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Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 26, 2015)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building Meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of April 19, 2015 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 2 AND 9, 2015

B. DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Agreement with Colony Builders for Drayden African American Schoolhouse Improvements

I move to approve the Agreement between the County and Colony Builders, Inc. to enable Colony Builders to supervise improvements to the Drayden African American Schoolhouse for the benefit of the County and the citizens of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPT. OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Grant Award

I move to approve the Autism Speaks Baker Summer Camp Scholarship Award on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks in the amount of \$2,500 for Camp Inspire Summer Camp scholarship awards and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

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D. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Lease Agreement: Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association, Inc.

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Lease between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Commissioner Tom Jarboe, Commissioner Todd B Morgan, Commissioner John E O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Budget Amendment to perform emergency work at the Health Department Building

I move to approve the budget amendment transferring funds and appropriation authority in the amount of \$30,000 in County Transfer Tax from the FIN15 Capital Reserve to the Building Maintenance & Repair Critical project, PF1507, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY - Budget Amendment to add Internet connectivity at the Navy Museum

I move to approve the budget amendment transferring funds and appropriation authority in the amount of \$27,300 in Transfer Tax from the FIN15 Capital Reserve to the Navy Museum project PF1408, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Behavioral Health Administration FY2016 Conditions of Award and MOU agreements entitled "Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services" (SAPT)

I move to approve the four (4) Memorandums of Understanding totaling \$3,746,369 and the Conditions of Award for the FY2016 Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment Services Grants, project numbers MD1659,1689, 1697,1698, US1623 and 1655 from the Behavioral Health Administration on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

H. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (BJAG) Grant 2015 (BJAG)

I move to approve the grant application for the Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance (BJAG) Grant FY2015, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$52,000, and authorize the Detention Center staff to submit electronically, consistent with the document reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent of the electronic filing.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

I. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Project Safe Cell US1518 Grant Award and Budget Amendment

I move to approve the Project Safe Cell Grant Award, project US1518, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention on behalf of St. Mary's County Detention Center in the amount of \$27,047, and the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$27,047, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B Morgan, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

J. FINANCE - Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Budget Amendment

I move to approve the budget amendment using \$130,000 of the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve for additional funds to the FY2015 allocation for the Patuxent Naval Air Museum to assist with initial start-up maintenance and operational costs with the opening of the Museum, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related document.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

3. PRESENTATION

A. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - NAS Patuxent River Enhanced Use Lease Project

Present: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director

Bob Brennan, Executive Director, Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO)

Matthew Hurson, Managing Director Development, Hines

Mike Hayes, Director Military Affairs, Dept. of Business and Economic Development

Mr. Hurson presented the history of Hines Interest, LP (Hines) and their accomplishments world-wide. The Navy selected Hines as the exclusive developer of certain land parcels within the Base under the Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) program. The Navy and Hines will enter into a 50-year ground lease. Hines requested the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) partner with them as a sponsor of the financing for the office complexes to be built. MEDCO will own the buildings and Hines will manage the leasing of the space. The new modern state of the art office spaces will be built to house employees currently being housed in antiquated office buildings and trailers. The first phase of the plan is to construct a 150,000 sq. ft. office building followed by two additional office spaces of approximately 600,000 sq. ft. This initiative can possibly better protect the base from future BRAC activities. The impact to the County in regard to taxes with MEDCO owning the buildings is still undetermined.

Commissioner Hewitt suggested that during the planning for the utilization of land on base he would

like to see a 300-car parking lot at the main gate for access to the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum.

4. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION: Presentation of FY2016 Operating Budget & approval of FY2016 Capital Improvement Budget & FY2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan

Present: Daniel Ichniowski, Executive Director
Rebecca Shick, CFO
David Elberti, Chief Engineer

Mr. Ichniowski presented the FY16 Operating Budget and FY16 –FY17 Capital Improvement Budget to the Commissioners for their approval of the Capital Improvement Budget. Mr. Ichniowski noted a public hearing was held on the proposed FY16 Operating Budget, FY16 Capital Improvement Budget, FY16 Service Charge, FY16 System Improvement and Capital Contribution Charges and FY17-FY21 Capital Improvement Plan. The METCOM Board approved the proposed budget and charges on April 23, 2015. Mr. Ichnowski noted that he had responded to the questions in the Commissioners' letter of April 21, 2015, and summarized his responses.

Commissioner Hewitt noted the \$30,000 to close out failing septic systems and wells along with the hook-up fees restricts many individuals from connecting to MetCom and suggested that they figure out a way to provide funding to property owners to be paid off over a period of years.

Pursuant to Section 113-30 of the St. Mary's Code, I move to approve the Metropolitan Commission FY2016 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan
Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

B. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - Request for Approval of FY 2016 Board of Education Operating and Capital Budget

Present: Jeannette Cudmore, CFO St. Mary's County Government

The Board of Education approved their budget on May 13, 2015, and submitted it to the County on May 14, 2015. Ms. Cudmore provided the Commissioners with an overview of the Board of Education budget and FTE summary. The County is providing \$92,012,136 in recurring appropriations, \$1,988,060 in nonrecurring appropriations, and \$4,014,805 for teacher pensions for a total of \$98,015,001, which is an increase over Maintenance of Effort by \$6 million plus.

Commissioner Hewitt requested amortization information for the school's Debt Service Fund. Ms. Cudmore will provide.

Budget Motion:

I move to approve the Board of Education's operating, revolving, restricted, and capital budgets for FY2016 at the category and fund level, including the FTE positions; and execute the consent letter signifying approval of same.

Annual MSDE Budget Certification Motion:

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the Annual Budget Certification Statement to be submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education.

Excludable Costs Motion:

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the Excludable Costs Form noting excludable costs in the Board of Education's FY2016 budget total \$1,988,060, and approve the submitting letter to the Maryland State Department of Education.

Appropriation Distribution Motion:

I move that the appropriation of \$94,000,196 will be distributed in equal installments over the fiscal year; and the appropriation for the State pension shift of \$4,014,805 will be paid upon receipt of documentation showing the BOE's payment(s) of these costs to the State.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

5. PRESENTATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act

Present: Mr. George Sparling, County Attorney

The St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act enacted in 1976 preceded and is more stringent than the Maryland Open Meetings Act enacted in 1977. Mr. Sparling explained the provisions of the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act and pointed out the specific differences between the County and State Acts. All other counties in the State follow the State's Open Meeting Act.

Commissioners Jarboe and O'Connor suggested revising the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act to bring it into today's electronic era.

6. COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week.

Commissioner O'Connor noted his reasons for voting no on the MetCom budget: (1) St. Clements project was not in the Capital Improvement Budget and he specifically requested it be included; (2) could not vote yes to the CIB until his ethical questions and concerns about practices being conducted at MetCom are addressed, and a yes vote on the CIB would indicate support of the entire budget.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner President Guy adjourned the Commissioners of St. Mary's County meeting at 12:35 pm.

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

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

MEMORANDUM

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RECOMMENDATION

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CONCLUSION

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