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Notification of Grant Award and the Grant Application as presented. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department
Child Support Enforcement

Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for Fiscal Year 1996 in the total amount of \$155,389; required local match - \$52,985. The grant provides funding for two deputy sheriffs, one child support program assistant, and reimbursement for one part-time fiscal/program supervisor.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Education

Correspondence dated March 30 requesting the inclusion of two grant awards totaling \$51,760 (School Health Readiness - \$40,580; and Services for Deaf/Blind Children and Youth - \$11,180) in Fiscal Year 1995.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

Housing Authority

Rental Allowance Program Local Program Application in the amount of \$53,210 for Fiscal Year 1995

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Program Application as presented. Motion carried.

Job Training Partnership Act Program

Notification of grant agreements signed by County Administrator on March 29, 1995
Summer Youth Program - \$350,170 (10/1/95 to 9/30/96)
Modification of Summer Youth Program 1994 - \$400,737
Modification of JTPA Incentive - 1993 - \$32,162

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to endorse the County Administrator's signing of the Notification of Grant Award Agreements as presented. Motion carried.

Waterway Improvement Grant Applications

In the amount of \$4,232 to provide sanitary facilities at the various landing and wharf locations throughout the County.

In the amount of \$4,500 for refuse collection at various locations throughout the County.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Waterway Improvement Grant Applications as presented. Motion carried.

Homeless Prevention Program Grant Application

Application in the amount of \$17,600 each year for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Grant Application as presented. Motion carried.

3) **Public Works Agreement
Johnson Farm Estates, Section One**

On behalf of the Director of Public Works, the County Administrator presented a Public Works Agreement between Maryland Bank and Trust Company and the Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County guaranteeing completion of Mount Sterling Court. The Agreement is backed by a Letter of Credit with Maryland Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$331,500.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Public Works Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

4) **Response Letter
Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

The County Administrator presented correspondence responding to March 20 correspondence from Vernon Gray, Alliance of Concerned Taxpayers regarding a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The return letter explained the appointment process when establishing the committee and that Mr. Gray was welcome to get a ruling from the Ethics Commission.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to sign and forward the letter as presented. Motion carried.

5) **Tri-County Council
Fiscal Year 1996 Budget Request**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Tri-County Council stating that the Commissioners are unwilling to budget \$16,667 in Fiscal Year 1996 for the Strategy for Regional Action for Southern Maryland until they understand more fully the purpose and objective of the program.

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to sign and forward the letter as presented. Motion carried.

6) **No. 95-15
Naval Air Station and Consolidation Plans**

In preparation for the meeting with Captain Elmer Standridge this afternoon, the County Administrator presented a Resolution relative to the consolidation plans for the Naval Air Station.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to approve and sign Resolution No. 95-15 as presented. Motion carried.

7) **Budget Amendments**

The County Administrator presented the following budget amendments recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with justifications as indicated:

**No. 95-32
Public Works**

Justification: To provide funding for hook up of St. Mary's Press building to Metropolitan Commission sewer (\$5,200)

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

No. 95-33

State's Attorney

Justification: To provide funding for Special Prosecutor and a temporary receptionist for the El Toro trial (\$6,000)

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

8) Certification for Cooperative Local-State Library Aid Programs

The County Administrator presented the referenced Certification for Cooperative Local-State Library Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 1995 (County's Share - \$821,623; State's Share - \$303,002)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to approve and authorize Commissioner Thompson to sign the Certification as presented. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS MONTH - CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating the month of April as Dollars for Scholars Month.

CAMP MERRYELANDE

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT

Present: Michael Evans, Camp Merryelande
Jon Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning
Steve King, Deputy Director, MetComm

Mr. Evans appeared before the Commissioners to request consideration for an additional Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) for Camp Merryelande. He stated that he has received nine EDU's but his request had been for ten and advised that the tenth unit had been destroyed by fire in 1988. He further pointed out that correspondence from the Department of Assessment and Taxation indicated he had been paying taxes on that structure until 1993.

Mr. Grimm explained the history of the EDU allocation for the property stating that the camp (a non-conforming use) was in the Critical Area with an RCA overlay, and that the density at the camp does not comply with the RCA density; however, the units were grandfathered in and allowed to continue. With regard to the burned unit, Mr. Grimm stated that the Zoning Ordinance requires that if a building is destroyed and not replaced within one year that the non-conforming use ceases to exist. The Department of Planning and Zoning determined in 1993 that burned unit lost its non-conforming status.

Commissioner Eagan pointed out that Mr. Evans had tried to rebuild the structure but was unable to because of a failing septic system and could not do it within the one-year time frame because the Health Department would not allow it. He would have been able to had the public sewer line been there. Mr. Evans explained that he had tried to get the Health Department to install a mound system, but because of the low water table in the area, he was not allowed to have that system.

During discussion of possible solutions to address the additional EDU request, Mr. Grimm suggested it may be able to be done through growth allocation in the critical area. He pointed out, however, that the Critical Area Commission may require the full 25 acres to be deducted from the county's allocation. Commissioner Jarboe inquired whether this property could be included in the previous individual rezoning requests in order to resolve the matter. Mr. Grimm indicated that could be a possibility.

Mr. King pointed out that if the Commissioners approve the additional EDU, an amendment to Resolution No. 94-01 would be needed, and the request would also have to be submitted to the St. George Island Improvement Association for concurrence. County Administrator Cox indicated that the Commissioners are the final approving authority for the allocation of EDU's

In conclusion the Commissioners directed the Department of Planning and Zoning to put together a packet of information on the history of this case as well as providing information relative to using growth allocation for the property.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT PLAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Present: Jerry Colvin, Chair
Edward V. Cox
Charles Wade

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Sheriff's Department Retirement Plan. Mr. Colvin reviewed the Board's purpose, significant activities, and plans for the current year. Included in the report were charts indicating the pension fund portfolio valuation and yield.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' office.

ENHANCED 911 UNIFORM ADDRESSING SYSTEM TASK FORCE

Present: Connie Johnson, Addressing Technician
Betty Johnson "
Mary Pat Pope, Administrative Officer
Jeff Jackman, DPZ
Mary Duke, Task Force Member

Road Name Changes

As a follow up to the February 21 public hearing, the Commissioners made the following decisions on the renaming of roads:

Briscoe Manor Road in Scotland

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **St. Gabriel's Manor Way**

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Brown Drive (County Road #30025) in Golden Beach

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Cross Wood Drive** because it is an extension of Cross Woods Drive

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Burnt Mill Court in Richneck Subdivision

Task Force Recommendation: To delete from Official Road Name List because the road has not yet been built.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Chaptico Wharf Road (County Road #30093) off of Maddox Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Old Chaptico Wharf Road**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Compton Road (MD Rte 243)

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Newtowne Neck Road**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Daniels Lane off St. John's Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Old Hickory Hills Lane**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Dean Court and Montiego Road in Holly Gaf

Task Force Recommendation: To rename Dean Court to **West Montiego Road** and Montiego Road to **East Montiego Road**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Dynard-Hurry Road (County Road #30520) off Colton Point Road

Hurry-Chaptico Road (County Road #30091)

Hurry Road (County Road #30089) off Budds Creek Road (MD Rte 234)

Task Force Recommendation: To combine #30520 and #30091 and rename to **Hurry Road**; Rename #30089 to **Horse Shoe Road**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

East Snow Hill Drive in the East Snow Hill Subdivision

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Snow Hill Way**

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Essex Drive (County Road #30344) off Great Mills Road

Essex Drive South off Great Mills Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename Essex Drive to **North Essex Drive** and rename Essex Drive South to **South Essex Drive**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Friendship School Road (County Road #30081)
Parsons Mill Road (County Road #30518)

Task Force Recommendation: That both road names remain, but that Maypole Road become the intersection point instead of Jones Road.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Glen Circle in Breton Bay

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Meadow Drive (from Meadow Drive to Potomac View Drive)** because it is an extension of Meadow Drive; rename portion of Glen Circle from Meadow Drive to cul-de-sac to **Meadow Lane**.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Gunnells Way in Valli View Estates

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Friends Court**

Commissioner Chessser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Kuhn Road (County Road #30242) off Medley's Neck Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Hampton Road**

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Mayflower Court (County Road #31030) in Cedar Cove

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Mayflower Drive** because it is an extension of Mayflower Drive.

Commissioner Chessser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Miller Lane off Old Rolling Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Woodside Way**

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Nor Way in Lockes Hill Forest

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Lockes Forest Lane**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Norris Drive (County Road #30448) in Barefoot Acres

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Torino Drive**

Commissioner Chessser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Pine Road (County Road #30263) in Town Creek

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Old Pine Road**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion failed two to three with Commissioners Eagan, Thompson, and Chesser voting against.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, that the name remain Pine Road as requested by the property owners and to take the renaming of Pine Court to public hearing. Motion carried three to two with Commissioners Brugman and Jarboe voting against.

Piney Point Shores Road (County Road #30018) off MD Rte 249

Task Force Recommendation: To remain as **Piney Point Shores Road**

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to rename the road St. George's Avenue as petitioned. Motion carried.

Randolph Road in Patuxent Park

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Louden Lane**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Rhodie Combs Road off Indian Bridge Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Onion Fields Lane**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Richardson Road (County Road #30244) off White Point Road

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **Riverwinds Drive**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

River Drive (County Road #30875) in Town Creek off East Sunrise Drive (currently signed as Rolling Road)

River Hill Road (County Road #30876)

Task Force Recommendation: To rename #30875 to **River Hill Road**; to rename #30876 to **River Hill Court**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

South River Road (County Road #30309) in Tall Timbers

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to **River Shore Drive**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

St. Jerome's Thicket off St. Jeromes Neck Road

Task Force Recommendation: To delete private road name from Official Road Name List.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

St. Margarets Drive in Medleys Neck

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Medleys Neck Lane

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chessser, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Tippetty Wichety Lane in St. Mary's City

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Freehold Drive

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried four to one with Commissioner Chessser voting against.

Waterview Court (County Road #30803) off Whitaker Road in St. Inigoes

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Whitaker Court

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Watson's Road in Park Hall

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Heron Lane

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

West Holly Road in Town Creek

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Rocky Way

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Wharf Road (County Road #30106) off White's Neck Road (MD Rte 520)

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Foster's Neck Drive

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

White Pine Court (County Road #31053) in the Wilderness Subdivision

Task Force Recommendation: To rename to Shady Pine Court

Commissioner Chessser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

Whitestone Court East in the Landings @ Piney Point
Whitestone Court West in the Landings @ Piney Point
Whitestone Drive

Task Force Recommendation: To combine under one name - **Whitestone Drive**

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

William Drive (County Road #30012) in Golden Beach

Task Force Recommendation: To remain as **William Drive**

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to accept the Task Force's recommendation. Motion carried.

The Task Force advised it would prepare the appropriate Resolution based on the Commissioners' decisions to be presented at a later date.

Proposed Schedule for Uniform Addressing System

Mr. Jackman presented a proposed schedule for the completion of the 911 addressing system in St. Mary's County. The schedule is for the assignment of addresses for existing premises and includes the number of parcels, 75% of parcels, time it will take to complete, the projected dates for completion, and assumptions used in making the calculations. Mr. Jackman explained the process to be used in assigning addresses which includes using tax maps, tax data base, aerial photographs, and post office addressing lists.

Ms. Pope presented correspondence addressed to the Emergency Number Systems Board giving a status report of the county's progress in accomplishing the addressing project and requesting continued funding in Fiscal Year 1996 to allow for the completion of the initial addressing effort. She stated that the Task Force anticipates completion of most of the project by the end of Calendar Year 1995.

After discussion Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to sign and forward the letter as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Perc Tests

Commissioner Eagan advised that she has received a few calls regarding the perc test season being reduced. She stated that she spoke with Mr. Russell, Director, Environmental Health, and he indicated that in order to accomplish the wet month perc tests there was a need for authorization for overtime. Mrs. Eagan further reported that Mr. Russell stated there were available funds in his budget to accommodate the overtime authorization.

After discussion Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to authorize the overtime and to direct the County Administrator to work with the Director of Environmental Health in accomplishing this. Motion carried.

In addition Commissioner Jarboe noted that the Health Department will be using a six-foot table buffer and inquired whether after this season, it will revert back to four feet.

St. Mary's Press Building

Commissioner Brugman inquired about the status of the sale of the St. Mary's Press Building. County Administrator Cox pointed out that the County has a sales agreement which has certain conditions, one of which is an environmental study to determine what is on the property and what needs to be done to eliminate it.

MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Commissioners attended the regular monthly management meeting at the Carter State Office Building Public Meeting Room.

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOLID WASTE PLAN**

Present: Melva Abell, SWAC
Bill Mattingly, "
Ken Hastings "

The referenced representatives of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee presented recommendations for additions/deletions to the Solid Waste Plan. The recommendations are relative to the public and county review process for solid waste management facility permit applications and procedures for amending the solid waste plan and for solid waste facility siting criteria. Ms. Abell referred to the schedule for the public hearing in order to meet the Maryland Department of Environment's deadline for submission of the amended Plan. In addition she presented correspondence addressed to the Commissioners signed by four of the eight members of the Committee requesting a moratorium on the consideration of all new or expanded solid waste facilities.

Ms. Abell advised that there were three minority reports, one each from Dudley Lindsley, Bill Mattingly, and Donnie Hammett.

Areas of discussion included:

- Whether additional review was needed by other departments/agencies
- Definition of expansion of a solid waste facility (what is considered a major change/minor change)
- Description of follow through process after public informational meetings

After discussion the Commissioners requested the following:

- Adequate time to review the minority reports
- Definition as to what does and what does not constitute expansion
- That the County Attorney review the moratorium request

In conclusion the Commissioners agreed to continue discussion of the Solid Waste Plan at their Thursday, April 6 meeting.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION AND COUNTY FLAG

Present: Capt. Elmer Standridge, Commander, NAS

The Board of County Commissioners presented the Resolution adopted by the Board earlier in the meeting regarding the Naval Air Station Consolidation Plan to Capt. Standridge, the new commanding officer of the Naval Air Station. In addition the Commissioners presented Capt. Standridge with a St. Mary's County flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel, as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1. Motion carried.

Nursing Center Board

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 4:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Action: The County Administrator and Director of Finance brought the Commissioners up to date relative to Nursing Center personnel and received direction from the Board.

Employment Contracts

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 4:30 p.m. - 4:42 p.m.

Action: Commissioner Thompson distributed employment contracts which will be discussed by the Commissioners on April 18.

Confidential Correspondence

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 4:42 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.

Action: The Commissioners discussed confidential correspondence and agreed to discuss it further at a later meeting.

7:00 p.m.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Robert Bean, Chair, Emergency Services Committee
Representatives/volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, Advanced Life Support

Mr. Bean appeared before the Commissioners to present the first Annual Report of the Emergency Services Committee. He reviewed the goals, roles, history, and objectives of the Committee; reviewed charts displaying volunteer and county population growth and emergency service volunteers from 1984 - 1994. In conclusion Mr. Bean presented a message formulated by the ESC: The Emergency Services Committee is here to support the Emergency Services Provider Units and to serve the best interest of St. Mary's County Residents.

Commissioner Thompson, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to the volunteers for their time and dedication.

FISCAL YEAR 1996 RECOMMENDED BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Charles Wade, Director of Finance

Mr. Wade distributed a handout summarizing the Fiscal Year 1996 Recommended Budget. The handout included the County's General Fund Budget Dollar (where it will come from; where it will go); source of funds and use of funds (current approved, requested, recommended); expenditure highlights; and capital improvement projects.

In conclusion Mr. Wade advised that the public hearings are scheduled for April 19 (Board of Education) and April 25 (All other spending units).

PUBLIC FORUM

The Commissioners conducted the regularly monthly public forum accepting questions and comments from the audience:

Kathy York - Expressed concern regarding the need for computer technology in the elementary, middle and high schools in the County.

The Commissioners expressed concurrence with the need for computers, but pointed out that the County did not have sufficient funds to provide the computers. Commissioner Thompson noted that the Regional Technology Council has been providing reconditioned computers to the schools. Commissioner Eagan pointed out that the cost over a five-year period for the computer system is \$10M and that if the Board of Education believes it to be a priority and has the funding from what has been allocated, then it should proceed to provide the computer system. Commissioner Brugman indicated that in 1996 there will be an elected school board, and that the decision for a computer system should be that board's decision.

Pam Miller, Suzanne Lawrence, Rosalind Tyler, Lorraine Greenleaf, Dick Myers, Nancy Scott, Christy Henderson, Nancy Breslin, Joan Broderick, Kathy DeLozier

The referenced individuals each expressed concern about the Tri-County Animal Shelter (handling of animals, euthanasia, record keeping, lack of compassion by employees, employees not doing their jobs) and requested the Commissioners to investigate the shelter and to withhold any future funding until the issues have been resolved.

(Commissioner Thompson stated that the Commissioners have discussed the matter with the Commissioners of Charles and Calvert and that Charles County, the managing county, is investigating the issue. County Administrator Cox suggested that the county's representatives on the Regional Shelter Committee be contacted.)

Doug Ritchie - Suggested that the Commissioners listen to the concerns about the shelter.

Mike Schwartz - As a follow up to the concerns he expressed at the March public forum regarding the removal of basketball courts, he advised there was a meeting at Great Mills with the Sheriff's Department, Board of Education and the Alliance. It was determined that in the short term nothing could be done because of the building project, but that the youths have been allowed to use private courts at various subdivisions in the area. In the long term, he pointed out that the other high schools have fenced in basketball courts and Great Mills should have that opportunity in the future.

Robert Thompson - (1) Congratulated Commissioners Eagan, Brugman, and Jarboe for setting the tax rate at \$2.13; (2) Recommended that the Commissioners consider acquiring Myrtle Point with Program Open Space Funds and that no improvements be made until funding situation is improved; (3) Recommended that the Commissioners consider raising the Impact Fee in order to increase the tax base of the County.

Scott Rowan - Pointed out that technology in education is an important issue and referred to data generated out of the Maryland Higher Education Commission indicating that 33% of those high school students choosing to continue their education chose to go to a four-year college (Calvert - 26%; Charles - 22%) (Commissioner Eagan stated she recognized the importance of computers to be used as a tool to enhance education)

Jane Sypher (Recreation and Parks Board/Myrtle Point Task Force) - As a follow up to Robert Thompson's comments on Myrtle Point, she pointed out that short term improvements (installation of entrance gate, parking area, picnic tables, hiking trails) will cost approximately \$10,000.

Jay Hanks - Inquired whether there will be a public hearing on Myrtle Point (Commissioner Thompson indicated there would be)

Minnie Russell - Referred to the presentation made to the Commissioners on March 28 by Mobile Dredging and Pumping (Mike Realo) and that the presentation has raised several questions, particularly regarding inspections. She stated that Commissioner Chesser had requested to meet with him to respond to questions he had and she would like to present her questions at that time. Commissioner Chesser agreed to let Mrs. Russell know when he would be meeting with Mr. Realo.

Ken Hastings (as a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee speaking for himself) Expressed concern regarding the presentation made by the Task Force earlier in the day particularly with regard to the minority reports. He stated that the issue was not about public participation or siting criteria, but about whether there should be siting criteria and public participation in the application process--"whether to do anything or stay where we are."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 4/11/95**
Judith B. Dordick
Recording Secretary