

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Governmental Center
Tuesday, October 23, 2001**

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr. (*arrived at 10:29 a.m.*)
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Administrative Assistant to BOCC (Recorder)
Kate Mauck, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

Kate Mauck recorded the following meeting minutes:

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to accept the agenda as amended (to delete the Commission for Women Annual Report and Proclamation). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize Commissioner President Randall to sign the Check Register. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 16, 2001, as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

1. Draft Agendas – October 30 and November 6, 2001
2. Department of Public Works

Present: George Erichsen

- a) Traffic Resolution for the installation of No Parking Signs along a portion of Tudor Hall Road, County Route 30671, 3rd Election District.
- b) Traffic Resolution for the installation of a Stop Sign on the John G. Lancaster Park Entrance Road at its intersection with Willows Road, County Route 30334, 8th Election District.
- c) Resolution to accept War Wagon Court located in Section 3 of the John Wayne Estates Subdivision, 4th Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Also, attached are the 25-mph speed limit and stop sign resolutions for War Wagon Court.

- d) Resolution to accept Horse Range Farm Court located in the Horse Range Farm Subdivision, 5th Election District, into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Also, attached are the 25-mph speed limit and stop sign resolutions for Horse Range Farm Court.
- e) Public Works Agreement Addendum for Cedar Cove Subdivision (Kedges Strait), Section 9, 8th Election District, extending the completion date to September 1, 2002. The letter of credit provided by the Bank of America in the amount of \$380,000 has been reduced to \$314,000.
- f) Public Works Agreement Addendum for Forest Lake Subdivision Section 2, 6th Election District, extending the completion date to August 1, 2002. The bond provided by the Frontier Insurance Company in the amount of \$221,100 has been reduced to \$43,700.
- g) Public Works Agreement Addendum for Greens Rest Farm Subdivision, Phase 2, 8th Election District, extending the completion date to October 1, 2002. The letter of credit provided by The First National Bank of St. Mary's in the amount of \$51,600 remains as posted.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign Public Works documents a) through g). Motion carried.

3. **Budget Amendment**

Office of Facilities Management
(to provide funding for Health Department Renovations - \$1171.07)

Present: Richard Rohrbaugh

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

4. Board of Education – New Grant Awards for FY 2002
Collaborating for Student Improvement Grant (\$39,340)
State Discretionary Grant (\$10,000)

Present: Kathleen Lyon, Director of Student Services

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Randall to sign the two grant awards. Motion carried.

5. Memorandum of Understanding with Community Development Corporation

Present: John Savich, Director of Economic and Community Development
Tom Watts, President, Community Development Corporation

Mr. Savich and Mr. Watts presented information regarding the importance of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Community Development Corporation. Funding in the amount of \$15,000 would be provided from the DECD budget to go toward the CDC to assist with administrative costs. The agreement would be reviewed annually and modified as needed. Mr. Watts discussed challenges and programs being worked on by the CDC, and he outlined a Great Mills Road project, efforts toward researching the need for an equestrian center, and assistance that is being provided to Pier 1 Imports to help with employment needs. He reported that the CDC is working very closely with Ms. Finnacom to assist with the revitalization efforts in Lexington Park.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Watts for the outstanding job he and the CDC organization is doing on behalf of St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

6. Boards and Committees
Letters of Appointment

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, and motion carried, to approve the following appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissioners and to sign letters of appointments:

<u>BOCA Code Appeals Board</u>	<u>Terms to Expire</u>
James P. Bacot	6/30/2006
Michael J. Mummaugh	6/30/2006
<u>Commission on Aging</u>	
Sandra Wheeler – <i>Reappointment</i>	6/30/2004
<u>Commission for Women</u>	
Michelle R. Lucas	6/30/2005
<u>Economic Development Commission</u>	
James K. Raley, Jr.	6/30/2004
Joseph St. Clair – <i>Reappointment</i>	6/30/2004
Harry E. Taylor – <i>Reappointment</i>	6/30/2004
<u>Ethics Commission</u>	
Thomas H. Jarboe	6/30/2003
<u>Historic Preservation Commission</u>	
Robert J. Hurry – <i>Reappointment</i>	6/30/2004
David Weiskopf – <i>Reappointment</i>	6/30/2004
<u>Human Relations Commission</u>	
William B. Burruss	6/30/2005
Mary "Betty" Quinn	6/30/2005
<u>Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council</u>	
Jennie Page	6/30/2004
<u>Metropolitan Commission</u>	
Charles "Jerry" M. Himmelheber	6/30/2004
<u>Plumbing Board</u>	
John R. Butterfield, Jr.	6/30/2004

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

(Commissioner Mattingly arrived during County Commissioners' Time at 10:29 a.m.)

Trade Show and Conference for Farmers

Commissioner Raley announced that a free, educational Trade Show and Conference would be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 3rd. The conference will be conducted to assist farmers with formulating ideas regarding agriculture enterprises and to find resources, etc. Christine Bergmark and the staff from the Tri-County Council will be putting the entire event together. Mr. Raley reported that the last event held for the farming community had a very poor attendance, and it is hoped this event will be well advertised and more people will turn out. It is not

and it is hoped this event will be well advertised and more people will turn out. It is not only for the farmers, but also for anyone interested in agriculture. *Commissioner Raley requested that this event be advertised on cable Channel 12.*

Traffic Backups at Great Mills Road and Route 5

Commissioner Raley reported that he has had several telephone calls regarding the traffic backup in the evenings at the intersection of Great Mills Road and Route 5. He has visited the site himself on two or three occasions and has witnessed a 2-3 mile backup. *Commissioner Raley requested that Mr. Lacer personally contact the State Highway Department by telephone regarding this problem.*

Commissioner Anderson reported that he has brought this issue up previously and has contacted the State Highway Department. He was assured that an analysis would be completed, but he is unsure what the status is at this time.

Summit for Senior Citizens

Commissioner Anderson reported that the St. Mary's Senior Coalition would host an important Summit for Senior Citizens on Friday, November 16th at the Loffler Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He stated that a number of notable individuals will be attending – Cass Taylor, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates will present the keynote address; Congressman Hoyer, Lieutenant Governor Townsend, Senator Dyson, Delegate Wood and Delegate Bohanan and the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Anderson expects this to be a significant event. It is anticipated that the County's senior population will double over the next fifteen years. Commissioner Anderson commended the Coalition for their proactive approach to the situation. Sandra Wheeler is the President and Ed Bergen, President of NARF, has been instrumental in putting this group of twelve citizens together. The Coalition overall is about 6,000 people strong, and the County is looking forward to what will come out of the discussions. *Commissioner Anderson requested that a video technician be sent to videotape the session.*

Budget Issues to be Reviewed

Commissioner Anderson requested that staff look at the County's budget and determine what might be affected by the potential loss of State and/or Federal funding as a result of the safety and security issues that have arisen since the September 11th event. In addition, staff was asked to look carefully into County funding that may need to change as a result.

Commissioner Anderson reported that he heard that Gene Carter and staff from the Office on Aging met with the State regarding funding for the Senior Center. Reality is hitting home regarding funding and the County needs to be proactive on all fronts.

Commissioner Anderson requested that staff provide recommendations on how to keep the Senior Center on track given the potential financial constraints. In addition, Commissioner Anderson requested that staff determine and provide recommendations to the Commissioners regarding the impact of the loss of \$30,000 in funding for meals for senior citizens and how this loss could be mitigated; to provide background information on this matter and suggestions on source of funding. He stated that he doesn't want a vulnerable part of our citizenry to be unduly impacted.

Security Issues in the County

Commissioner Mattingly reported that participation has occurred during the last week and a half in the County regarding security issues. Briefings will be forthcoming soon and staff has met daily with groups regarding emergency response and events that might occur within the County. Substantial plans are being reviewed and updated to cover every possible event, and established responses are being reviewed. Commissioner Mattingly requested that citizens look at common sense factors involved prior to calling for emergency assistance, but not to hesitate to call. Dr. Icenhower, the new Health Officer, has risen to meet the challenge. Presentations should occur on these issues in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Randall reported that the issues regarding security and safety are scheduled to be addressed at the November 6th Board of County Commissioners meeting. A one hour briefing is scheduled, that will be entitled "Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Intervention". She reported that she understood that mental health representatives have been a part of the attended meetings, however, *she would like staff to ensure the County's experts on mental health issues are not only included as a component of the discussions, but that they present their ideas and recommendations as part of the discussion as well.* Commissioner Randall stated that the last plan she read on Emergency Preparedness was a 1988 plan, and mental health was not included.

Commissioner Mattingly reported that representatives from mental health were at a meeting yesterday and they received a copy of the County's Emergency Plan.

Commissioner Randall requested that the Office of Community Services be placed on an upcoming agenda so that they might provide information from the County as well as other agencies outreach programs to citizens to ensure that these programs are made available to all citizens to help them deal with loss, stress and fear from the emergency situations that have occurred.

Commissioner Mattingly reported that Schools are doing well at being proactive on reaching out to students who might experience some of these problems. Commissioner Randall stated that the elderly and disabled are also very vulnerable and the County must offer them assistance as well.

Grand Dedication of the Mechanicsville Fire Station

Commissioner Guazzo reported that last Sunday all five Commissioners attended the grand dedication of Mechanicsville Fire Station #22 on Golden Beach Road. The place was packed, and it's a beautiful facility. The County will look forward to its opening for business very soon. They are partnering with the Mechanicsville Rescue Squad and there will be an ambulance based there as well. In addition, they are looking for volunteers.

Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in

Commissioner Guazzo reported that the rescheduled Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-in occurred this past Saturday. Attendance was a bit down due to the rescheduling of the event, however, there were many youngsters there to take advantage of the flights on a private aircraft. Commissioner Guazzo thanked the Association for providing this event and stated that she will look forward to it again next year.

Commissioner Guazzo's Informational Meeting

Commissioner Guazzo reported that the Informational Meeting she conducted last Wednesday for the northern end of the County went very well. She thanked people who assisted her with the meeting, especially Ms. Linda Price, Public Information Officer. The County Departments that were represented with displays, presentations, and information were: Jon Grimm from Planning and Zoning, George Jarboe from Public Works and Transportation, Phil Rollins from Recreation and Parks, Gene Carter and Jennie Page from the Office on Aging, Richard Rohrbaugh from Facilities Management, Tom Russell from the Metropolitan Commission and Donna Sasscer from the Economic and Community Development Department. The other Commissioners and staff were attending the Governor's meeting and were unable to also attend the Informational Meeting.

Commissioner Randall reported that she had received some excellent comments regarding the Informational Meeting given by Commissioner Guazzo and staff. She expressed her thanks to Commissioner Guazzo for putting together this important event for the northern end of the County.

Emergency Numbers Systems Board

Commissioner Randall reported that Mr. Whitney was recently here for an audit and congratulations are in order to the EOC for an excellent report that was given. The State felt that the EOC would be capable of meeting demands well into the next decade. Personnel were well trained and professionally managed. One recommendation from the

State was that the County review the existing Operations Center infrastructure, storage spaces, equipment rooms, etc. from a standpoint of vulnerability to tampering, damage or destruction. An evaluation by military experts from Patuxent River was suggested. *Commissioner Randall requested that Mr. Wible have experts from the Naval Air Facility provide recommendations to the Commissioners regarding Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Intervention.*

Maryland Department of Transportation

Commissioner Randall reported that a letter dated October 5th had been received from Greg Welker of the Maryland Department of Transportation as a follow-up to the MDOT briefing. For three years, Commissioner Randall has "dogged" the State regarding ADA compliance issues on Great Mills Road. Mr. Welker indicated in his letter that the issues would be resolved within ten days. Commissioner Randall reported that she drove up and down Great Mills Road and got out of the car to view what had been accomplished by the State, and she has some real concerns that the ADA needs have not been properly met.

Commissioner Randall requested that Mr. Harry Knight, from Permits and Inspections, go to Great Mills Road and look carefully at the sidewalks, utility poles, etc. and then explain to the Commissioners if indeed the State is in compliance with ADA standards. The Board of County Commissioners can then contact the State if the needs have not been met.

Greater Baltimore Community Housing Resource Board

Commissioner Randall reported that the Board of County Commissioner received in the mail information from the Greater Baltimore Community Housing Resource Board, Inc. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has given a grant to the Greater Baltimore Community Housing Resource Board to provide fair housing, education and training to the non-metropolitan counties in Maryland. There is a lot of information the County has been asked to provide to citizens. The Housing Task Force would be very interested in having this information There is a video available that could be aired on Channel 12. She explained the benefits of the information and stated that she would give the information to Mr. Savich and Mr. Forrest for dissemination.

Commissioner Randall requested that Mr. Savich and Mr. Forrest should determine what is applicable to St. Mary's County and tell the Commissioners what they can do to help with this project.

St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

Commissioner Randall offered congratulations to the Lexington Park Rotary Club for the excellent Oyster Festival that was held at the Fairgrounds this past weekend. The weather and event were both great. The community was thanked for their support of this event.

Grant Status Report

Commissioner President Randall requested that Ms. Elaine Kramer and Ms. Elaine Lancaster, the new grant writer for the County, provide a briefing to the Commissioners in the form of a status report regarding grant plans, success rates, etc since the grant writer has come on board.

PUBLIC HEARING

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (State: \$17,500 and Anonymous Donation: \$10,000)

Present: Elaine Kramer, Finance Director

Ms. Kramer announced that the public hearing regarding the two Sheriff's Department Supplemental Appropriations had been properly advertised for two consecutive weeks. Commissioner President Randall opened the hearing for public comment. The following individual spoke:

Michael Suessmann – Mr. Suessman recommended that a Valor Fund be established utilizing half of the \$10,000 donation. The money would act as seed money for the fund to recognize acts of exceptional bravery by law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel in service to the citizens of the County. Mr. Suessman further outlined details of how the fund might work, and he provided written documentation for the record.

Commissioner President Randall closed the public hearing, stating that the record would remain open for ten days for written public comment. *At the conclusion of the ten-day period, the two supplemental appropriations would be placed on an upcoming agenda for discussion and decision.*

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
SUMMER OF 2001 SUMMER OF SAFETY, ARTS AND READING (SOSAR)
CAMPS PROGRAM REPORT**

Present: Joseph Donick, ATOD Prevention Coordinator
George Kirby, SOSAR Program Coordinator
Cynthia Brown, Director, Office of Community Services

Mr. Donick reported that the quarter-million-dollar program came off this past summer with no major glitches. Mr. Kirby provided an overview of the camp program, and the main topics that were covered are as follows:

- Goals, Program and Site Selections;
- Grants provided;
- Population;
- Camp Program Activities and Outcomes;
- Partnership with St. Mary's County Public Schools;
- Community and Agency Support;
- 2001 Considerations and Results;
- 2002 Considerations;
- 2001 Camp Highlights;
- New or Expanded SOSAR Activities;
- Data Comparison 1999-2001; and a 2002 Time Line.

Mr. Donick provided detailed information regarding the number of children whose needs have been met by this program. He reported that many teachers/leaders come back to help year after year, even when they personally receive little or no direct benefit – they come back because they believe in the program. It was reported that 51% of students at each site must be eligible for the free or reduced meal program in order to qualify, and five of this year's sites were able to meet the qualification standards. Mr. Donick assured Commissioners that they would ensure each site met the standards for the free or reduced meal program next year. Numerous other outreach programs to parents, surveys, etc were outlined.

The Board of County Commissioners commended Mr. Donick and Mr. Kirby for their excellent efforts on this very important program. The following direction was given:

Cynthia Brown was asked to provide a written report regarding the foreseeable budget impact and ways to try to get funding for the Camp program, given the expected loss of grant funding from the Century 21 Grant and the potential loss of Vista grant funding. Include in the report:

- *Explanation of the process used for soliciting Community sponsors and the frequency of solicitation;*
- *Explain what the campaign is or will be for involving additional partners/sponsors;*
- *Outline the percentage of camp population served every year that are disabled students and how they are accommodated; and*
- *Provide an explanation of how the need for meeting the 51% criteria for free/reduced cost meals will be addressed.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO COMMISSIONER RALEY

A birthday cake was presented to Commissioner Raley in honor of his birthday. Congratulations and best wishes were expressed by all.

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM GIFT SHOP RIBBON CUTTING

The Board of County Commissioners departed the Governmental Center in order to attend the St. Clement's Island Museum Gift Shop Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GREENPRINT PROGRAM

Present: David Burke, Maryland Greenprint Program

Mr. Burke presented the Board of County Commissioners with a complete overview of the Maryland Greenprint Program. Details of the overview were as follows:

- Voluntary program – no governmental mandates;
- Illustration showing location of the green infrastructure in the State as well as the County – protected and unprotected;
- Green hubs and green links;
- Program is a statewide systematic study of significant natural resource land;
- Only 26% of green infrastructure is now protected;
- Appropriations were made in the amount of \$35 million in FY02 to acquire land by the State;
- Benefits of program;
- Local evaluation of projects suggested;
- Suggested the County might wish to identify large tracts of land and have owners contact the State if they are willing participants; and
- The State is looking for County to take over ownership of the management of State-purchased areas.

FAIR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Present: George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator
Dana Jones
Mr. McCauley
Leonard Ames

Mr. Forrest introduced members of the Fair and Affordable Housing Committee as well as the Lexington Manor Task Force appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Dana Jones provided an interim report regarding affordable housing issues in the County. The following points were made:

- Significant gap in the marketplace for low-income affordable housing;
- Few availabilities and the matter worsens in the rental arena;
- Vacancy rate of less than 2% which does not meet the needs of turnover;
- As employment increases, the problem will escalate;
- Lower end of income recipients provide the backbone to the community;
- Strategies necessary to allow the marketplace to participate – both public and private investment needed.

Mr. Jones reported that the Committee would soon be coming forward with recommendations on how the County might be able to support housing for all levels of income in the community. Four potential strategies were outlined:

- Land banking;
- Waiver of fees;
- Trust fund; and
- Inclusionary zoning.

Mr. Ames provided a subcommittee report for the Lexington Manor Task Force. The following information was presented:

- A needs assessment is being done in order to begin to tackle the problem of just how many families are involved;
- 71 households were visited with 53 surveys having been completed;
- It appears that approximately 100 families reside in Lexington Manor;
- Income levels are approximately \$15,706 – this amount hovers near the poverty level;
- Critical workers in the community reside in Lexington Manor;
- Much emotion due to the upcoming loss of homes;
- Units cost \$275 - \$300 per month; utilities can cost as much as \$200 to \$250 per month;
- Many families have trouble paying the utility fees and can only pay in installments;
- About six informational meetings have occurred;
- Relocation is occurring one family at a time;
- DSS is to be the one-stop shop for families to contact regarding this issue;
- Since beginning this program, 12 families have been relocated;
- DSS is currently working with 10 more families;
- 19 more names of families have been provided to DSS;
- Disabled and elderly have special needs – a comprehensive needs assessment is being done to assist these individuals;
- Funding is a major issue - \$75,000 set aside. At an approximate cost of \$1,875 per family to relocate, only 40 families could be helped;
- 60 families needing assistance may be ineligible due to funding constraints
- Shortfall expected to be \$75K to \$100K or more;
- Looking closely into grants and any resources that might be available;
- Some Section 8 housing available, but need to make it more attractive to landlords;
- Larger issue – the County and State do not control the property – as people move out, new people move in. Cannot continue to provide funding to assist the backfill. Recommend a date be established whereby resources and assistance would no longer be provided to new residents;
- Freeze by the State on personnel and budgets – will cause more problems; and
- A recommended plan will be forthcoming but no date has as yet been determined.

It was reported that a meeting would occur this Thursday evening at 8:30 at the Governmental Center regarding this issue, and the meeting is open to the public. Commissioner Randall discussed a HUD proposal for 173 units in Lexington Park and asked if the Task Force was aware of this and other proposed projects. Additionally, she brought attention to a letter for DHCD regarding housing assistance to individuals with disabilities, etc. Mr. Forest reported that Elaine Lancaster is assisting in the grant writing process for the overall issue. Commissioner Randall stated that she would turn over documents that might prove useful to the group. It was agreed that the date for submission of a final report to the Commissioners would be discussed at Thursday's meeting.

Discussion took place regarding a vacancy on the Task Force. Names were being provided to the Commissioners and selection would soon take place. The hope was expressed that 1/3 of the Task Force members would be residents of Lexington Manor.

Additional discussion took place regarding a letter that was prepared for the Commissioners to sign regarding payment in lieu of taxes on Great Mills Court. An

update regarding this issue was provided. The property is located on Lexwood Drive behind the McKay's Shopping Center. Details regarding the property were discussed and requirements were outlined. The Board of County Commissioners assured Mr. Jones that the letter would be signed today and given to him prior to his departure.

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL UPDATE

Present: Patrick Murphy, County Attorney
David Taylor, Cable Advisory Committee

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Taylor provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the status of negotiations with two cable television companies - Western Shore Cable and Comcast Cable. Members of the Cable Steering Committee were present at today's meeting as well. It was reported that the negotiations were still in the fact-finding phase. Most of the information requested is in from Western Shore, however, information has not been received by Comcast, and the request is over a year old. The following points were made:

- Audits are being conducted;
- Comcast contract expired January 2, 2001. An interim report was drafted, but is unsigned as yet;
- Presumption by companies is that the current company will receive the contract;
- Benefits of the franchise agreement were outlined;
- Discussion regarding an "out-clause" occurred regarding technology changes in the future;
- It was determined that negotiating points would not be discussed in public;
- Commissioners pointed out that the cable issue has been the single most unfavorable topic by citizens in the County - numerous problems exist and need to be resolved;
- First negotiation meeting with Western Shore occurred yesterday;
- No meeting has been set up with Comcast thus far, as more information is needed;
- \$200,000 was budgeted for this issue of which \$100,000 has been spent;
- Mr. Murphy indicated the County is armed with a lot of information and is now in a good position for negotiations;
- The 5% franchise fee issue was discussed - the fee is charged for the privilege and ability of a private cable company to use the public right of way - this is not a subscriber-based fee; and
- If a new company purchases the franchise, they receive all the equipment and the franchise agreement with the County stands.

Mr. Taylor provided an overview of the termination of service by HSA Net to customers in the County. The company filed for bankruptcy and terminated service with very little notice to customers. CMP Cable has taken over their internet services in the form of 1-way and 2-way services, but has not taken over dial-up service that was previously provided. It is hoped that CMP Cable will continue to provide this service.

Mr. Murphy outlined ways a county could enforce good customer service requirements on a cable company. It was reported that Western Shore Cable has approximately 25,000 customers, while Comcast has about 800 customers, which are mainly located in the Golden Beach area.

The Cable Advisory Committee was thanked for all their effort in providing this valuable service to the County.

FAREWELL TO KATE MAUCK

The Board of County Commissioners presented Ms. Kate Mauck with a wall plaque, gift and card on the event of her departure from service to the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Mauck was thanked for her efforts and hard work on behalf of the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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

Judith Spalding recorded the remaining meeting minutes:

Litigation

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator
George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator
Patrick Murphy, County Attorney
Jon Grimm, Director, DPZ
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

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

Time Held: 4:40 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed a matter of litigation relative to Lexington Manor and gave direction to staff.

Personnel

Present: Commissioner President Julie B. Randall
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Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)1

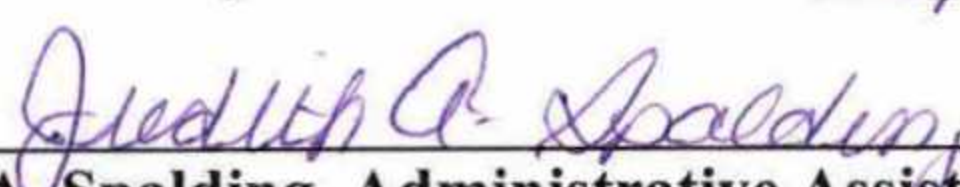
Time Held: 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed staff reorganization issues; employment Contract, a leave request; and an appointment to a Board and gave direction staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by the
Board of County Commissioners on 10/30/01**


**Judith A. Spalding, Administrative Assistant
to the Board of County Commissioners**