

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

Present: Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

Absent: Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones

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 Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD AND NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for April 23 and 30, 2013.
2. **Department of Economic and Community Development** *Steve Anderson, Director; Robin Finnacom, CEO, CDC)*

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment to increase the BOCC Emergency Appropriation by \$3,585 and decrease the Lexington Manor Project US0518 by the same amount to close the Project. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Department of Public Works and Transportation (*George Erichsen, Director; Jacqueline Fournier, Trans. Mgr; MaryAnn Coontz, STS*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute budget amendments closing out STS Capital Equipment Projects US0728, US0978 and URA02, returning \$38,976 to the Supplemental Reserve and \$3,085 to the BOCC Emergency Reserve. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Department of Emergency Services and Technology (*Bob Kelly, Director*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to authorize Department of Emergency Services & Technology staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness, Project US1434, from the State of Maryland in the amount of \$6,250. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Sheriff's Office (*Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

(Corporal Bill Raddatz)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Sheriff's Office staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Sex Offender Compliance Enforcement Grant, Project MD1424, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$16,065; and, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent to the electronic filing. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize the Sheriff's Office Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant, US1416, from the Bureau of Justice in the amount of \$27,667 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Sheriff's Office to submit the grant application documents electronically for the FY13 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, US 1468, from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$2,000 with the hard copy to be submitted for review at the award stage. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Department of Land Use and Growth Management (*Phil Shire, Director*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment to decrease the LUGM's Planning Division Consultant Account for \$100,000 for funding that will not be expended in FY2013 for the Charlotte Hall Plan and WIP consultant services, and to increase the BOCC Emergency Appropriation by this amount. Motion carried 4-0.

7. County Administrator (*Dr. Rebecca Bridgett*)

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to appoint the following persons to Boards, Committees, or Commissions with the terms to expire as indicated.

	Term Ends
Metropolitan Commission Board	
Robert A. Russell	12/31/15
Electrical Examiners Board	
Robert Spence	12/31/14

Motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

MD DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION: LEXINGTON PARK METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) DESIGNATION

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Land Use and Growth Management
 Mike Nixon, Maryland Department Of Transportation
 Mr. Harlan Miller, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration

Mr. Miller described the process utilized by the Census Bureau to designate an area as an Urbanized area and the federal requirement that an Urbanized area have a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to oversee the localized transportation planning process. He explained the role and responsibilities of MPO board members, the key products of the metropolitan transportation planning process and the use of performance measures in preparing them. A Regional Transportation Plan (20-year plan) that describes the vision for the region is required along with a short-term plan called the Transportation Improvement Program which is updated every 4-5 years. Mr. Nixon noted St. Mary's and Calvert Counties must sign an MOU to move forward with the designation. The Commissioners were also told that the County would be in jeopardy of losing transportation funding of approximately \$1M if they declined to sign the MOU for the urbanized area designation.

Commissioner Morgan questioned the rationale of the Census Bureau combining the Ranch Club in Calvert County and Lexington Park to create an urbanized area. The Ranch Club is a private community that maintains their own roads and the County does not maintain the roads at NAS Pax River which encompasses most of the Lexington Park area. Commissioner Jarboe asked if there was a way to appeal the designation and if funding would be in jeopardy during the appeal process. Commissioner Russell stated he was not prepared to vote for anything that will impact losing funding. After much discussion, the Commissioners agreed to appeal the designation and forward letters to the appropriate agencies.

WALDEN OPEN HOUSE AT COVE/D.F.Z. YOUTH RECOVERY CENTER

The Commissioners toured the Cove, a state funded facility under the guidance of Walden Sierra, which provides an alcohol/drug free facility for youth 15 to 17 to congregate and participate in social activities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)