

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
Tuesday, July 29, 2014**

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

Absent: Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for Aug 5, 2014. There will be no meeting on August 12, 2014.
2. **Department of Land Use and Growth Management** (*Grace Brady, Historic Planner of Land Use and Growth Management*)

Resolution making *IN OLD SAINT MARY'S* the official poem of St. Mary's County

Postponed

3. **St. Mary's County Health Department** (*Joy Sapp, Fiscal Services Chief*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY2015 Core Public Health Services Funding Agreement which confirms to the State the County's funding allocation for FY2015. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Sheriff's Office (*Captain Edward Willenborg; Erin K. Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the School Bus Safety Grant award, Project MD1523, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Preservation on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and execute the budget amendment which will realign the accounts in accordance with the grant award. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morgan asked Captain Willenborg to provide the number of citations issued by officers last year related to cars illegally passing school buses?

5. Department of Aging and Human Services (*Lori Jennings Harris, Director; Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor*)

(Norine Rowe, Project Manager, Dept. Aging and Human Services)

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, (1) to authorize Departmental Staff to accept the Grant Award documents electronically for budget year two of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program grant, Project US1510, from the Corporation for National and Community Service in the amount of \$41,760, consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the BOCC; and (2) to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the related budget amendment that includes increasing Federal funds by \$2,500, realigning \$2,750 to be in the correct accounts and reallocating \$1,707 to the BOCC Emergency Reserve account since less County funding is needed than originally projected. Motion carried 4-0.

b. FY15 Drug Court Treatment Sub-recipients Agreements

Postponed

6. Department of Recreation and Parks (*Brian Loewe, Director*)

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment to increase the FY15 Countywide Maintenance Grant, Project MD1508 by \$49,000, from the Supplemental Reserve in accordance with the actual grant award. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendments to: (1) close out the Derelict Boat Removal Grant, PL1302, and return \$27,200 to the FIN14 Capital Reserve account and (2) closeout the FY14 Portable Toilet (MD1407) and Countywide Maintenance (MD1108) grants and return \$5,150 to the Supplemental Reserve. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the budget amendment to return MHAA and County Funds for design and engineering of the Three Notch Trail Phase VI (PA1101), in the total amount of \$43,742, to the FIN14 accounts as that portion of the project is now complete. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and sign the Resolution to accept FDR Boulevard, County Route 31335, located between MD 246 and South Shangri-La Drive in Lexington Park, in the 8th Election District, into the County Highway Maintenance System and the Ordinance authorizing the posting of stop signs for FDR Boulevard, at the MD 246 and South Shangri-La Drive intersections. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the five option contracts for the FDR Boulevard project as prepared by the State Highway Administration and presented by staff. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION: PURPLE HEART PARKING INITIATIVE

Present: George Erichsen, Director

On July 22, 2014, Justin Skotnicki and Jason Link, Co-founders of the Purple Heart Initiative, briefed the Commissioners on their initiative to request designated parking spaces for veterans as a way to acknowledge the sacrifices they made for their Country and asked that the Commissioners designate veteran parking spots on the Governmental Center Campus. Mr. Erichsen brought forth a Resolution that would establish veteran parking spots at not only the Governmental Center Campus, but at all County facilities, including parks and museums. If approved by the Commissioners, 50-75 signs will be ordered and installed by the Departments of Public Works and Transportation and Recreation and Parks as soon as they arrive.

Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the Resolution to establish Purple Heart parking at St. Mary's County government facilities. Motion carried 4-0.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: PROPOSED RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR ST. MARY'S MARKETPLACE

Present: Phil Shire, Director, Land Use and Growth Management

Mr. Shire presented a request to approve two easements crossing the Railroad Right-of-Way, (one for vehicle and pedestrian and one for stormwater management) for access to the proposed St. Mary's Marketplace Shopping Center. He noted that the map previously distributed to the Commissioners depicts the actual easements and explained this request today is only for the crossing easements and not for the proposed Three Notch Trail shown on the map. The original proposed Three Notch Trail route is being revisited.

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the proposed Railroad Right-of-way Easement Agreement with Investors Acquisition Group, LLC for ingress and egress between the proposed St. Mary's Marketplace and Three Notch Road to be held in escrow pending acquisition of all parcels comprising the development. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:47 am.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)