

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, April 17, 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)

THE COMMISSIONERS ATTENDED A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR LEONARDTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT, 24015 POINT LOOKOUT ROAD, LEONARDTOWN, AT 8:00 AM.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:30 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to add to the agenda after Commissioner's Time and to go to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation matters. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adopt the minutes of April 10, 2012, as written. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH

DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND IT: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK/FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Present: Bob Kelly, Director, Dept. of Public Safety and Information Technology
William Smith, Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for Fire/ES
High School Cadet Students

Mr. Kelly expressed gratitude to all the St. Mary's County Fire and Medical Services volunteers noting that currently the County has 1,200 volunteers who answered approximately 14,000 calls last year. Mr. Smith provided details of the Unified Firefighter/Emergency Medical Services Recruitment day to help bolster emergency responder numbers. On April 22, 2012, Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads will be opening their doors to area residents to educate the community on what it takes to be a volunteer. The Commissioners joined high school cadet students who displayed the use of the protective equipment recently purchased with grant funds and the newly installed "wrapped" recruitment vehicle.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Savich announced that Mr. Sparling, County Attorney, notified him that the Executive Session on Litigation added to today's agenda is post-poned.

1. Draft Agendas for April 24, and May 1, 2012.

2. Department of Public Works and Transportation (*George Erichsen, Director*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to authorize the Department of Public Works and Transportation staff to proceed with a Public Hearing to be held on May 22, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of updating the St. Mary's County Road Ordinance as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Morris asked if the capacity for the future Park and Ride was 250 or 500 vehicles. Mr. Shire responded 500. Commissioner Morris recommended that consideration be given to limiting the size of the lot to 250 or 300 to alleviate the overall impact on traffic in the area.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Right of Entry Permit between St. Mary's County and the Maryland Transit Administration for the purpose of performing test boring and to access the area for design purposes for the proposed construction of a commuter bus parking lot for the New Market Park and Ride Facility as set forth on Exhibit A. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Department of Finance (*Elaine Kramer, CFO*)

Technical Correction to Resolution 2012-29

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and sign the Resolution and authorize the Commissioner President and County Administrator to execute the necessary documents for the issuance of Economic Development Revenue Bonds of \$6 million on behalf of the Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc. Motion carried 4-0. 1 abstention. Commissioner Russell abstained.

DEPT. OF LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT: PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (1) IMPLEMENTING A STREAMLINING REFORM TO MAKE PRE-APPLICATION MEETINGS VOLUNTARY; AND (2) CORRECTING AN ERROR IN SCHEDULE 32.1 FOR FRONT YARD SETBACKS IN THE TMX AND DMZ ZONES

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Bob Bowles, Planner, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management

Mr. Shire presented two proposed zoning text amendments for first reading. Change verbiage in Section 60.5 of the Zoning Ordinance to make pre-application meetings voluntary for the applicants; and to correct typographical errors in Schedule 32.1 Development Standards to reflect that structure setbacks in minor collector areas of TMX should be 25 ft. and 5 ft. for DMX, and structure setbacks in major collector areas for TMX should be 35 ft. and 10 ft. for DMX.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to accept for a first reading the proposed zoning text amendments for the purpose of implementing a streamlining reform to make pre-application meetings voluntary and correcting an error in schedule 32.1 for front yard setbacks in the TMX and DMZ zones and to direct that the Planning Commission proceed with a public hearing and prepare a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on the proposals. Motion carried 5-0.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND: STATE OF THE COLLEGE

Present: Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President
F. J. Talley, Vice President and Dean, Leonardtown Campus at College of Southern Maryland
Janice Walthour, Trustee, College of Southern Maryland

Dr. Gottfried provided an overview of the College of Southern Maryland(CSM) noting the availability of a variety of credit and non-credit programs at the LaPlata, Calvert County, and Leonardtown

Campuses. Enrollment continues to grow with an FY2011 total enrollment of 25,907. CSM is especially proud of their Cyber Security, Nuclear Energy Technician, and Engineering programs. CSM is one of the first Community Colleges to have the Cyber security program. The Nuclear Energy Technician Program will graduate its first class this year and most students will be offered positions at CNG in Calvert County. Enrollment in the Southern Maryland Engineering Program is not as robust as the college expected but is gaining momentum with 16 students entering class in the fall 2012 session. In partnership with a number of companies, CSM offers a Continuing Education and Workforce Development program that provides career ladder positions as well as training for trades such as welding, HVAC, sheet metal, plumbing, and electrical. The CSM plays a vital role in the community providing resources such as the aquatic center, fields for sporting activities, and art and cultural events. Funding sources for the College include: state (19%), county (29%), and tuition (51%). Dr. Bradley noted that Mr. Talley has accepted the position of President of Frederick Community College.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

Commissioner Jarboe commented that the Commissioners received a copy of a letter from the Golden Beach Civic Association concerning the change in the polling site for residents in that area. Noting that this is really a Board of Elections issue, he asked if the Commissioners would consider sending a letter to the Board of Elections requesting consideration be given to the citizens' request.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Russell adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at approximately 11:25 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)