

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Governmental Center  
Tuesday October 22, 2002**

**Present:** Commissioner Joseph F. Anderson  
Commissioner Shelby P. Guazzo  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator  
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to BOCC (Recorder)  
Kaaren Burke, Senior Adm. Coordinator (Recorder)

*(Commissioner President Julie B. Randall was present at the groundbreaking and Executive Session)*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to accept the agenda as presented and the County Administrator's items as amended (item 4. was removed from County Administrator's items). Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2002, as corrected. Motion carried.**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Present:** Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator

Community expressions of interest have been received regarding the status and future of the former vacant Head Start building near George Washington Carver School on Lincoln Avenue in Lexington Park. A committee has been appointed to address the future of that facility and adjoining land under the control of the Board of Education. The Committee is chaired by Deputy County Administrator George Forrest and includes various county department heads and a representative from SMCPS. No action will be taken until the Committee's report returns to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and direction.

1. Draft Agenda - October 29 (not meeting Nov. 5)
2. Grant Agreements
  - a. Office of Community Services (*Cynthia Brown, Walt Biscoe*)  
Sign the amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service (Americorps\*VISTA) so that grant time line matches federal pay cycles.

**Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the amendment to the MOA. Motion carried.**

- b. \*So. Md. Tri-County Community Action Committee (*Norma Webber, Elaine Kramer*)  
Sign Emergency Food Assistance Program Sub-recipient Agreement for 3-year agreement (approved by BOCC on 10/8/02)

**Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the 3-year agreement. Motion carried.**

3. Budget Amendment

- a. Sheriff's Department (*Capt. Horne, Elaine Kramer, Randy Schultz*)  
Sign Budget Amendments  
(i) To remove revenue and expense related to U.S. Marshals and set up expenses related to INS as well as the amount needed to have neutral impact in FY 03

**Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to authorize Commissioner Randall to sign the budget amendments. Motion carried.**

- (ii) To realign accounts to fund 10% increase in Corrections Salary effective October 25, 2002, and transfer appropriation authority from grant reserve.

**Commissioner Guazzo moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly to authorize Commissioner Randall to realign accounts and transfer appropriation authority from the grant reserve. Commissioner Raley voted against the motion. Motion carried 3-1.**

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

### Commissioner Mattingly

- Along with the other Commissioners, attended the Oyster Festival which was a great success. Lots of out of town visitors were present and local community organizations were very involved.
- Represented the Board at the Special Olympics Soccer Tournament at Dorsey Park. Congratulations to all the special Olympians.
- Congratulations to Recreation and Parks, the volunteer board and county staff, who were all involved in the Laurel Grove reconstruction project. There was a solid response from the community for the park and for Mr. John Baggett, who was honored to have the park named after him.
- The Patuxent Limited banquet was another great event with a full house of participants.
- Our sympathies to the family of Oliver Guyther who will not only be missed in the legal community but throughout St. Mary's County.
- Attended the MALPF Task Force meeting October 18. Each of the subcommittees will put together their reports to the task force board. There will be one more meeting and a final recommendation will be made to the legislature.

Commissioner Anderson

- Congratulations to Karen Abrams on her investiture as the first female circuit court judge in St. Mary's history. It was a historic event and well attended.

Commissioner Guazzo

- Many thanks to the League of Women Voters for sponsoring forums. Their purpose is to educate and promote citizen voter activity in the political process. Tuesday, October 29, at the Leonardtown High School, there will be another forum for state offices.
- Represented the Board at a meeting of the Wicomico River Commission which is a joint commission of Charles and St. Mary's County. The objectives of the commissions are the preservation of our waters.

Commissioner Raley

- There are many good things happening in St. Mary's County. As we listen to the ads and forums during this political season, some will be negative, but we should step back and consider that this is a beautiful county and good things are happening here. The best things in St. Mary's County are the people and the beauty of our land. The future is bright in St. Mary's County.

**NORTHERN SENIOR CENTER GROUNDBREAKING**

Commissioners attended the Northern Senior Center Groundbreaking Ceremony.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

**Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Guazzo, to enter into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Property Acquisition issues as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8 and 4-210(a)11, respectively. Motion carried.**

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  
Alfred A. Lacer, County Administrator  
Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation and Parks  
Janet Parks, Property Manager, Facilities  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

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

**Time Held:** 2:37 p.m.- 3:05 p.m.

**Action Taken:** The Commissioners discussed a property acquisition issue and gave direction to staff.

**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  
John Norris, County Attorney  
Robin Finnacom, Lexington Park Plan  
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

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

**Time Held:** 3:07 p.m.-3:36 p.m.

**Action Taken:** The Commissioners discussed a litigation issue and gave direction to staff.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

**GREAT MILLS POOL GROUNDBREAKING**

The Commissioners attended the Great Mills Pool Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Minutes Approved by the  
Board of County Commissioners on 10/29/02

Donna Gebicke  
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant  
to the Board of County Commissioners