

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
April 13, 1999**

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to accept the agenda as amended (to add executive session on Litigation; to cancel Sheriff's quarterly report; and to move Commendations for Sheriff's Department to 2 p.m.). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the check register, as presented. Motion carried.

(Bills questioned during discussion included convention for Alliance (request for additional information); ad for Economic and Business Development (Commissioners would like to see ad); and street cleaner purchase (necessity of purchase).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 1999 as corrected. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Planning and Zoning portion (Esperanza Commercial Park public hearing) . Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, April 6, 1999 as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of Personnel (Boards and Committees), as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a). Motion carried.

(Commissioner Guazzo entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

Personnel (Boards and Committees)

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Delores Lacey, Appointments Secretary (left session at 10:55 a.m.)
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 10:25 a.m. – 11:51 a.m.
(Continued 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

Action Taken: The Commissioners reviewed current status sheets, made nominations, and gave direction to staff.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

In recognition of National Library Week, the Commissioners attended "Lunch at the Library" at the Leonardtown Library.

BELL ATLANTIC BRIEFING

Present: Carl Smith, Area Manager, External Affairs
Harry Hall, Facilities Engineer
Bill Williams, Site Manager - Switching
Frank Wathen, Supervisor for Installation and Maintenance
Steve Putnam, Corporate Accounts Manager BA Federal Systems

The referenced representatives of Bell Atlantic appeared before the Board to provide a briefing of the activities and services of Bell Atlantic in St. Mary's County. Areas included in the presentation were: merger with GTE and proposed merger with Ninex; quest to get into long distance services (which must meet the State's 14 requirements and then be approved by FCC); ability to choose local long distance services on May 7 (Commissioner Randall requested costs comparisons); in process of installation of new equipment in Lexington Park; 911 services; that Bell Atlantic will be interfacing with MCI and the County in getting the 911 facility set up; and that Bell Atlantic is on track for Y2K.

PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS

The Board of County Commissioners presented the following Proclamations:

- ❖ National Infant Immunization Week
- ❖ National Fair Housing Month
- ❖ 1999 Maryland Chief's Challenge (Sheriff's Department)

The Board of County Commissioners presented Commendations to:

Correctional Officer of the Year - Bryon L. Hall
Deputy of the Year - Michael Gray

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator

- Draft Agendas for April 20, 1999 and April 27, 1999
- 1. **Budget Amendment No. 99-32 - County Administrator/County Commissioners**
(funds for preparation of plat for disposition of property adjacent to Clements Landfill - \$200)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment #99-32 as presented. Motion carried.

- 2. **Department of Agriculture - Mosquito Control Budget**
(county's share \$32,330)

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Mosquito Control Budget as presented. Motion carried.

3. **Grant Documents**
 a. **Emergency Shelter Grant Program**

Also Present: Dennis Nicholson, Director, Housing Authority

(three applications: Three Oaks; Angel's Watch; and DSS (there is a political subdivision limit of up to \$60,000 and these projects total \$90,000))

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Applications. Motion carried.

b. **Walden/Sierra**

Also Present: Kathy O'Brien, Director, Walden/Sierra

Rape Crisis (State Funding: \$15,496; County Funding: \$1,648)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Grant Application. Motion carried.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Present: Becky Stevens, Executive Director
 Linda Reeves, Technic/Training Director
 Lisa Luke-Ballow, LOCATE Director
 Connie Hoyack, President, Board of Directors

The referenced individuals appeared before the Board to provide a briefing on the purpose of the Resource Center, and its services to the tri-county area. The Center, which has been in full operation since December, provides parents with referral services and assistance in locating child care; provides training, technical assistance, and behavior management consulting to child care providers; and maintains a resource library with a wide variety of child care and child development related materials.

Areas of discussion included initial State grant in the amount of \$232,235 with a two-year renewal; significant increases in the number of referral requests (from 25 in December to 240 in March); costs for establishing a child care facility; licensing requirements; child care providers for children with physical disabilities; and the need for more infant care facilities in the area.

**OFFICE ON AGING
 MEDICAL ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES**

Present: Gene Carter, Director
 Jill Knott, Director, Adult Day Care

Mr. Carter and Ms. Knott appeared before the Board to present and review the Grant Application Renewal for the St. Mary's County Medical Adult Day Care Services for Fiscal Year 2000. The application, to be submitted to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, is in the amount of \$83,591; (\$22,971 is the local match from the County.) The Program provides medical day care for individuals in danger of institutionalization, and he/she must meet income and health criteria.

After discussion Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Application as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Regional Community College Legislation

Commissioner Mattingly expressed appreciation to the Southern Maryland Legislative Delegation for support of the Regional College bill. Commissioner Raley indicated that his fellow commissioners deserved public recognition in the role they played in getting the bill through in this year's session.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Public Meeting

For the public's information Commissioner Guazzo read the Notice of the April 22 public informational meeting being conducted by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on the Mill Run Plaza & Commercial Park Development. The Commissioners requested that the notice be scrolled on Channel 12 and that it be video taped for showing on Channel 12.

Maryland Route 235 Widening Project – MetCom's Facilities

Commissioner Raley referred to the March 31 letter from the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding cost responsibility for relocation of MetCom's facilities along Route 235. He inquired as to how this would be handled. The Commissioners requested that it be added to the County Administrator's time next week (April 20).

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Property Acquisition, Litigation, and continuation of Boards and Committees, as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11, Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8, and Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1, respectively. Motion carried.

Litigation

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer Smedley, County Administrator
Mary O'Brien, Risk Manager
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8

Time Held: 4:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.

Action Taken: The Risk Manager briefed the Board on a matter of litigation and the Commissioners agreed to take action in open session.

Property Acquisition

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer Smedley, County Administrator
George Erichsen, Director, DPW (attended from 4:50 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

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

Time Held: 4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed property acquisition issues, came to a consensus on one issue, and agreed to take action in open session on the other.

Follow Up to Executive Sessions

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the temporary and permanent easement agreements for construction, grading, and drainage work for Indian Bridge Road. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Property Damage Release with regard to the traffic accident involving a county vehicle.

Personnel (Boards and Committees)

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Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer Smedley, County Administrator

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

Time Held: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Action Taken: Commissioners continued review of Boards and Committees and gave direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the
Board of County Commissioners on 4/20/99
Judith A. Spalding
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder