

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 21, 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 June 30, 2015 as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Tribute Ceremony in Memory of Elaine Marie Kramer

The Commissioners were joined by family, previous board members, co-workers, and friends to celebrate the work life of Elaine Marie Kramer, former CFO, of St. Mary's County. Commissioner Guy noted the many accomplishments made during Elaine's 15 years as CFO. A memory book was presented to the family followed by a short video tribute. The Commissioners then unveiled the marker in the Elaine Kramer Memorial Garden.

B. A Proclamation was presented to Kathleen Reif on the occasion of her Retirement

C. A Proclamation was presented for the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Commission for People with Disabilities Annual Awards were presented to:

Ronnie Talbot - Volunteer of the Year

Donald Balcom (Adult) - Vicky Brown Award

Talea Ingmire (Youth) - Vicky Brown Award

Noelle Welch - Care Partner Award

Peggy Menard - Care Partner Award

Medically Oriented Gym (MOG) - Innovative Program Award

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS for July 28 and August 4, 2015

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Office of Problem Solving Courts FY2016 Grant Award and Budget Amendment

I move to accept the Adult/Juvenile Drug Court grant award, MD1625, from the Office of Problem Solving Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court in the amount of \$197,387, and the related budget amendment to decrease the project budget by \$6,908, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. CIRCUIT COURT- Adult & Juvenile Drug Court Grant Application

I move to accept the grant award for the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office, Project MD1621, in the amount of \$2,400 on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult Recovery Court Programs, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related budget amendment increasing the project budget by \$2,400.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - SO MD Agriculture Development Commission MOU

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission on behalf of the Department of Economic Development for agriculture land preservation and farmers markets located in St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY - Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) FFY2013 State Homeland Security/To accept additional funding.

I move to approve the additional funding of \$25,000 and to extend the grant period for the Homeland Security Grant, Project US1420, 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

F. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant Application: Relocate Airport Road and Extend Taxiway A

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to initial the Grant Application to the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$3,073,027 to Relocate Airport Road and Extend Taxiway A in support of the approved Airport Master Plan, to authorize the DPW&T Director as FAA Authorized Representative to sign and forward the Grant Application to the Federal Aviation Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Grant Agreements consistent with the Grant Application upon receipt.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. FINANCE - Designation of the Representative Trustee to the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO) Pooled OPEB Trust

I move to appoint Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer, as our "Member Designated Trustee", via the First Amendment to the Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund Adoption Agreement.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Amendment of Chapter 212 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland (Animal Control Regulations - to abolish County fee for state required dog license)

Commissioner Guy opened the Public hearing at 10:30 am.

Present: George Sparling, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was posted in The Enterprise Newspaper June 19 and 26, 2015, and July 3 and 10, 2015. The proposed amendment will remove a local requirement for a dog license and repeal the local fee for obtaining a dog license. The State still requires dog owners to obtain a dog license and rabies shots. The Treasurer's Office will continue to issue the license. Mr. Sparling noted the County will be doing a global review of the Animal Control Ordinance, and a new draft ordinance should be available for presentation by October 2015.

Commissioner Guy opened the public hearing for Public Comments.

Public Comments. *(Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)*

James Raley, Jr., St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Mr. Raley stated he had no position on dog license fees, but expressed concern with some definitions in the Animal Control Ordinance and noted the Farm Bureau will collaborate with Mr. Sparling during the review of the entire ordinance.

Commissioner Guy closed the public hearing at 10:40 am. The record closed today as noted in the Notice of Public Hearing.

I move to pass the proposed ordinance as presented.

Motion by: Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION – Introduction to Comprehensive Solid Waste Management & Recycling Plan and Request to Schedule Public Hearing

Present: George Erichsen, Director

Nicholas Zurkan, Solid Waste Manager
 Jason Baer, Project Manager, MD Environmental Services
 Mathew Sheils, Environment Specialist, MD Environmental Services

Maryland Environmental Services handles all solid waste management and recycling plans throughout the state. Every three years counties are required to revise their plans. Six goals are considered critical in developing the Solid Waste Plan: (1) Preservation and protection of the environment; (2) Conserve natural resources; (3) Encourage public involvement; (4) Implement the use of full cost accounting principles; (5) Identify markets and pilot programs; and (6) Facilitate a regional approach. Mr. Erichsen discussed legislation and regulations handed down from the state. He expressed concern about a "Zero Waste" Executive Order from the previous Governor of Maryland that sets aggressive goals for Maryland counties which would cause the counties to modify their current solid waste and recycling infrastructure and operations. Short term (1-2 years), medium term (3-5 years) and long term (6-10 years) action plans were presented.

I move to authorize the Department of Public Works & Transportation to schedule a Public Hearing on Resolution adopting the 2016-2025 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management & Recycling Plan.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - Resolution authorizing refinancing of bonds

Present: Rebecca Shick, Chief Financial Officer, MetCom
 Sam Ketterman, Davenport & Company
 Mason McLean, Davenport & Company

Davenport & Company, financial advisors to St. Mary's County and the Metropolitan Commission, solicited competitive proposals from banks to refinance certain Metropolitan Commission obligations for debt service savings. Eight proposals were received and TD Bank provided the lowest rates. The Metropolitan Commission Board approved a resolution on July 13, 2015, to authorize and provide for the issuance and sale of an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Nine Million Seven Hundred and Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$9,718,000) of bonds. A resolution from the Commissioners of St. Mary's County that pledges "full faith and credit" of the County as security for the loan, as required by Section 113-6 of the County Code, is requested.

I move the Commissioners approve and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Metropolitan Commission Refinancing Bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$9,718,000, pledging full faith and credit guarantee of the Loans, and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the loan documents for one or two loans.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President James R Guy, Commissioner Michael L Hewitt, Commissioner Tom Jarboe, Commissioner Todd B Morgan, Commissioner John E O'Connor

6. COMMISSIONER'S TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

Commissioner Hewitt asked that Commissioners address the local preference procurement policy within the next 30-60 days.

Commissioner Guy announced that he has been diagnosed with "diffuse large B-cell lymphoma," a Hodgkin's type

lymphoma which is a slow growing form of cancer, and that he will continue working as he is getting treatments.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm..

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

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)