

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
John Savich, County Administrator
Donna Gebicke (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Registers for checks dated March 16, 2010, as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, March 9, 2010, as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF FLOOD WARNING WEEK, RED CROSS MONTH, AND COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH WERE PRESENTED

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- 1. Draft Agenda for March 23, and March 30, 2010**
- 2. St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office** (*Sheriff Timothy K Cameron; Erin K Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the application electronically and through the mail for the Collaborative Supervision & Focused Enforcement Violence Prevention Grant, MD1109, MD1113 and MD1116, from the Governor's Office of

Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$25,072 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the application documents electronically and through the mail for the Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement Grant, MD1124, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$18,135 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the application electronically and through the mail for the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant, US1138, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$44,185 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the grant application electronically and through the mail for the Domestic Violence Unit Program in the amount of \$3,964 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the application documents electronically and through the mail for the School Bus Safety Enforcement Grant, MD1123, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$20,000 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the budget amendment increasing the project salary and fringe accounts in the Gang Intelligence Coordinator Grant, US0822, to fund the deficit created after the grant funding was depleted, and fund the now hourly Gang Intelligence Coordinator position in Corrections with funding identified through vacant Correctional Officer positions. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Dept. of Human Services (*Cynthia Brown, Director; Kelsey Bush, Youth Coordinator*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the One-Time Only Emergency Funds grant agreement between the County and the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services on behalf of the Department of Human Services to meet the needs of individuals and families seeking emergency assistance, in the amount of \$50,000, and the related budget amendment to re-align funds to the DSS account. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Department of Public Safety (*David D. Zylak, Director; Jaclyn Shaw, Emerg. Mgr.*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the Department of Public Safety's suggested spending plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program and to authorize the Public Safety Director to submit the grant application documents electronically for the FFY2010 Homeland Security Grant, Project # US1120, from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$242,141, consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Recreation & Parks (*Phil Rollins, Director*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the budget amendment in the amount of \$193,567 closing out the St. Mary's College Amphitheater project # RP0702 per the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's College Foundation. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Department of Aging (*Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the NGA for the Revised FY2010 Title III Federal Grants from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$247,676 and a related budget amendment to increase Project # US1002, #US1004, #US1005, #US1009 and to decrease Project #1033. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Department of Public Works & Transportation (*George A. Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Commissioners of Leonardtown for the Treatment Plant Capacity Evaluation and Land Application Study, not to exceed \$75,000, on behalf of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, and to execute the related budget amendment increasing the Phase I ADC Project and decreasing Parking/Site Improvement Projects. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Public Works Agreement Addendum for Cecil's Mill Subdivision, Section 1, located in the 8th Election District with an Expiration Date of April 1, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

9. **County Administrator**

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize staff to prepare the necessary loan documents for a seven-year loan to Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., in the amount of \$392,686, from the Fire and Rescue Revolving Loan Fund, to purchase a Pierce Arrow XT Pumper and to authorize the Commissioner President and staff to execute the necessary documents with the understanding that the County Attorney will have approved them for legal sufficiency prior to execution. Motion carried 5-0.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT UNIT (ALS) & DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY: ALS UNIT BRIEFING ON PATRIOT MEDICAL TRANSPORT, LLC, PARAMEDICS

Present: David Zylak, Director, Dept. of Public Safety
Carol Sullivan, Chief, ALS Unit
Michael Cahill, Asst. Chief, ALS Unit

The Board awarded a contract in May 2009 to Patriot Medical Transport System, LLC, to supplement the efforts of volunteer paramedics at the ALS Unit. Services provided by Patriot include Advanced Life Support ambulance transportation, Basic Life Support ambulance transportation and wheelchair van transportation. Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Cahill provided data to illustrate the success of the ten-month program in filling holes in the ALS schedule when volunteers are not available. The contract is for one base year and two option years. The goal of the ALS Unit is to return to an all volunteer unit as soon as possible.

THE GREENWELL FOUNDATION AT GREENWELL STATE PARK: PROGRAM UPDATE

Present: Jolanda Campbell, Executive Director
Board Members: David Wenrich, Ashley Varner, and Bob Randall (Treasurer)

Ms. Campbell provided an overview of programs offered at Greenwell, which included: therapeutic and recreational horseback riding, Camp Greenwell, Kayak Camp, Fishing Camp, Head Start Nature Time sessions, and Southern Maryland Vacations for Vets. Vacations for Vets is a weekend program for recovering servicemen and women and their families. In partnership with the Maryland Park Service, The Greenwell Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing accessible and inclusive programs, services and facilities for all community members in Southern Maryland.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DISCUSSION OF PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREA LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Present: Derick Berlage, Director
Donna Sasscer, DECD, Agriculture Manager
Jeff Jackman, Senior Planner
Sue Veith, Environmental Planner

Mr. Berlage provided an overview of the revised language and the major commitments contained in Chapter 6 of the Comprehensive Plan, "Priority Preservation Areas Element." This chapter describes the County's strategy for protecting agricultural lands and is required by state law.

Commissioner Raley suggested several revisions to the language as presented by staff. The Board agreed to direct staff to make the following changes to Chapter 6.

Page 6-4, 6.4.1, Funding

Add "state and county" to last sentence.

"Still, there is a need to identify more **state and county** funding to purchase land and easements."

Page 6-4, 6.4.2, MALPF Participation

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End sentence at "sources."

"Identify new and supplement existing funding sources." ~~and consider dedicating general funds to bolster land preservation efforts in years of surplus revenues.~~

Page 6-11, 6.6 Priority Preservation Area Goals and Objectives

6.6.1, A. ii. c.

Add "Should consider" to beginning of sentence.

"Action: **Should consider** implementing an installment purchase agreement agriculture land preservation program."

Page 6-12, 6.6. Priority Preservation Area Goals and Objectives

6.6.1, A. iii. b.

Delete "and consider establishing a similar limitation within an Agricultural Overlay designated within the Agricultural Preservation Focus Area."

"Action: Continue the limitation on use of TDRs to increase density in the Rural Legacy Areas." ~~and consider establishing a similar limitation within an Agricultural Overlay designated within the Agricultural Preservation Focus Area.~~

Page 6-12, 6.6. Priority Preservation Area Goals and Objectives

6.6.1, A. iv. d

Add "to continue where possible" to beginning of sentence.

"Action: **To continue where possible** to fund and promote landowner participation in the County 5-year Agricultural District program."

Page 6-13, 6.6. Priority Preservation Area Goals and Objectives

6.6.2, A. i.

Add “consider implementing,” and “future” to sentence.

“Policy: **Consider** implementing local regulations to achieve ‘no net loss’ of forest in accordance with **future** Maryland laws and regulations.”

Commissioner Jarboe moved that the Commissioners hold a public hearing at the Northern Senior Center regarding proposed changes made last week. (*proposed Comp Plan changes for four properties in northern end of County*) Motion failed.

Adoption of a final Comprehensive Plan will be scheduled for March 23, 2010.

COMMISSIONER’S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted upcoming events and those attended over the past week as well as personal interest items. Commissioner Jarboe expressed concern regarding information the Commissioners received on a regional youth detention center being proposed by the Department of Juvenile Services for Southern Maryland and asked that staff keep the Board informed about the process, particularly the site selection process, to ensure the Board’s recommendations and concerns are included.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board conducted a work session on the FY2011 St. Mary’s County Budget.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Donna M. Gebicke, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)