

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER  
Tuesday, March 1, 2005**

**Present:** Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay  
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement (*absent 11:14 a.m. - 11:44 a.m.*)  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.  
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley  
George G. Forrest, County Administrator  
Kate Mauck, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 2005. Motion carried.**

***PROCLAMATION: DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH – COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES***

The Board of County Commissioners issued a Proclamation in honor of Disability Awareness Month.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

1. Draft Agendas for March 8 and 15, 2005

2. **Department of Aging**

Present: Gene Carter, Director

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Budget Amendment in the amount of \$394 for the Department of Aging Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Motion carried, 5-0.**

3. **Department of Economic and Community Development – Housing**

Present: Dennis Nicholson, Executive Director, and Housing

**Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign FY05 Rental Allowance Program (RAP) Local Program Application, Assurance of Compliance, and three RAP Grant Agreements. Motion carried, 5-0.**

## ***COMMISSIONERS' TIME***

### **Commissioner Dement**

Reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event last Wednesday, which was hosted by Heritage Printing & Graphics. There was a good turnout and it was an excellent event.

Reported that most of the Commissioners attended the Bay District Fire Department's Public Hearing last week for residents of the 8<sup>th</sup> Election District. The public hearing was held regarding Bay District's proposal to increase the District's fire tax.

Attended the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast last Monday, which was held at the Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home.

### **Commissioner Mattingly**

Reported that he and Commissioner Raley attended the 2004 Annual 4-H Awards & Recognition Banquet on Saturday at the Leonardtown VFD Social Hall. Has attended this event for the last six years or so, and this one had the largest crowd that he has seen, with a great group of kids doing very positive things. Parents were commended for all the efforts, time, and encouragement they have put into making a success of 4-H for their children in St. Mary's County.

Expressed condolences upon the recent passing of Dr. Abdussamed Samadi, a native of Turkey, who was a vital surgeon in the County for many years. Attended a memorial in his honor, and there was a very nice response from the community, with very strong, positive comments regarding Dr. Samadi about the impact of his career on the citizens in the County. His family was wished all the best as they deal with his passing.

Also attended the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast last Monday.

### **Commissioner Jarboe**

Reported that he has been recuperating from illness while Commissioners attended other events. Asked citizens to drive safely.

### **Commissioner Raley**

Expressed congratulations to 4-H students, with special tribute to Tiffany Hall and James Singley, who were selected as Outstanding 4-H's for 2004. Commended Joann Lacey and Jay Farrell, who, together with many other individuals, put together a very nice event.

Also attended services in memory of Dr. Samadi, and stated that the doctor's passing was very significant. Outlined numerous accomplishments of the good doctor.

Attended the Dedication and Grand Opening of SASAF Bible Church's new Fellowship Center, located at the end of Rue Purchase Road. Pastor Spade and all the members of SASAF were congratulated on the wonderful facility, which was built for the most part, by the members of the congregation.

Attended an event in Dameron, where the Global Village honored four significant families, which have helped to build a great legacy in the County. The special families were Forrest, Gant, Herndon, and Portee, with the following individual special family guests having been represented: Mr. James Forrest, Mr. Francis "Bert" Forrest, Sr., Mr. George Forrest, Mr. Robert Gant, Sr., Ms. Dorothy Gant, Mr. Harold Herndon, Ms. Catherine Herndon, Mr. Richard Portee, and Mr. Ralph Portee.

Reported that a very disturbing event occurred in the County over the past weekend, with racist and bigoted comments having been written in the snow outside the NAACP Headquarters off Route 235, just south of the San Souci entrance. Stated that the County has come very far, but obviously more work needs to be done, if this type of thing is occurring. Stated that this type of comment is illegal as well as immoral and will not be tolerated or condoned in St. Mary's County.

### **Commissioner President McKay**

Stated that the entire Board concurs with Commissioner Raley's comments regarding intolerance of racism in St. Mary's County.

Reported that he was unable to attend the 4-H event last weekend, as he was celebrating his son's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, and spent much of the weekend with his son and family.

Reported that he would be attending a meeting of the Critical Areas Commission tomorrow, and that Commissioner Mattingly would be attending the MACo meeting.

Reported that he recently asked Mr. Forrest to put together a recommendation for a task force in order to address the issue of family violence in the County. Outlined the need for a concerted effort by all groups in the County that are currently working on this issue independently. Also outlined the importance of resolving many occurrences of family violence by taking a strong leadership role in County Government in order to tackle this issue.

*Commissioner Dement departed the meeting at this time.*

### **ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION UPDATE**

Present: Dr. Robert Paul, Professor of Biology, St. Mary's College  
Roger Stone, President & Director, Sustainable Development Institute  
Dr. Joan Poor, Professor of Economics, St. Mary's College  
Nancy McAllister, Chair, St. Mary's River Watershed Coalition  
Sue Veith, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Members of the St. Mary's River Watershed Association provided an update on the progress of the St. Mary's River Project at St. Mary's College and to inform them of the work completed by the association. The following information was presented and/or discussed:

- Purpose of the Watershed Coalition;
- Management plan for Hilton Run;
- Economics of water quality;
- Education and outreach strategies
- Plans for future Watershed Association activities;
- History, funding, and findings;
- Sub-watersheds outlined;
- St. Mary's River water quality problems;
- Severity of problems;
- Recommendations;
- Value of ambient water quality in the watershed;
- Research study;
- Property sales and monitor locations;
- Hedonic property value model and selected regression results;
- Conclusions to consider;
- Inevitability of development; however, sensitive, well-planned development would help the environment in significant ways;
- Effecting change in the watershed – education & outreach strategies, objectives, backyard conservation model and manual, and action plans for watershed education and homeowner outreach; and
- Plans for future Watershed Association activities.

*Commissioner Dement returned to the meeting at this time.*

It was pointed out that a Resolution dated October 30, 2001 authorized the creation of a St. Mary's County Watershed Committee; however, the Committee has never met. Commissioners were requested to consider formal reactivation of the St. Mary's County Watershed Committee, and also to take steps to implement recommendations throughout St. Mary's County as outlined in the Hilton Run Management Plan.

*The Board of County Commissioners directed the following:*

- *Sue Veith to carefully dissect current regulations and compare the regulations with/against the recommendations of the Association, outlining recommendations for the Board of County Commissioners on what can be done to institute appropriate changes to the St. Mary's River watershed;*
- *Sue Veith to provide information on TDR transfers and also Office Business Parks, and outline how these relate and/or impact the environment;*
- *Department of Land Use & Growth Management to provide thoughts and recommendations on whether adjustments need to be made in the form of a Resolution or any other actions;*
- *Commissioners would like the Commission on Environment to work closely with the St. Mary's River Watershed Association; and*
- *Staff to bring the requested information back to the Commissioners for review on a future agenda.*

The Board of County Commissioners, after adjournment of the regular meeting, conducted an afternoon budget work session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Kate Mauck, Senior Administrative Coordinator