

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 13, 2012**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
John Savich, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

Prior to the regular business meeting, the Commissioners attended the Long-Term Care Awareness Conference at the Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to adopt the minutes of March 6, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Russell announced that the Executive Session for today has been cancelled and called for a motion to delete from the agenda.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to delete the Executive Session from today's agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED TO MR. PHIL ROLLINS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM SENATOR ROY DYSON AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR GIRL SCOUT'S "YEAR OF THE GIRL"

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for March 20 and 27, 2012.
2. **Department of Finance** (*Elaine Kramer, CFO*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendments reflecting change to the PF0903 Leonardtown Library project in the amount of \$887,000 and; the realignment between FDR HW0703 and FDR HW1202 in the amount of \$4,966,800. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Jarboe voted nay.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendments reducing Transfer Tax in the amount of \$183,955 and County Paygo in the amount of \$208,852 from the FIN12 Capital Reserve to increase the Carver Heights Park Project by \$30,557 and the Mattapany Farmers Market Project by \$362,250 both as directed by the BOCC at the February 27th work session. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendments closing the Land Acquisition Project PS0807 in the amount of \$1,045,000 and applying the Capital Fund Balance of \$662,112 to the FIN12 Capital Reserve. Motion carried 5-0.

(Maggie Bowen; Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc.; John Devine, Miles and Stockbridge)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Letter of Intent indicating our willingness to issue such bonds for the benefit of Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc. and authorize County staff to proceed with the necessary steps to effect such transaction, including scheduling a public hearing for March 27, 2012. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Russell abstained because of his involvement with Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc.

3. **Department of Aging and Human Services** (*Cynthia Brown, Division Manager, Human Services*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Grant Certification and Disclosure documentation required by the State for the FY2013 Core Service Agency (CSA) MOU related to project #'s MD1382, MD1384 through 1386, MD1390, MD1392, and MD1353, from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services for funding of CSA administrative costs and program services in the amount of \$354,793. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Emergency Solutions Grant Program Agreement, project #US1256, from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$28,450, the Sub-recipient Agreements between the County and the Three Oaks Center, Leah's House, Angel's Watch and Department of Social Services and the related budget amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Recreation and Parks (*Phil Rollins, Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager; Christina Bishop, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and related certifications and assurances between the County and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Developmental Disabilities Administration on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks for assisting in funding the New Horizons Summer Camp, in the total amount of \$28,258. Motion carried 5-0.

5. County Attorney (*George Sparling, County Attorney*)

(Captain Daniel Alioto, Sheriff's Office)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff's Department establishing procedures for forfeiture of monies and other property seized by the Sheriff's Department and disposition of cash proceeds in accordance with St. Mary's County budget and fiscal policies and purchasing laws. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute a Memorandum of Understanding to permit the location of an Early Voting Center in Room 14 of the Potomac Building at the St. Mary's County Governmental Center for the St. Mary's County Board of Elections to use for the 2012 Primary and General Elections. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS: PRESENT FINAL DRAFT OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Present: Phil Rollins, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Donna Sasscer, Agriculture/Seafood Development Manager, Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Sue Veith, Environmental Planner, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management

Mr. Rollins noted that every six years the state requires counties to revise their Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. The draft St. Mary's County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan was presented to the Board of County Commissioners on August 4, 2011, for their comments. The County's Plan was then forwarded to the Maryland Department of Planning and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for their comments. The revised plan before the Commissioners today reflects changes based on all comments received.

Mr. Savich expressed his continued concern with the Plan's Land Preservation Goal (Section IV-4), which is jointly arrived at with the state and was readopted in our last Comprehensive Plan. We have a Farmland Preservation Goal of 60,000 acres with 43,778 acres to go that will require almost half of the remaining acreage assessed agricultural to be placed in preservation status. While this goal may have seemed reasonable at the time, Mr. Savich stated his belief that it is virtually, if not literally, impossible to reach. He asked that as we go through the next update of the Comprehensive Plan, staff look for an appropriate opportunity to review the realism of that goal with the state. The goal is only about farmland for which we don't get credit for all types of preserved land.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to adopt the proposed Resolution adopting the revision of the 2012 St. Mary's County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week as well as personal interest items.

FY 13 BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners continued working on the FY13 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell closed the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 3:20 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)