

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**THURSDAY, May 18, 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 1:35 p.m.

**HANOVER RUN (MYRTLE POINT) PROPERTY**

Present: Aleck Loker, Director, DECD

As a follow up to previous presentations and discussions Mr. Loker appeared before the Commissioners to address the issue of the Myrtle Point Property, and he, therefore, distributed a *Report on Myrtle Point from an Economic Development Perspective*. Mr. Loker reviewed the report which included discussion of the value of the property; Likely Selling Price; Legal Complications; Best Use of Property; Compromise Possibilities; and Need for Park at Myrtle Point.

During presentation of the Report, Mr. Loker highlighted his conclusions which included concern that if the county acquired the 200-acre parcel, it could be exposed to lengthy and expensive litigation; adequate laws and regulations were in place to protect the shoreline; that proponents of the park have not substantiated the need for acquisition of waterfront property; and that Myrtle Point would return more value to the County as the Planned Development than as a park.

At the conclusion of the report, Mr. Loker stated it was his recommendation that the County take no part in the sale of Myrtle Point by RTC. If public access is desired, that should be accomplished by negotiations with the purchaser brings forward development plans.

During discussion the Commissioners raised the following points relative to the development of a PUD rather than county purchase of the property.

- compatibility of development with public access to recreational area and waterfront
- impact on property values with public recreational areas
- likelihood that developer could withstand planning review process which includes public participation
- potential components of the project (recreational area, conference center, golf course)

In conclusion the Commissioners thanked Mr. Loker for his presentation.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
MATRIX OF SERVICES DISCUSSION**

Present: Marilyn Beach, Chair  
Sam Bauman  
Karen Christie  
Patricia Bolds

As requested by the Commissioners, the referenced members of the Community Services Coordination Committee appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Matrix of Services - Social Welfare Study. The matrix listed the agency names, services provided, and the role each agency plays in providing services. Mr. Bauman noted that the study was done to determine if there were duplications of services or overlaps.

During discussion of the matrix the following issues were discussed:

- That the provision of transportation services was a priority and that the issue was being studied by the Committee along with assistance from the Office on Aging which is conducting a study of its transportation system. (The Commissioners mentioned the possibility of a block grant for transportation services that could be used by all agencies.
- That agencies deal with the "whole" person, even though he/she may have multiple problems and those services are provided by other agencies.
- That funding is provided to agencies for specific programs or purposes.

In conclusion Mr. Bauman advised that the matrix will be updated and a narrative developed which will be presented to the Commissioners upon its completion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Board of  
County Commissioners on 5/23/95

*Judith A. Spalding*  
Recorder