

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**
Meeting held August 10, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Robert Gant, Jr., Chair, Commissioner
Joan Gelrud, Co-Vice Chair, Commissioner
Andrew Kozak, Commissioner
Stephanie Proctor, Commissioner
Bob Schaller, Director, DECD
Dennis L. Nicholson, Secretary
Crystal Wojciechowski, Recorder

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Nicholson at 6:10 p.m.

Housing Privatization Meeting

A meeting with John Savich, Sue Sabo, Robert Gant, Jr. and Joan Gelrud is scheduled for August 15, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to bring Housing Authority Commissioners into the discussion with John Savich on the topic of the Housing Authority privatization. John Savich will send a letter to the Housing Authority Commissioners after this discussion detailing more clearly the definition of privatization and the impacts to the Housing Authority. As Chair and Co-Vice Chair, J. Gelrud and R. Gant, Jr. will hear John Savich out and John Savich will also get the chance to hear the Housing Authority's point of view of financial and/or cash flow burdens that HASMC may face through the privatization; not just through the privatization of staff, but when all service support is disconnected from the County.

J. Gelrud stated that she recently spoke with Sue Sabo briefly regarding the privatization. J. Gelrud emphasized that there was a level that the Housing Authority could manage, but at some levels, the Housing Authority might not be able to sustain itself. Sue Sabo stressed that there are many models in which this privatization could work and a number of financial considerations to take into account.

Bob Schaller emphasized that the meeting on Monday is an attempt to get the Housing Authority Board into the conversation. "This is not a study, the privatization will happen. The end goal is to transition," stated Bob Schaller.

The Housing Commissioners agreed that the Housing Authority and Housing Authority Board need to be the drivers of this privatization once we hear what John Savich has to say. This is the moment to be proactive.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn by J. Gelrud, seconded by A. Kozak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Quorum Broken - Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

ACCEPTED BY:

Dennis L. Nicholson, Secretary

Robert Gant Jr., Chair