

**COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY
MEETING
Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

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

Prior to the regular business meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County met with the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Patuxent River for their yearly Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention meeting.

Attendees: CAPT Heidi Fleming, Commanding Officer
CAPT Scott Starkey, Executive Officer
Chris Jarboe, Atlantic Test Range Sustainability Officer
AC1 Matthew Dunn, Air Operations (ATC)
Lizzy Jenny, ART Sustainability Office
Martin Ahmad, Deputy Program Manager, Maritime Patrol & Reconnaissance
Aircraft Program Office (PMA 290)

County Staff

Robin Finnacom, Acting Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Brian Loewe, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Phil Shire, Director, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management

CAPT Fleming provided an overview of programs being conducted at NAS Patuxent River and Webster Field. She noted that several contract actions for base infrastructure projects are underway. Captain Fleming said she is looking forward to working with the Community and that her priorities are people and partnerships.

Presentations were provided on the Joint Land Use Study; the proposed Wind Turbines in Somerset County; the Shannon Farm acquisition; the Comprehensive Economic Development Study, the Southern Maryland Technology Commercialization Pilot Project, NAS Patuxent River Course Rules for take-off and landing, the NAVAIR Atlantic Test Range noise abatement program, and the P-8A aircraft.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 1:30 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014, as presented. Motion carried 5-0

PROCLAMATIONS WERE PRESENTED FOR RED RIBBON WEEK

PUBLIC HEARING (TEFRA)

Commissioner Russell opened the Public Hearing at 1:48 pm.

Present: Elaine Kramer, CFO
Kevin Fry, King's Christian Academy

Notice of public hearing was posted in the Enterprise Newspaper on September 19 and 26, 2014, and October 3, 2014. Ms. Kramer explained that authorization to issue \$3.7 million in Economic Development Revenue Bonds on behalf of King's Christian Academy will in no way count as a debt against the County; it is totally their debt and will allow them to obtain a lower interest rate. Mr. Fry provided an overview of the school, noting enrollment has increased over the past five years and additional classrooms are needed. The funds requested will provide for construction of additional space and alleviate the need to turn students away.

Commissioner Russell opened the hearing for public comment and closed it with no comments presented.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and sign the resolution approving the issuance of \$3.7million in Economic Development Revenue Bonds on behalf of King's Christian Academy, for the purposes identified in their submission, and authorize the Commissioner President and staff to execute the documents. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Russell closed the public hearing at 2:10 pm.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for October 28, 2014. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 4 and 11, 2014.
2. **Department of Aging and Human Services** (*Lori Jennings-Harris Director; Debbie Barker, Senior I & A Manager; Peggy Maio, Financial Supervisor*)

Notification of Grant Award for FY2015 Senior Health Insurance Program and related BA

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Senior Health Insurance Program, Project US1514, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services to provide counseling, education, and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries, in the amount of \$13,375 and the related budget amendment to reduce the grant funds by \$1,636 and return \$1,012 to the Commissioners' Emergency Appropriation Reserve in accordance with the award. Motion carried 5-0.

3. **Department of Recreation and Parks** (*Brian Loewe, Director; Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager*)

FY2015 Autism Speaks Swimming and Water Safety Scholarship Program Grant Agreement

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the FY2015 Swimming and Water Safety Scholarship Program funding agreement for Autism Speaks, Inc. grant funds up to \$6,000 on behalf of Recreation and Parks. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **County Attorney** (*George Sparling*)

Corporate Resolution

Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and sign a resolution correcting the corporate name of St. Mary's County among the records of the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation be adopted. Motion carried 5-0.

DEPT. OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT: DECISION ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 76 TO AMEND FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS

Present: Phil Shire, Director, LUGM
Yvonne Chaillet, Zoning Administrator, LUGM

Ms. Chaillet provided the Notice of Public Hearing that was posted in *The Enterprise Newspaper* notifying citizens that a hearing on the proposed text amendments to Chapter 76 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to amend the Floodplain Regulations would be held on October 7, 2014. No public comments were received during the hearing or the 10-day open comment period.

Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the Proposed Amendment to Chapter 76 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance as presented by Staff. Motion carried 4-0. *Commissioner Morris was out of room.*

COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on _____

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)