

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, October 31, 2006**

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, County Administrator
Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Admin. Coordinator (Recorder)

The Commissioners attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Charlotte Hall Library Parking Lot Expansion and Announcement of the Words on Wheels (WoW!) Project at the Charlotte Hall Library.

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Item #2 (Finance) was removed from the County Administrator's list.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to adopt the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of October 24, 2006, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner President McKay left the meeting for the purpose of attending Critical Area Commission / Ryken High School meeting at LU&GM.

PROCLAMATION: 2006 BUDDY POPPY MONTH

Present: Robert Wilcoxon, VFW NAS Pax River Post 2632

Buddy Poppies are assembled by the disabled veterans, and the proceeds are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. The County Commissioners proclaimed November as BUDDY POPPY MONTH and urged all citizens

to wear a Buddy Poppy as a symbol of our gratitude to the men and women of this County who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Acting Executive Director Bobby Swann introduced the new Executive Director of the Tri-County Council, Wayne E. Clark. The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland is a partnership of state and local government and serves as a regional development and planning organization for Southern Maryland.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for November 14, 2006
2. **Finance** (*Elaine Kramer, CFO; Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director*)

This item was removed from the agenda on 10/31/06, as requested by Elaine Kramer.

Action: To approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment transferring Transfer Tax in the amount of \$65,193 from the FIN07 CIP Reserve to the PF7390, College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, Phase II, construction account.

3. **Department of Economic and Community Development and Housing Authority** (*John Savich, Director, DECD; Dennis Nicholson, Executive Director, Housing Authority; and Rhonda Garcia, Program Manager, Housing Authority*)

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the Notice to Public of Finding of Categorical Exclusion and Intent to Request Release of Funds, and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Request for Release of Funds and Certification for the CDBG Colony Square Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **Recreation Parks and Community Service** (*Phil Rollins, Director RP&CS; Jackie Beckman, Community Traffic Safety Coordinator*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment, decreasing the FY07 Highway Safety Grant budget, Project #US0721, by \$15,000, aligning the project budget with the actual grant award. Motion carried 4-0.

5. **Public Safety** (*Shirley Copado, Manager, Emergency Communications*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Education Grant Agreement with

the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services for the FY07 Emergency Medical Dispatch Funding Grant and the related Budget Amendment. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Land Use and Growth Management (*Phil Shire, Deputy Director, LU&GM*)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Proposed Instruments of Final Transfer for a total of two Transferable Development Rights for one additional lot in the RPD Zone: Subdivision Case File #06-110-046, Morgan's Rest Subdivision, located in the 5th Election District. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Proposed Instruments of Final Transfer for a total of four Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) for two additional lots in the RPD Zone: Subdivision Case File #06-110-036, T & K Minor Subdivision, in accordance with Chapter 26 and Schedule 32.2, Section 52.7.2, of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Boards and Committees

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to appoint Susan Sabo as the St. Mary's County Government Representative to the Family Violence Coordinating Council. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Jarboe

The "Welcome to St. Mary's" sign at the northern end of the County in Charlotte Hall is faded; requested Public Works' assistance with cleaning/restoring the sign.

Commissioner Raley

Represented the Board and presented a Proclamation in honor of Mrs. Dorothy C. Barclift's 80th birthday.

Thanked the Commissioners for their support with the dessert auction for St. Mary's Caring on Saturday.

Received several compliments from the Board of Directors because of George Erichsen's and Jackie Fournier's willingness to work with them on STS service issues.

Commissioner Mattingly

Happy Birthday to grandson, Hunter

Three Commissioners participated in last Friday's Solid Waste/Recycling Tour. Thanked staff, Richard Tarr, and the Solid Waste Committee that went along on the trip.

Attended the Patuxent Partnership Annual Dinner; was very nice event and provided a good chance to socialize with folks that work in or around the base. The guest speaker was Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

There have been a lot of events over the last week or so; thanks to everyone for the invitations that have been received.

One request outstanding that needs to be addressed; assigning a representative to the Transportation Task Force.

Commissioner Dan Raley

Commented about the visit to solid waste facilities in Howard County: Commissioner Dement was not able to participate due to personal reasons related to illness in the family and Commissioner's Jarboe and Mattingly are appreciated for their participation and the time dedicated to the tour.

Commissioner Dement

Attended the St. Mary's Caring dessert auction. Thanked Commissioner Mattingly for the "cake buy-out."

Apologized for not being able to attend other functions.

County Administrator George Forrest requested that the Commissioners provide recommendations regarding appointments to the Commission on Transportation.

Commissioner President McKay returned to the meeting.

PRESENTATION OF 2007 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND REVIEW OF PROCESS

Present: Colin Keohan, Deputy County Attorney

Mr. Keohan reviewed the Legislative Proposal schedule, process, and the 24 proposals received to date.

A Joint Public Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and the Southern Maryland Delegation is scheduled for November 14, 2006. Proposals will be presented and the public will have an opportunity to provide their input. The meeting will be advertised in advance in the same manner as previous years. Due to time constraints, Commissioner Mattingly suggested that the proposals submitted by the public be presented first, followed by agency and then County staff proposals. Commissioner McKay requested that the County Attorney's Office prepare a time schedule for the meeting that will note the order and time allotted for each proposal.

The Commissioners are scheduled to take positions on the 2007 Legislative Proposals and forward their proposals to the Delegation on November 21, 2006. There was discussion as to whether one week will be enough time to complete the process and whether to request an extension of the state's filing deadline.

COMMUNITY-BASED ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES TASK FORCE REPORT

Present: Jack Candella, Chair
Ford Dean, Task Force Member

As a follow-up to the October 10, 2006, presentation to the Board of County Commissioners, the presenters discussed the Task Force's recommendations regarding Public School Capacity and the Adequate Public Facilities provisions of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the task force's recommendations:

1. Adoption of a County Growth Policy
2. The assessment of the adequacy of current and projected revenue sources to provide schools and other infrastructure needs to keep pace with population growth.
3. Reconsideration of the policy of EIF (Economic Impact Fee) exemption in cases of building lots conveyed from parents to children.
4. Evaluation of the alternative of forward funding the construction of a school solely with County funds in lieu of utilizing State school construction funds.
5. The adoption of provisions which recognize the fact that not all parcels of land classified as RPD are of equal value with respect to its use for agricultural purpose and the maintenance of rural character.

Joined by Denis Canavan, the Board and the presenters discussed the process for moving forward with the recommendations presented by the Task Force. It was discussed that more questions need to be fleshed-out and that the recommendations need to be presented to a larger audience for their input. Mr. Candella agreed that the Task Force Report needs to be presented to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission should then provide their comments and recommendations to the Commissioners. Mr. Candella suggested that the Task Force and the Planning Commission plan a joint presentation of their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners at a later date.

GROUNDBREAKING FOR "PORT OF LEONARDTOWN"

The Commissioners attended the Port of Leonardtown Groundbreaking located at the Old State Highway property (former State Highway Garage) on Rt. 5. A public park and a co-op winery are planned for the site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Betty Jean Pasko, Senior Administrative Coordinator