

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, November 9, 2004**

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
Donna Gebicke, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)
Kate Mauck, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

Kate Mauck transcribed the following meeting minutes:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 26, 2004. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

The Board of County Commissioners presented a proclamation in honor of National Hospice Month.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for November 16, 2004 *(There will be no meeting on November 23)*
2. **Recreation, Parks, and Community Services**

Present: Cynthia Brown, Community Service Division Manager
Jacqueline Beckman, Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Memorandum of Understanding/ Agreement for Injury Prevention Grant funds and related Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

3. Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Present: Teresa Wilson, Historic Preservation Planner

a. **Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Educational Set-Aside Grant Application for Historic Preservation Commission Members to attend the Annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference in May 2006. Motion carried.**

b. **Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Certified Local Government Sub-grant Application for Historic Roads Context and Reconnaissance Survey. Motion carried.**

4. Finance Department

Present: Elaine Kramer, Chief Financial Officer
John Norris, III, County Attorney

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Budget Amendment to close out the Rodo Beach Taxing District. Commissioner Jarboe abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Finance Department and Department of Public Safety

Present: Elaine Kramer, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Walsh, Director, Public Safety
Shirley Copado, Communications Manager

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve the grant and schedule a supplemental appropriation public hearing for Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Emergency Number System Board Grant Award of \$571,924. Motion carried.

6. Department of Public Works and Transportation

Present: George Erichsen, Director

- a. Public Works Agreement Addendum for Aberdeen Subdivision, Section 2. *Located in the 2nd (Second) Election District with an expiration date of December 1, 2004. The letter of credit provided by the Cedar Point Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$34,800 remains as posted based on the Department's Inspection Report dated July 21, 2004. The Public Works Agreement and Letter of Credit in the amount of \$58,700 were originally issued on August 9, 1999. The road included in this agreement is: Nelson Court (461).*
- b. Public Works Agreement Addendum for Hickory Hills PUD Subdivision, Sections A & B. *(Amended to state: Sections 3A & 3B). Located in the 8th Election District with an expiration date of July 1, 2005. The letter of credit provided by the Bank of America in the amount of \$35,000 remains as posted based on the Department's Inspection Report dated August 13, 2004. The Public Works Agreement and Letter of Credit in the amount of \$376,000 were originally issued on July 31, 1997. The roads included in this agreement are: Meath Road (1,300'), Athboy Court (543'), Coosan Court (190'), and Boyne Court (280').*
- c. Public Works Agreement Addendum for Hickory Hills North Subdivision, Section 1. *Located in the 8th Election District with an expiration date of July 1, 2005. The bond provided by the Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America in the amount of \$34,000 remains as posted based on the Department's Inspection Report dated September 16, 2004. The Public Works Agreement and Letter of Credit in the amount of \$184,800 were originally issued on June 17, 1996. The roads included in this agreement are: Amber Drive (Accel/Decel Lane), Athlone Street (223'), Fore Edwards Place (268'), Brawney Street (899'), and Kilkenny Place (173').*
- d. Public Works Agreement Addendum for Hickory Hills North Subdivision, Section 2. *Located in the 8th Election District with an expiration date of October 1, 2005. The bond provided by the Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America in the amount of \$105,000 remains as posted based on the Department's Inspection Report dated August 5, 2004. The Public Works Agreement and Letter of Credit in the amount of \$458,000 were originally issued on August 31, 1998. The roads included in this agreement are: Athlone Street (717'), Curley Court (441'), Fore Edwards Court (171'), and Shannon Court (581').*
- e. Public Works Agreement Addendum for Tall Pines Subdivision, Section 1. *Located in the 2nd Election District with an expiration date of April 1, 2005. The cash bond in the amount of \$10,000 remains as posted based on the Department's Inspection Report dated October 31, 2004. The Public Works Agreement and Letter of Credit in the amount of \$111,000 were originally issued on October 26, 1999. The road included in this agreement is: Loblolly Curt (949').*

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Public Works Agreement Addendums for items a and e. Motion carried.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Public Works Agreement Addendums for items b, c, and d. Motion amended to reflect that item b sections should be listed as 3A and 3B. Motion carried.

7. Real Property Manager

Present: Joyce Malone

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign Deed and Settlement Statement that includes the title insurance, for Great Mills Apartments Flood Mitigation Acquisition, Disaster Number: FEMA 1324-DR-MD, located at 20228 Point Lookout Road, Great Mills, Maryland. Motion carried.

8. Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and sign the Appointment Letter for the following Board, Committee, and Commission. Motion carried.

<u>Historic Preservation Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Robert Gibbs	June 30, 2007

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MACo) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to nominate Commissioner President McKay as the St. Mary's County Representative to MACo, with Commissioner Mattingly as the alternate. Motion carried.

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER:
ANNUAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FY 05
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Present: Karen Everett, Manager, Business Development, Department of Economic
and

Community Development

Alan Kutz, Vice President, College of Southern Maryland Corporate and
Community
Training Institute
Bill Hitte, Acting Director, Southern Maryland Small Business
Development Center
Linda Craven, Small Business Counselor, Southern Maryland Small
Business
Development Center

The Maryland Small Business Development Center Southern Region Annual Report was presented to the Board of County Commissioners. A Memorandum of Understanding was between the College of Southern Maryland, the Small Business Development Center, and the Board of County Commissioners was presented and discussed.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Small Business Development Center for FY 2005. Motion carried.

RIVER BAY TOWNHOMES RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Board of County Commissioners departed the meeting at this time in order to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at River Bay Townhomes, Community Clubhouse, Route 712/Forest Park Road, Lexington Park, Maryland.

The Board of County Commissioners returned to the table at 2:11 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR (continued)

9. Finance Department and Circuit Court

Present: Judge Kaminetz
William Tench

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve grant and scheduling of a supplemental appropriation public hearing for a Circuit Court grant award of \$64,232 and related contributions of \$2,000 for a Juvenile Drug Court Discretionary Grant. Motion carried.

BUILDER'S DEVELOPMENT GUARANTEE GROUP: BRIEFING ON PROPOSED PROGRAM

Present: Tom Tucker, Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, Maryland-National
Capital
Building Industry Association (MNCBIA)

Rick Bailey, President, Development Guaranty Group of Prince George's County, Inc.

(DGG-PG)

Don Spence, Legal Counsel, Board Member, DGG-PG

Representatives from the Maryland-National Capital Building Industry Association and the Development Guaranty Group of Prince George's County, Incorporated presented a request to the Board of County Commissioners to grant approval of the acceptance of Certificates of Guaranty issued by DGG-PG for subdivision development work requiring bonding. The following information was outlined:

- DGG-PG, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Builders Development Guaranty Group of MNCBIA, Inc.
- Offers an alternative to conventional bonding and letters of credit;
- Has approximately \$12,500,000 Certificates of Guarantee outstanding in Prince George's County;
- Prince George's County requires that DGG hold 7 ½ percent of that amount in security; however, they regularly have collateral on hand in excess of 18% of the total of the Certificates of Guarantee outstanding;
- The organization is a cooperative and is self-ensured – outlined measures to be taken in the event of a default;
- Action needed – revisions to the St. Mary's County Code to include "Certificates of Guaranty" as an accepted form of bonding; and
- Same proposal process is ongoing with Charles County, and will be presented to Calvert County as well.

The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to take a hard look at this proposal as well as the complete background of the organization, and then make a recommendation to the Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING MAP CORRECTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION – DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Present: Jeff Jackman, Senior Planner
Denis Canavan, Director

A public hearing was conducted regarding zoning map corrections recommended by the Planning Commission. The Department of Land Use and Growth Management presented information regarding the four recommended corrections as follows:

Item 1) Dennis Point Marine, Parcel 63 of Tax Map 66. Recommended Zoning – CM Commercial
Marine.

Item 2) The Russell Property, Lot 1 of Parcel 14 of Tax Map 65. Recommended Zoning – TMX
Town Center Mixed Use.

Item 3) The Weaver Property, Parcel 386 of Tax Map 51. Recommended Zoning – I
Industrial.

Item 4) Evans Seafood (c/o Bill Blanton), Parcel 48 of Grid 19 of Tax Map 66.
Recommended
Zoning – CM Commercial Marine.

Each of the four properties was listed incorrectly, due to staff error, in the comprehensive zoning map(s) of the County. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on items 1, 2, and 3 on July 26, 2004, and a public hearing on item 4 on September 13, 2004. The Planning Commission has recommended the approval of all four corrections.

Commissioner Jarboe asked Mr. Jackman to place the official 2002 zoning maps for the entire County into the Board of County Commissioners' library for their review during the ten-day open comment period.

Commissioner President McKay opened the public hearing for public testimony, with the following individuals speaking:

Betty Clayton – St. George's Island – Represented Kathleen Travers, which is an owner of contiguous property near Evans Seafood Restaurant. Expressed concern that the owners would use the property for things other than the restaurant business. Outlined potential environmental and noise problems, as well as potential loss to surrounding property values. Mr. Jackman and Mr. Canavan outlined critical area environmental limitations to the property and explained the process for site plan process approval, should a request for a building on the property be presented in the future.

Chuck Cobbs – Piney Point – Lives adjacent to the Russell property and outlined privacy, security, and safety issues for his family should town homes go onto the property. Also expressed concern about the pond behind his property, which would supply water for any future development. Devaluation of his property is a concern, as well as the potential for numerous children going through his property.

Viki Volk-Russell – St. George's Island – Stated that she and her husband have no plans for development of their property; they simply wish to sell the property so that the Chesapeake Bay Field Laboratory can continue for another five to ten years. The same number of homes would be allowable with the incorrect zoning as it would be with the correct zoning. Also, there is no blue-line stream on the property. Asked the Commissioners to consider meeting in ten days so that sale of the property could move forward two days prior to Thanksgiving, when their current contract expires.

Chuck Kimball – Contract purchaser of the Chesapeake Seafood Business. Offered to meet with Ms. Clayton and work out problems. Ms. Clayton agreed to meet.

As no other individuals were present to speak, Commissioner President McKay closed the public hearing. The record will remain open for a period of ten days, after which time, the matter will then be placed on the Commissioners' agenda for discussion and a final decision.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Dement

Some of the Commissioners attended the farewell retirement dinner in honor of Timothy Smith, the Executive Director of the Naval Air Station on November 4th.

Commissioners' Dement and Jarboe attended the Soil Conservation District Board meeting on November 4th. He reported that it is hopeful that the legislative proposal will be worked out.

Stated that he was unable to attend on November 5th the Hughesville Bypass event, the Minority Business Allowance Banquet, and the 100th Birthday celebration event for Agnes Taylor. Commissioner Dement expressed his apologies.

On November 6th, attended the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad and Auxiliary 30th Annual Installation of Officers Banquet.

Attended the Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking ceremony for two homes to be built in San Souci.

Commissioner Mattingly

Expressed congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for the concert they sponsored at the St. George's County Equestrian Center. There was a good turnout from St. Mary's County and it appeared to be a successful fundraising event.

Had a meeting recently as a follow-up with the State Highway and the Town of Leonardtown to discuss some traffic issues that had been brought up at the State Road Show. Will be meeting again to discuss options as well as to put together a standard as far as requiring or requesting commitment to right-of-way as properties on that road (Route 5) develop.

Attended the Rural Summit in Solomon's on November 4th and 5th. There were some excellent speakers with interesting topics. The organization represents eighteen counties from rural areas throughout the State... Western Maryland, the Eastern Shore, and Southern Maryland. They have a real interest in trying to maintain a community, so they have a strong voice in Annapolis.

Attended the Highway Safety Awards Luncheon, which was a very nice event.

Attended the Minority Business Alliance Dinner, which was a nice affair.

The State Fireman's Association had a statewide meeting in Solomon's over the weekend, and many volunteers from the County as well as the Tri-county area participated.

Attended the Hollywood Rescue Squad event and the Habitat for Humanity event.

Expressed condolences to the Klear family upon the recent death of George Klear, who was a good local businessman in the County with a wonderful family. His passing will be a great loss for our community.

Commissioner Jarboe

On November 5th, Commissioner President McKay and Commissioner Jarboe joined with the many dignitaries for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Hughesville Bypass, which is a long overdue and very important project.

Stated that he has been very busy on the weekends working with the Great Mills High School Engineering Club. Outlined success that the club is expecting to achieve, and stated that he would soon be returning to attending the events on the County Commissioners' calendar.

Commissioner Raley

Expressed congratulations to Cathy Allen, Gary Kessler, and Mary Washington upon their recent election to the St. Mary's County School Board.

Expressed congratulations to Tim Smith, who is retiring as the Executive Director of NAS Patuxent River after putting in a lot of good years.

Expressed congratulations to Spinnakers Restaurant upon their reopening after severe hurricane damage. It has been completely remodeled and is open for lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch as well. Encouraged citizens to enjoy the restaurant.

Last night attended the award banquet for the Celebration of Teaching and Learning at the J. T. Daugherty Conference Center put on by the three Rotary Clubs in the County. It was a very nice event.

Stated that Veteran's Day is coming up and reminded citizens to find a veteran and thank him for all of his work.

Announced that Great Mills Road has finally been repaved.

Commissioner President McKay

Reported that Mr. Forrest would have an additional item, a Memorandum of Understanding, that would be presented this evening for discussion and a decision.

Reminded the public that the Board of County Commissioners would be attending a Strengthening Families Program at the Hall of Fame at Chancellor's Run at 5:30 this evening, followed by a public forum at 7:00 at the Loffler Senior Center at Chancellor's Run Park.

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, for the Board of County Commissioners to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss Property Acquisition/ Disposition, as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11. Motion carried.

Donna Gebicke transcribed the remaining meeting minutes:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Real Property Acquisition/Disposition

Present: Commissioner Thomas F. McKay, President
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
George Forrest, County Administrator
John Norris, County Attorney
Donna Gebicke, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)11

Time Held: 3:40 – 5:26 p.m.

Action Taken: The Commissioners discussed matters of real property disposition/acquisition.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM GRADUATION AND DINNER – DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Board of County Commissioners attended a Strengthening Families Program Graduation and Dinner at the Hall of Fame, Chancellors Run Park.

PUBLIC FORUM – Loffler Senior Center, Chancellors Run Park

Commissioner McKay announced that several actions needed to be taken prior to opening the Public Forum.

Action from Executive Session

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to direct staff to proceed as discussed regarding the matters of property disposition. Motion carried.

County Admin Time (2nd continuance)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation for the establishment and funding of the Raymond J. Faulstich, Jr. scholarship.

New Item

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund Investment Agreement and related documents necessary to secure the MEDAAF investment of up to \$3 million for the acquisition of the Northern Parcel of the Lexington Manor property. Motion carried.

The Forum was opened for public comment:

Ron Thompson, 24950 Briscoe Thompson Way, Hollywood

Emailed the County through the State of Maryland website and did not receive an answer – perhaps you did not receive it. 50 years ago my father ran for Sheriff. I tried to get election results from Board of Elections and was told that those papers have been thrown away. This is indefensible. These records should never be thrown away. Who is responsible for this? *(Mr. Thompson was asked to give his contact information to Mr. Forrest who will advise Mr. Thompson on how to obtain these records).*

James Nagy, 45382 Locust St., Piney Point

The most used map book by people in the county is the St. Mary's County map book published by ADC. This book is in error as it shows the community of Piney Point Shores incorrectly. Also, the state should install a sign on Piney Point Road (Rt. 249) pointing to the community of Piney Point Shores. The map shows streets in Piney Point Shores that don't exist and some streets named incorrectly. This map is taken as gospel as evidenced by the map book of St. Mary's County by the MD Dept. of Natural Resources in the Leonardtown Library. It is a duplicate of the ADC map. Refer to Exhibit A, a map of Piney Point Shores that I drew. This map is correct as evidenced by Exhibit D, a map of the Piney Point area by the Dept. of Interior Geological Survey. I live on Locust Street and note that Poplar Street provides access to Walnut and Locust Streets. Walnut also provides emergency egress when Poplar Street floods which it has done many times this year. As you look at this map, note that Locust and Walnut Streets

dead end 300' short of what would have been Maple Street. Exhibit B is from the ADC map book. Note that Locust and Walnut Streets are through streets when in fact they are not - - Maple Street and the next parallel street to it don't exist. Also see that Poplar Street is incorrectly names Piney Point Beach Road. It's no wonder that friends, police, trades people, deliverymen and others call us on the phone for directions because they are using the ADC book. The ADC book also shows the major portion of St. George's Avenue as Saint Georges Park Road when, in reality, St. Georges Park Road is 0.8 miles north of St. Georges Avenue and our community. This caused an ambulance to take 30 minutes to get to my house for a heart attack call. Streets on the ADC map that do not exist are: Cherry, Oak, Maple and Cedar and St. Georges Avenue is misnamed Saint Georges Park Road. Exhibit C is from the MD Dept. of Natural Resources map at the library in Leonardtown. It looks like a duplicate of the ADC map. Exhibit D is copied from the Piney Point Survey of the Dept. of the Interior Geological Survey. It agrees with the map I drew with the exception of a small discrepancy with Walnut St. I would like to ask the County to:

(1) get in touch with ADC and have them correct their map; (2) get in touch with the Md DNR and make them aware of the incorrect map; (3) Not accept any map submitted to the County if Piney Point Shores is shown incorrectly; and (4) Ask the state department of roads to erect a sign denoting the community of Piney Point Shores as they have done for the community of Tall Timbers. There are more than 40 homes in Piney Point Shores.

Denis Canavan, Director, Land Use and Growth Management, confirmed the errors cited by Mr. Nagy, and indicated he has notified ADC and offered to work with them in improving their accuracy. His department will also notify the local office of the Dept. of Assessments and Taxation about the errors on the tax map. He also encouraged Mr. Nagy and other citizens to contact ADC directly. ADC always includes a disclaimer regarding any potential errors, but also asks that users notify ADC of any errors observed. (The first thing that must be done is to ensure 911 responders have accurate information.)

Mr. Nagy added that he understands his road is not a County road, but the street signs are often stolen and he is not able to buy new ones on his own. He would also like to have the road paved and snow removal. *Commissioner Mattingly suggested that Mr. Nagy contact the Department of Public Works to get information on the process - - which includes a cost to property owners and a requirement to bring the road up to County standards -- to include a private road into the County system. Mr. Erichsen will be asked to check on the signs.)*

Linda Vallandingham, 21705 Indian Bridge Road, California

Thanks to Commissioner Dement for attending the Planning Commission meeting on Monday night. Of the school sites considered by the Board of Ed, have any been considered suitable other than the one on Indian Bridge Road? Is serious consideration being given to building up, rather than out. It may be more inviting to a potential seller, donator, and/or developer if less acreage is required for school site. What about the

former Great Mills Elementary School? This was deemed unfit for children, yet it is always being used. Has every property owner who could potentially donate land in the Lexington Park and Leonardtown Development Districts been contacted?

Commissioners responses included: Board of Ed has looked at over 60 sites for elementary schools, two were suitable, one would cost \$9-10 million; the BOE can show you what research they have done; consideration will be given to expanding up rather than out, but there are plusses and minuses and the BOE will have to think of the children first; the County can't offer any concessions to developers - - developers can't even get a guarantee they will get school seats; everyone who owns over 30 acres within a 5 mile radius - - and then those with 3, 10- acre parcels in a row - were personally contacted about donating land for schools; schools outside the development districts are also over capacity.

Bubby Norris, 23678 Hurry Road, Chaptico, and President St. Mary's County Farm Bureau

1. I have a similar problem to Mr. Nagy's in that the house numbers are not in consecutive order on my street. We, too, have had problems with 911 responders not being able to find our houses. 2. Farmers had a tremendous year with crops - but we can't get rid of it. We have problems moving grain and have had to arrange for storage outside. Perdue is the only game in town. Soybeans can't be stored outside. I know there has been talk about finding solutions to grain facility problem. We need temporary storage. Is there a possibility of the state doing cost sharing to retrofit barns that are not in use for on-farm storage of grain? *Commissioners' responses included: the Board has indicated that this is a priority through our legislative agenda; studies are currently being done by the state and Perdue that should be completed in December; we have advised the state that we are interested in assisting with providing this service. It is a state-wide problem and it may need to be turned over to the Tri County Council to take on as a regional initiative; fuel is \$2 per gallon - why not use corn and soybeans produced in the County for ethanol and soy diesel fuel production; suggested Hughesville Tobacco barns as possible storage facility.*

3. Comments last night at Planning Commission were overwhelming against expanding the Lexington Park Development District (LPDD). The existing LPDD has not been developed to the extent it should be. Is there something that can be done to try to increase development in the LPDD rather than expanding it - encouraging people to develop in the heart of the LPDD? Since we have reached capacity, shouldn't we be limiting growth in St. Mary's County? There seems to be runaway development throughout the County. *Commissioners' responses included: the answer is to have amenities in and around development districts that make people want to live there; growth is going to be limited because development will be put on hold if school seats aren't there; only way to get school capacity is with new schools, otherwise we will suffer with increased classroom sizes; schools have to be placed where they are needed; wherever schools are built (or any development occurs), quality and quantity of water leaving the site must be managed; slowing growth may be a good idea, but we must consider that 80% of people who live here work here - our growth is directly related to jobs here, and if we can't handle the jobs Patuxent River Naval Air Station keeps*

sending, they will go elsewhere; 25 years since a high school has been build and 15 since an elementary school has been built.

Minnie Russell, 16477 Dunbar Lane, Ridge

For 16 years I have asked for help with problem on Fox Harbor Landing. Request that pier project stop until the County can say who owns the pier and surrounding properties. I own the center property and deeds indicate that the County owns the properties on either side. There is no deed and no date of transfer saying the pier is owned by the County. You cross over my property to get to it and there is no easement. I am entitled to have established boundary lines. I have no control over pier. *Mr. Forrest was asked to set up a meeting to discuss the matter so that a final, written response can be provided.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Kate Mauck, Senior Administrative Coordinator
to the Board of County Commissioners