

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Governmental Center
Tuesday, February 13, 2001**

Present: Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo, Vice President (Acting President)
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. (arrived at 1:42 p.m.)
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Kate Mauck, Recorder
Eleanor Abell, Recorder

*(Commissioner President Julie Randall was absent due to illness.
Commissioner Thomas Mattingly was not present at the beginning of the meeting.)*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize Commissioner Acting President Guazzo to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried. Commissioner Raley stated that Commissioner Randall had received a response from the Sheriff's Office regarding the expenditure of funds that was discussed at last week's meeting. The funds in question were now authorized for release.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2001 as presented. Motion carried.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH RECOGNITION – STATUS REPORT

Present: Linda Dudderar, Principal, Banneker Elementary
Heather Guthrie, Teacher, Banneker Elementary
Brittany Morgan, 5th Grade Student, Banneker Elementary
Elmer Brown

In honor of Black History Month, Ms. Brittany Morgan, honors student at Banneker Elementary School, read her essay entitled, "*Why a School Should be Named after an Important Person*". Ms. Morgan was accompanied by her principal, Ms. Dudderar and by her teacher, Ms. Guthrie.

Mr. Elmer Brown provided a report concerning the African American Monument in Lexington Park. The Monument is located behind the Library and its purpose is to recognize African American individuals who have greatly contributed to St. Mary's County. Mr. Brown stated that the Drayden Schoolhouse is an important community project underway that memorializes African Americans in the County. Mr. Brown also provided background information concerning the African American Coalition Subcommittee and outlined activities they perform in the County.

Black members of the community, as well as youth and middle-aged individuals, were urged to apply to serve on Boards, Committees and Commissions in St. Mary's County.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

1. Draft Agendas for February 20 and 27, 2001

2. **Grant Documents**

a. Sheriff's Department Domestic Violence Order Entry and Service Grant Agreement (Federal: \$17,005)

Present: Lieutenant Timothy Cameron

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Guazzo to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

b. Housing Authority Rental Allowance Program (RAP) to Work Program – FY 2001 (State: \$30,776)

Present: Dennis Nicholson, Director of Housing

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner Guazzo to sign the grant agreement. Motion carried.

3. **Budget Amendment No. 2001-14**
Information Technology Department - \$65,000
(transfer funds for wiring in the new Courthouse site)

Present: Elaine Kramer, Director of Finance
Richard Rohrbaugh, Director of Facilities Management
Mark Stancliff, Acting Director of Information Technology

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Guazzo to sign the budget amendment. Motion carried.

4. **Department of Recreation and Parks**
Wildlife Management Agreement - Duck Hunting Offshore of Myrtle Point Park

Present: Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation and Parks
Dan Estevez, Natural Resource Manager
Bill Ball, Parks Division Supervisor

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Guazzo to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

5. **Department of Facilities Management**
Request for additional \$110,000 for completion of Temporary Naval Air Test & Evaluation Museum

Present: Richard Rohrbaugh, Director, Facilities Management
Elaine Kramer, Director, Finance Department

Discussion took place concerning the need for additional funding for the Temporary Naval Air Test and Evaluation Museum. Concerns were expressed regarding the completion of the project utilizing the funding that was originally agreed to. The work schedule for the Museum was discussed. Mr. Rohrbaugh stated that the Museum would indeed be completed with the funding that had already been agreed to by the Board of County Commissioners. It was determined that an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding should be drafted and signed by both the Museum Committee members and the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Lacer recommended that the decision regarding the expenditure of money and the Memorandum of Understanding be placed on next week's agenda, so that staff could develop the MOU prior to the making of a final decision. Further discussion took place concerning the use of volunteers to assist in the completion of the Museum.

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the additional expenditure of \$110,000 for the completion of the Temporary Naval Air Test & Evaluation Museum. Commissioner Guazzo requested, and Commissioner Anderson agreed, to amend the motion to include that Item #12 in the MOU should be reworded to state that the \$110K would come out of the \$250K funding originally designated for planning and design from the FY01 budget. Further, if the allocation for planning and design need to be replaced, that those monies would come from funds already designated in the FY 2002 budget for construction. Motion carried.

6. **Boards and Committees**
Letters of Appointment

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, and motion carried, to sign the letters of appointment to the following individuals:

<u>Agriculture, Seafood, and Forestry Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
George E. Baroniak	12/31/2003
<u>Commission on Aging</u>	
George H. L'Heureau	6/30/2004
<u>Emergency Services Commission</u>	
Donald W. Cather, Jr.	NO TERM

**LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD
EXPANDED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Present: Julia Bates, Executive Director, LMB
Dr. Kathleen O'Brien, Board Chairperson, LMB

Ms. Bates and Dr. O'Brien presented information concerning the Expanded Community Partnership/Community Youth Development Program. Commissioners were asked to consider signing a letter of support for the Concept Paper on the Expanded Community Partnership to the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families. The letter outlines concerted efforts by St. Mary's County's local non-profits, agencies, and represented citizens to design a comprehensive system approach to the coordination and expansion of services to children, youth and families within the County. The information presented by the Local Management Board included:

- ◆ St. Mary's County Profile
- ◆ Concept of the Program
- ◆ Needs Assessment
- ◆ Strategies which included: Systems of Community Development, Systems of Prevention, Systems of Early Intervention, and Systems of Care for High Needs Children
- ◆ Impact of Strategies on St. Mary's County
- ◆ Results and Indicators
- ◆ LMB Capacity
- ◆ Support Information

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, for the Board of County Commissioners to sign the letter of support for the Expanded Community Partnership Concept and to send it to the Governor's Office for Youth, Children and Families. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY**

Present: Robin Guyther, Director, Department of Permits and Inspections
Dennis Nicholson, Director of Housing
Aleck Loker, Deputy Director, Department of Social Services
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

Mr. Lacer outlined background information concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland Community Partnership, the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. and the St. Mary's Board of County Commissioners regarding the Affordable Housing Study. Mr. Guyther, Mr. Nicholson and Ms. Loker responded to questions regarding the MOU.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland Community Partnership, the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc., and the St. Mary's Board of County Commissioners with regard to the Livability Code and Affordable Housing. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Perk Tests

Commissioner Raley stated that a news release had been issued by the County Health Department regarding perk tests. This is a wet season test that will begin on February 12th. Interested individuals should contact either the County Health Department or the Department of Permits and Inspections.

Great Mills Girls Basketball

Commissioner Raley reported that the Great Mills High School Girls Basketball team was once again victorious and if this team resembles Field Hockey at Great Mills, then he anticipates that they will be moving on up.

African American History Month Celebration

Commissioner Anderson reported that he was able to attend a celebration of African American History Month at the Chancellor's Run facility. Leo Young and several pastors from African American churches were in attendance and there was an inspiring presentation in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Commissioner Anderson expressed his thanks for this celebration and stated that it was one of the very exciting things going on in the community.

St. Mary's Transit System

Commissioner Guazzo reported that she rode the St. Mary's Transit System over last week. She downloaded the bus schedule from the County's website, parked at the Governmental Center, and took the Leonardtown Loop up into Loveville. She then connected to the Charlotte Hall bus route, and then rode to McKays in Charlotte Hall. Each route took less than ½ hour, and the buses were clean, neat, and both the drivers and passengers were friendly. Commissioner Guazzo commended the St. Mary's Transit System as well as its Director, Mr. George Jarboe.

Commissioner Anderson stated that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday to celebrate the opening of STS service with Charles County. Buses would then be traveling from St. Mary's County to the mall in Waldorf and back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

(Commissioner Mattingly arrived after lunch as the Commissioners were entering into Executive Session.)

Litigation

Present: Commissioner Vice President Shelby P. Guazzo (Acting President)
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Patrick Murphy, County Attorney
Darrell R. VanDeusen, Attorney at Law

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

Time Held: 1:42 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Action Taken: Commissioners discussed pending litigation and gave instruction to staff.

Property Acquisition

Present: Commissioner Vice President Shelby P. Guazzo (Acting President)
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Patrick Murphy, County Attorney *(departed at 2:10 p.m.)*
Darrell R. VanDeusen, Attorney at Law *(departed at 2:10 p.m.)*

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

Time Held: 2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners were given an update on a matter concerning property acquisition.

Personnel

Present: Commissioner Vice President Shelby P. Guazzo (Acting President)
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Delores Lacey, Assistant PIO (*attended from 2:10 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.*)
Kate Mauck, Recorder (*attended from 2:10 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.*)

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

Time Held: 2:10 p.m. – 2:35 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed a matter of Personnel and gave direction to staff.

**DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS
PROPOSED INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE
FOLLOW UP TO PUBLIC HEARING OF 1/23/01**

Present: Robin Guyther

Mr. Guyther appeared before the Board of County Commissioners as a follow up to the public hearing held on January 23, 2001 regarding the adoption of an Ordinance on Inspection Fees for building construction or installation work within the County. The following information was presented and/or discussed:

- ◆ The new fees would take effect March 1, 2001;
- ◆ The contract would be awarded for a one-year time period;
- ◆ MDIA would be awarded the contract;
- ◆ As part of contract, MDIA would be hiring a new third inspector to ensure problems that occurred approximately one year ago do not reoccur; and
- ◆ Tracking of previous problems and processes developed to resolve problems were outlined and discussed.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to adopt the Ordinance to amend the fee schedule for the Department of Permits and Inspections for Plumbing, Gas, Building, and Electrical construction and for a Railroad Right-of-Way Easement Agreement. Motion carried.

GREATER WASHINGTON INITIATIVE

Present: Nancy Hutson, Acting Director, Dept. of Economic & Community Dev.
Thomas G. Morr, Managing Partner, Greater Washington Initiative

Mr. Morr provided the Board of County Commissioners with a presentation, outlining the scope of the Greater Washington Initiative. St. Mary's County was invited to become a participant and an investor with the Initiative. Details of the Greater Washington Initiative (GWI) included:

- ◆ Most unified and aggressive regional marketing entity in the region's history;
- ◆ Two years ago, GWI launched its second five-year marketing campaign to attract new businesses to the area as well as to retain current business;
- ◆ Established in 1994 as a private/public partnership;
- ◆ Promotes Greater Washington region as a whole in the attempt to successfully compete for economic growth;
- ◆ Greater Washington region includes the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Suburban Maryland;

Ann Gregory - 30055 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD, 20622 - Commented on the junkyard in Charlotte Hall and the status of the site plan and buffer requirements. Ms. Gregory asked for an explanation and response to her many inquiries to Planning and Zoning. She questioned how Zoning Ordinance could be applied differently. Ms. Gregory also indicated there were many mistakes that have taken place over a long period of time. *Commissioner Guazzo indicated she would check into this and asked that Mr. Grimm follow up on the matter and send copies of correspondence to Ms. Gregory to the Commissioners.*

Clare Whitbeck - Leonardtown, MD - Commented on up- and downzoning relative to planning in the County. She cautioned the County on a situation in Carroll County with regards to planning and non-eligibility for funding for a road project. She asked that the County keep in mind that the State is watching the control of planning in St. Mary's County.

Mary Ludwig - Leonardtown, MD - Called in asking about the status of the addition of BJ's to First Colony development. Commissioner Guazzo indicated it was in litigation; it was the decision of the Planning Commission that a major amendment required going back through the PUD process; and the Commissioners upheld the decision. First Colony is suing the County Commissioners because of this determination and the County is waiting for the outcome of the court trial. *Commissioners indicated that the County's Legal Department would provide Ms. Ludwig with a status report.*

Linda Dalmus - 20485 Falling Pines Lane, Leonardtown, MD - Commented on Atlantic Coastal Trucking and asked that the Commissioners make a decision. Ms. Dalmus gave the history of various communications from the Chingville Road Citizen's Association to and from the County and Planning & Zoning. Comments were made regarding the surveillance of the trucking business and data received by Planning & Zoning.

Cathie Gardner - 20457 Falling Pines Lane, Leonardtown, MD - Commented on Atlantic Coastal Trucking's agriculturally-based operations and investigations by Planning & Zoning and the Legal Department. Additional comments were made regarding surveillance tactics and data obtained by the County. Ms. Gardner asked what the County's position was on the matter and if operation of the business was within current zoning. She requested an answer to the problems. *Ms. Guazzo asked for an update on the activities since the October 10th forum and for a timeline to be penned in outlining resolutions to the problem.*

David Triantos - Medley's Neck, Leonardtown, MD - Asked about the Wood Treatment Site in Hollywood and if the public use facility could be a combined public/private use. Commissioner Guazzo indicated the State of Maryland would have to set the parameters and the expression of interest was to keep the doors open to gage the level of interest. Commissioner Raley indicated a letter of interest was due to a deadline and the project is a long way off. Mr. Triantos wants to see an out-of-court settlement with Trammel Crow and an ice rink put into First Colony in lieu of a movie theatre.

An announcement was made that Commissioner Mattingly now had a new grandchild.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the
Board of County Commissioners on 2/20/01

Kate Mauck
Kate Mauck, Recorder

Eleanor Abell
Eleanor Abell, Recorder

- ◆ Structure of GWI involves public as well as private investors and includes a Board of Trustees, Economic Development Officials and a Board of Trade Affiliate;
- ◆ Core task: to market the region as a whole, to stimulate awareness of GW as a booming center of science and technology and to encourage companies to consider GW as a place to grow their businesses;
- ◆ Outlined key functions, marketing focus, primary audiences, confidential and complimentary services, progress measurements 1999-2000;
- ◆ Map of Greater Washington Region exhibited;
- ◆ Region includes 5000 square mile area, 5.3 million people, nation's 4th largest economy, \$230 billion regional economy;
- ◆ Dynamic aspects of the region were outlined;
- ◆ St. Mary's County information presented including land area, population, number of households, public school enrollment, labor force, labor force participation rate, number of jobs, and percent of private jobs in technology; and
- ◆ Charts provided illustrating enrollment in the County by industry, employment by industry comparison, and wage and salary employment growth chart.

Benefits to the County should participation occur were outlined as follows:

- ◆ Could become a participant and/or investor – various amounts were outlined;
- ◆ Could participate in Venture Quest 2001 – forum to be held in 2001;
- ◆ Would be included in Extranet – data and research information access;
- ◆ Access to prospects;
- ◆ Opportunity to participate in missions each year – usually about one dozen missions occur annually;
- ◆ Would be included on the GW map;
- ◆ County would be listed on website, in GWI brochures and anything else GWI would produce; and
- ◆ Ability to query research team.

The Greater Washington Initiative would require a three-year commitment, as they are already two years into their five-year plan. Amount of funding normally given by a County such as St. Mary's would be approximately \$5,000 per year, depending on the level of commitment.

Nancy Hutson reported that she had discussed the GWI with Aubrey in Charles County and with Linda in Calvert County, and that each had favorable comments concerning the Initiative.

ULDC WORK SESSION

The Commissioners conducted their weekly ULDC Work Session.

Eleanor Abell recorded the remaining meeting minutes:

6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Commissioner Guazzo announced the agenda for the evening. Commissioner Guazzo proclaimed February as Black History Month and presented a Proclamation to Laurice White on behalf of the St. Mary's County Chapter of the NAACP.

Ms. Laurice White spoke about the objectives of the NAACP. On January 7th, 1946 the NAACP was first chartered. The organization is involved in partnerships with public schools, legal redress with Sheriff's Department for brutality/complaints, cancer awareness and smoking cessation. On February 24th at 6:00 p.m. a salute to Bertie Bowman will be held at the Chancellor's Run Teen Center. Cost is \$25 and tickets may be purchased by calling (301) 863-3011.

Ms. Gertrude Walker-Scriber spoke about the Big Foot Hunting Club. The club was established in 1988. The organization has been a role model for youth in the community. They host trapshooting club events, family reunions, repasts, and funerals, coat drives, and eyeglass assistance programs. They participate in Christmas in April and the Adopt-a-Family program. On Saturday, they are demonstrating use of cancer kits at the Club. The African American Monument in Lexington Park was mentioned in recognition of the betterment of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Elmer Brown spoke about the Minority Business Alliance. It was founded in 1983 by a group of minority business owners in the community and has developed into 72+ membership. They have developed both out-of-state business groups as well as joined the National Business Alliance. They network in Annapolis as part of the Maryland State Business League. Their new offices are behind St. Mary's Square. Flyers were passed out regarding the African American Monument in Lexington Park.

Ms. Viola Gardner spoke about the history of the African American Coalition. February was the month in which slaves received news about the Emancipation Proclamation and in the West news was received in June, so these months are celebrated. The group is a composite of citizens belonging to community organizations. Their community involvement involves many types of committees including: education, non-partisan public action, voter registration, health issues, service, spiritual, environmental, history, grass roots campaign, College of Southern Maryland Trustee, ULDC deliberations, Lexington Park revitalization, education for children and improvement of test scores, health services, quality of life, boards and committees for County Government, cable access, and many other visible community issues with the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Anderson recognized Commissioner Randall and her involvement in organizing many events and programs for this month's celebration. Due to illness, Commissioner Randall was unable to attend the evening's functions.

Reverend McClanahan from the First Missionary Baptist Church spoke about the Church. The Church was established in 1945 by Martha Elizabeth Hickenbown for a prayer band. They used the USO building for worship services. In 1945, they established the Willing Workers Club for a mission outreach program. In 1947, one acre of land was purchased for the First Baptist Church in St. Mary's County. In this same year in June, official recognition was made by Reverend Chambers and focused on education, a scholarship fund, and a church hall was built. They support outreach programs in the areas of health issues, less fortunate citizens, Three Oaks, Hope, minority outreach association, and smoking cessation. Their organization is looking to secure land on Pegg Road to build a new facility.

The Commissioners presented Commendations to all the presenters and photographs were taken. Commissioner Mattingly encouraged everyone to apply for available Board, Committee and Commission appointments through the Public Information Office.

Musical selections were performed by the St. Peter Claver Children's Choir and their Gospel Choir beginning at 7:20 p.m. Presentation of Commendations were made to both choral groups by the Commissioners.

At 8:00 p.m., the Commissioners heard other citizen concerns as follows:

Mary Bailey - 23538 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650 - Suggested the Commissioners pursue the idea of an ice skating rink in St. Mary's County. There is a volunteer doing a feasibility study. Ms. Bailey believes a sports complex of this type in the County would generate revenue and provide much recreational enjoyment to the community.