

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
MARCH 15, 2011

At 2:00 P.M., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County met in regular session with President Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Vice-President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Craig N. Mathies, Sr., Commissioner Jerry S. Boston and Commissioner Randy Laird.

County Administrator-Clerk, Cynthia R. Ward, was also present.

Commissioner Mathies asked all present to join him in repeating the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it was carried 4-0 to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, and approve them as presented.

Commissioner President Simpkins began by opening sealed bids for the replacement of the closed circuit television monitoring system in the Somerset County Office Complex. Bid information is as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. AgriAlarm Pocomoke, MD	\$58,458.00
2. Michael Reinhart Elkridge, MD	\$52,000.00
3. Simplex Garnell	\$43,115.00
4. Comfix I.T. Gaithersburg, MD	\$24,599.83
5. AFA Protective Systems Baltimore, MD	\$32,690.00
6. Johnson Controls Sparks, MD	\$29,983.00
7. Waycor Electronics East Petersburg, PA	\$39,749.00
8. Teltronics Salisbury, MD	\$39,925.98
9. Ark Systems Columbia, MD	\$36,884.00
10. Syntech Communications Fruitland, MD	\$42,927.00

11. Eco Electric Hyattsville, MD	\$51,125.00
12. Advantech Dover, DE	\$54,950.00
13. Absolute Security Salisbury, MD	\$29,602.00
14. Advanced Security Solutions Delmar, DE	\$48,797.08
15. Reed Security Salisbury, MD	\$71,174.45

Mr. Steve Marshall, Director of Emergency Services, will review the bid information and submit a recommendation for the awarding of a contract at a later date.

While still present, Mr. Marshall presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Somerset County Department of Emergency Services and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore which outlines the basic procedures for handling emergency (911) calls for service on the campus of UMES. Mr. Marshall stated that his department already performs these basic functions on a daily basis. The M.O.U. was reviewed by the County Attorney and determined to be legally sufficient.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to authorize Commissioner President Simpkins to sign the M.O.U. between the Somerset County Department of Emergency Services and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Gary Pusey, Director of the Somerset County Department of Technical and Community Services, appeared before the Board to introduce Dr. Rich Eskin, Director of the Science Services Administration for the Maryland Department of the Environment. Mr. Pusey stated that EPA has stepped in to attempt a more regulatory approach to improve water quality through a three stage process. The first phase has already been completed at the state level; Phase Two is much more specific and requires a cooperative effort on a county level, which will result in an additional workload on staff members.

Dr. Eskin began by stating that the EPA wants the County to create a plan that will work on a county level and be tailored to the County's needs. A powerpoint presentation outlining the approach to the improvement of water quality included:

- A background on TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load)
- Previous Bay Restoration Efforts
- Federal Consequences
- Watershed Implementation Plans
- Accounting in Growth in Loads
- Phase II: Bottom Line
 - Allocations
 - 2 year commitments
 - 2017 Interim Strategy
- Break It Down by Sector
 - Stormwater
 - Wastewater
 - Septic Systems
 - Agriculture
 - Other (industrial, atmospheric)
- Basic Expectations of Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)
 - Interim & Final Target Loads
 - Strategies to Meet Targets
 - Contingencies
 - Tracking, Reporting, Verification
 - Accounting for Growth
 - Capacity Analysis
- Overview of Phase II Process
- Winter/Spring WIP Development Activities
- Two-year Milestone – Stormwater
- Current Capacity – Other Aspects
- Connecting the Dots
- State Liaisons – To Meet with Local Teams
- Plan Approvals – 2012 Plan Approval Expected

President Simpkins inquired about the north end of the County which is divided by Passerdyke Creek. How would Somerset County be affected if Wicomico is over their TMDL level. Dr. Eskin explained that watershed models look at land use and are able to determine the TMDL levels that are in each sector. He also stated that everyone is responsible for their jurisdiction.

Commissioner Mathies inquired as to the federal penalties if the County does not comply. Dr. Eskin stated that before considering any penalties, the EPA would first look at the County's progress and ascertain why their program was not working.

Commissioner Laird inquired as to the staffing that will be needed. Dr. Eskin advised that meetings and program oversight would be an example of staffing needs. Further staffing requirements would depend on the type of projects.

Mr. Pusey concluded by advising that a local team has been formed to address the WIP. The list of individuals working on the local team was presented to the Board. The County Commissioners thanked Dr. Eskin for providing them with this information.

Mr. Dave Scholfield, Assistant Program Manager of the State's Mosquito Control Section of the Department of Agriculture, appeared before the Board, accompanied by Dan Schamberger, Environmental Scientist, and Woody Barnes, Supervisor of Somerset County's Mosquito Control Office. Mr. Scholfield discussed the State's reduction in mosquito control funding and how it will affect Somerset County's program. The County-wide IPM (truck spraying program) Adulticide/Surveillance will be a 45/25 (county/state) match, which will require \$72,000 in county funding. The Larvicide/Surveillance will be a 60/40 (county/state) match, which will require \$38,000 in county funding. Mr. Scholfield stated that if state funds are depleted, the truck spraying program could cease before the end of the mosquito season, if the County is unable to fund the increased amount. If the spraying program were to cease, there may be an opportunity to go to the Board of Public Works and ask for additional funding to complete the season. Mr. Scholfield also commended Somerset County for having the best permanent (drainage) work program in the State of Maryland. County-wide aerial spraying is estimated at \$108,000. The following proposed budget was presented:

Adulticide/Surveillance	\$ 72,000
Larvicide/Surveillance	\$ 38,400
Aerial Spraying	<u>\$108,000</u>
Temporary Total	\$218,400
Source Reduction	<u>\$ 24,375</u>
Total	\$242,775

The Board discussed the current fee (\$65) charged to county property owners that elect to have their private property sprayed for mosquitoes. Mr. Barnes advised that 570 customers signed up for the mosquito control spray program. Residents that are located in communities, developments, subdivisions, etc. may sign up for the community spray program that operates on

a 50/50 cost sharing program. Mr. Barnes recommended increasing this cost share to be consistent with the other program fees. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to maintain the fee at the current rate of \$65 for residents that sign up for truck spraying on private property. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Laird, to keep the community cost sharing spray program at the same rate. The motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Julie Widdowson, Director of Somerset County Tourism, was now present before the Board to provide a year- end report on the tourism accomplishments. According to the report submitted to the Board, Tourism staff members rendered services to nearly 135,000 visitors and over 60,000 vehicles passing through the two centers (Princess Anne and Crisfield); handled over 5,000 phone, mail and e-mail inquiries; disseminated over 94,000 brochures through the two centers and kiosk at the Salisbury Airport, mail outs and bulk orders. Several publications were presented to the Board which contained county promotional ads. A listing of press that was received during the past year was included in the report. While updating the Board on the Tourism Commission, they were advised that replacements are needed in District Four, Five, and the City of Crisfield. Ms. Widdowson concluded by reporting on the current status of the Burgess Museum auction, scheduled for April 9, 2011. Auctioneer, Pete Richardson, is planning to combine several small sales into one large sale. The advertising cost is estimated at \$4,600. The Board asked for a list of items that will be sold.

At this time, the County Administrator reviewed correspondence and discussion items.

The Board received a letter from Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, advising that Dr. Mary Fleury's term on the Planning Commission expired on January 31, 2011.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it was carried 4-0 to re-appoint Dr. Mary Fleury to serve another five-year term on the Planning Commission.

The Board reviewed the information and testimony received during a public hearing held Tuesday, March 1, 2011 regarding the Somerset County Building Code Ordinance. Written comments were received from:

- 1) Neda Cox (written statement received during the public hearing)
- 2) Noah Bradshaw
- 3) Tillie Doyle (Tull & Price Realty)
- 4) Maryland State Firemen's Association

At the conclusion of the review, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, to adopt the 2009 IBC as the Somerset County Building Code, as presented during the March 1, 2011 public hearing, opting out of the sprinkler requirement for single and 2-family residences. The motion carried 4-0.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Mathies, seconded by Commissioner Laird, it was carried 4-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1022, a Resolution which establishes the FY2012 solid waste fees.

The Board briefly discussed the need for internet connectivity at the Somerset County Detention Center that is capable of operating a fingerprint scanning program, a program that is mandated by the state following the passage of House Bill 936 during the 2010 session of the General Assembly. Mr. Joe Chelton, the County's I.T. Director, was present for the meeting to discuss the possible options. The Board will address it further next week with Warden Purnell.

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

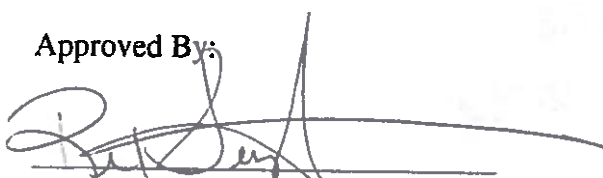
The amount drawn on the General Fund Checking Account for the week of March 15, 2011, from check no. 85388 through check no. 85435 was \$737,389.96

The amount drawn on the General Fund Checking Account for the week of March 22, 2011, from check no. 85436 through check no. 85476 was \$1,271,895.89

Respectfully Submitted:


Cynthia R. Ward
County Administrator-Clerk

Approved By:


Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County