Present: Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
George G. Forrest, Acting County Administrator
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant to BOCC (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize Commissioner McKay to sign the Check Register. Commissioner Jarboe abstained. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners’ meeting of Tuesday, July 1, 2003, as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas: July 15 and 22, 2003
2. Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management (Denis Canavan, Director; Sue Veith, Senior Planner)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign a Budget Amendment decreasing revenues and expenses for Critical Area Grant and increasing the unallocated grant reserve account. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Grant for FY04. Motion carried.
3. Employment Contract

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the employment contract for the County Administrator. Motion carried.

4. Boards and Committees – Appointment Letters

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to appoint

John B. Stober, Jr. to the Airport Commission for a term to expire 12/31/05; and to reappoint Mac Clabaugh and Walter Sanders to the Commission on Aging for terms to expire 6/30/06. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Commissioner President McKay invited the public to join the Board in recognizing

Mr. George G. Forrest during the announcement of his appointment as County Administrator at a ceremony on Monday, July 14, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. on the lawn of the Governmental Center. The ceremony will include a keynote address from Maryland’s Lt. Governor Michael Steele.

AGRICULTURAL TOUR

The agenda for the remainder of the day was reviewed. Commissioners departed for an agricultural tour of St. Mary’s County and Oak Grove, Virginia. Little Hackley Farm (Denison Landscaping Nursery), Upper Mattapoini Farm (Jamie Raley’s greenhouse), and Lawton Hall Farm (Steve Purvins’ grape operation) were visited in St. Mary’s County, along with Parker Farms vegetable packing facility and Ingelside Winery in Oak Grove, Virginia. The purpose for these visits was to get a sense of potential, economically viable opportunities for St. Mary’s County as we transition from a primarily tobacco agricultural economy to other types of agriculture.

Minutes Approved by the

Board of County Commissioners on ______

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Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant
to the Board of County Commissioners