

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
June 1, 1999**

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
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 10:05 a.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to accept the agenda as amended (to add County Commissioners' time). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

During review of the bills, the Commissioners questioned: payment for dialysis for an inmate at the detention center and requested additional information ; and the procurement process contracting locally for heating.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, May 25, 1999 as corrected. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator

- Draft Agendas for June 15, 1999 and June 22, 1999

1. Budget Amendment

- a. No. 99-40 – Public Works
(surface treatment and slurry seal programs)

Also present: George Erichsen, Director, DPW

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment No. 99-40. Motion carried.

- b. No. 99-41 – Social Services (\$1300)
(Burial expenses)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Budget Amendment No. 99- 99-41. Motion carried.

2. **Department of Public Works Documents**

Present: George Erichsen, Director, DPW

- a) Road Deeds for Seminary Road, Rectory Court, Parrish Court, Chapel Court and Abbey Place located in Persimmon Hills Subdivision, Fifth Election District

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner to sign Road Deeds as presented. Motion carried.

- b) Easement Agreement between County and Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club for the abandonment and construction of turnaround on Camp Brown Road as per the public hearing held on April 20.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Easement Agreement. Motion carried.

- (c) **Speed and Stop Sign Resolution Nos. 99-10 and 99-11
Mallard's Landing Subdivision**

(for the acceptance of Greenhead Drive, Wood Duck Court and Wigeon Place located in the Mallard's Landing Subdivision, Fifth Election District into the County Highway System)

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Road Resolutions. Motion carried.

3. Department of Recreation and Parks
Residential Lease for the Piney Point Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Also present: Michael Humphries, Museum Director

The County Administrator advised that the County must do a lead test every time a lease is changed, and that the County Attorney was adding language to this lease in this regard. In addition the current lessee is going on active duty and needs a place to store his household goods. The County Attorney is addressing this as well.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Lease. Motion carried.

4. Policy Memorandum 89-3 Update (Selection of Non-Public School Bus Drivers)

Also present: Jim Haley, Manager, Office of Central Services
George Jarboe, Supervisor, Transportation Services

Mr. Haley noted that the change was to delete #1, which limited the number of non-public school buses a contractor could have to two. Areas of discussion included consistency of the County's policy with the Board of Education's policy; contract renewal for bus drivers, working with public school staff to look at ways to reduce costs. Mr. Haley responded that there have been a number of meetings with public schools and that a recommendation is being finalized for presentation to both boards.

After review and discussion of the changes to Policy Memorandum No. 89-3, Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve the updated Policy Memorandum. Motion carried.

Commissioner Randall requested Mr. Smedley and Mr. Haley to work with public school staff regarding use of STS buses to transport students for job training. Because of insurance reasons the school system was unable to take advantage of the County's offer of transportation services.

5. **Boards, Committees, Commissions**
Letters of Appointment

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to make the following appointments. Motion carried.

<u>Agriculture Preservation Advisory Board</u>	<u>Terms To Expire</u>
Bernard I. Johnson	12/31/2004
<u>Commission on the Environment</u>	
Norris Jay Hanks	12/31/2000
Edith A. Hoschar (Reappointment)	12/31/2002
Lawrence E. Rowland (Reappointment)	12/31/2002
<u>Electrical Examiners Board</u>	
John M. Finch, Sr. (Reappointment)	12/31/2002
John J. Lynch (Reappointment)	12/31/2002
Walter K. Sterling	12/31/2003
<u>Housing Authority Board</u>	
Shirley Zielinski	6/30/2002
<u>Millennium Commission</u>	
Ingrid E. Swann	NO TERM
Tambrey Zang	NO TERM

6. **Signing of Check Register – Week of June 8**

In that the Commissioners will not be meeting on June 8, Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Check Register for that week. Motion carried.

7. **Introduction of Accountant**

Jannette Cudmore, Deputy Director of Finance, introduced Desiree Ridgell, the County new Accountant in the Department of Finance.

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

Present: James Peck, Director
George Erichsen, Director, DPW

Mr. Peck appeared before the Board to present an overview of the programs and services of the Maryland Environmental Service. Points of interest presented by Mr. Peck included:

- The nine-member Board of Directors operates as a not-for-profit corporation; has tax exempt status; has authority to issue tax-exempt bonds; has no regulatory authority; is not part of state's personnel or procurement system.
- MES combines public sector's commitment to environment protection with the flexibility and quick response of the private sector;
- Provides services to state, federal, and local government and private entities on a fee-for-service basis.

Services provided by MES include:

- Creation of Service Districts
- Project Financing
- Water treatment and collection
- Sludge Management
- Dredged material management and recycling
- Solid and hazardous waste management
- Hazardous materials clean up and disposal
- Recycling and marketing of end product
- Quality control and regulatory monitoring
- Stormwater management and dam safety
- Landfill closures

Projects in St. Mary's County include: Camp Brown WPS; Charlotte Hall Veterans Home; Leonardtown wwtp; Point Lookout; Riverview; St. Mary's College; stormwater management and landfill closure.

Other areas of discussion included revenue sources, project growth, and recycling potential in Southern Maryland.

In conclusion the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Peck make a similar presentation to the County's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

BOARD FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER MATTINGLY

Present: Fred Wallace, Chair
Gay Boecker, Member
Charlotte Young, "
Robin Guyther, "
Jane Sypher, Executive Director, Community College at St. Mary's

The referenced representatives of the Board for the Community College at St. Mary's and the Community College appeared before the Board to present a Commendation to Commissioner Mattingly in recognition of his efforts as a board member and past president and his dedication to see the establishment of a regional college.

ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARYLAND BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL RECOGNITION (LOVEVILLE/BANNEKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

Present: Linda Dudderer, Principal, Loveville/Banneker Elementary School
Dr. Lorraine Fulton
Mary Washington, Board of Education

The Board of County Commissioners presented a plaque in recognition of Loveville/Banneker School being recognized as a *Maryland Blue Ribbon School*. In addition the Commissioners presented the school with a computer and software.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Proposed Lexington Park Library

Commissioner Raley referred to rumors of ulterior motives of the Commissioners regarding the location of the new Lexington Park Library. He reminded the public that this Board of Commissioners has committed itself to have a new library under construction during the next budget year. The location is very important, and the Commissioners will gather all the facts and data before making a decision. Commissioner Anderson suggested that if the public has any questions to contact one of the Commissioners.

Workforce Development

Commissioner Anderson noted that the Workforce Development Program is one of the most important issues and initiatives that this Board will be giving attention to. Toward that end a letter to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, which was signed by this Board on May 25, is being distributed to Calvert and Charles County Commissioners regarding the establishing of a regional workforce investment board. Commissioner Anderson indicated that it was important that this be approached regionally and important to have adequately trained workforce.

Regional Strategic Plan

Commissioner Anderson reported that the Tri-County Council has developed over the last one and one-half years a strategic plan for this region and there will be a discussion with the Commissioners on this issue on June 21 at 7 p.m.

Air Expo

Commissioner Anderson reported that he and some of the other Commissioners attended the Air Expo at Patuxent River Naval Air Station and wanted to compliment Captain Roberts for doing such a superb job for the event.

Cancellation of June 8 Meeting

Commissioner Randall reminded the public that the Commissioners will not be meeting on Tuesday, June 8 because the Board will be going to the Pentagon for a briefing on BRAC related issues and for a reception.

July Public Forum

Commissioner Randall advised that July is the Ninth Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act legislation and requested that this be the topic of the July Public Forum to discuss where we are, where we are going, and to get public input on accessibility issues in the County.

PROCLAMATION

The Commissioners presented the following Proclamations:

- **National Nursing Assistants Week – St. Mary's Nursing Center**

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Present: Martin Fairclough, Director

Tourism Promotional Program with ABC Network (Washington, D. C.)
CELEBRATE THE BAY

Also present: Natalie Jennings, ABC

Mr. Fairclough and Ms. Jennings appeared before the Board to present a proposal for a promotional package with ABC (Channel 7 in Washington, D.C.). Mr. Fairclough reported that a meeting was held this morning with a number of individuals representing the tourism industry in the county and all were in favor of recommending that the Commissioners purchase the complete package for \$100,000 (with funds coming from one third of the Accommodations Tax). This would be a \$300,000 promotional value to the County if the County had to buy it.

Ms. Jennings advised that the ABC news department wanted to use the Chesapeake Bay as a platform and model nationwide showing how citizens have been involved in the clean up of the Bay (where it was 100 years ago, where it is now, and what the future will be). Because the majority of the Chesapeake Bay is in Maryland, Governor Glendening has embraced the project. Ms. Jennings advised that the ABC-7 News team will be aboard a ship for seven days and nights reporting from the Bay during the month of July with the objectives of building awareness of the treasurers of the Bay, and to educate the public on steps to protect the Bay. Stopping places will include Tilghman Island, St. Michael's, Hopper's Island, Tangier Island, and hopefully St. Mary's County will be the final destination. During her presentation Ms. Jennings reviewed the elements of the campaign giving two options--one with the weather link and campaign vignettes (at a cost of \$100,000 to the County); and one with out the weather link (at a cost of \$75,000 to the County) the values of each, live interviews, schedules of events, etc.

After discussion of the benefits to the County in participating in this campaign, Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to fund this project at the \$100,000 level. Motion carried.

Southern Maryland Economic Development Association

Mr. Fairclough advised the Commissioners that the Economic Development Commissions of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties have formed a strategic alliance called the *Southern Maryland Economic Development Association* to formally provide a mechanism for implementation of mutually beneficial economic development activities and projects. The formation of the association will allow the three economic development commissions to pool resources in identifying areas of mutual interest and it will also recognize the state's policy of encouraging regional development activity.

In concluding the presentation, Mr. Fairclough indicated that the Alliance will have a monthly meeting to include key stake holders from the economic development community in Southern Maryland—Tri-County Council, Chambers of Commerce, educational institutions, technology development organizations, Navy Alliances, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Property Disposition (Old Hewitt Road and St. Andrews Landfill)

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator
George Erichsen, Director, DPW
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

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

Time Held: 3:30 p.m. – 3:42 p.m.

Action Taken: Mr. Erichsen reviewed property disposition issues, and the Commissioners gave direction to staff.

Personnel (Vacant Positions/Other Personnel Issues)

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Mortimer L. Smedley, County Administrator
Melvin McClintock, Director, DHR
Jon Grimm, Director, DPZ (attended from 3:42 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.)
Dee Kramer, Benefits Coordinator (attended from 4:50 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.)
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1
Time Held: 3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Action Taken: the Commissioners reviewed a number of personnel issues.

Follow Up to Executive Sessions

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to direct staff to proceed as discussed in referenced executive sessions. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the

Board of County Commissioners on 6/15/99

Judith A. Spalding
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