

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
DECEMBER 6, 2011

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

Also present was Ralph D. Taylor, County Administrator-Clerk, and Cynthia R. Ward, Executive Aide.

President Rex Simpkins called the meeting to order. Commissioner Mathies led those in attendance in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it was carried 4-0 to approve the Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Commissioner President Simpkins opened sealed bids for the purchase of one (1) 2012 Tandem Axle Dump Truck for the Solid Waste Department. Bid information is as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Barr International	\$128,489.80
2. Barr Truck Group	\$128,807.00

Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of the Solid Waste Department, was present for today's bid opening. He will review the bid information and return at a later date for the awarding of the contract.

At this time, Mr. Taylor reviewed correspondence and discussion items with the Board.

The Board revisited a request received from James Kingdon, President of Greenlight Biofuels, to waive the accrued interest for the 2009 and 2010 personal property taxes. During his appearance before the Board, Tuesday, November 22, 2010, Mr. Kingdon indicated that the 2009 and 2010 personal property taxes have been paid, but was unsure what amount remains unpaid in accrued interest. At that time, the Board agreed to delay any action until an exact amount could be determined. During today's meeting, Mr. Taylor presented account information to the Board as submitted by the County's Treasurer, Charles L. Muir:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Personal Property Taxes</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
2010	\$14,170.86	\$1,637.53	\$15,808.39
2011	\$50,620.10	\$ 506.20	\$51,126.30

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, to waive the accrued interest, totaling \$2,143.73, on the personal property taxes for Greenlight Biofuels Princess Anne LLC, effective December 7, 2011. Commissioner Boston, Commissioner Fisher, and Commissioner Mathies voted aye. Commissioner Laird opposed the motion. The motion carried 3-1-0.

The Board was reminded of the vacancy that still exists on the Workforce Investment Board.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it was carried 4-0 to appoint David Tawes to serve as member of the Workforce Investment Board.

The Board reviewed a memo from Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, in which a request to waive permit fees has been received from J. M. Tawes Vocational School for a structure built by the carpentry class which will be sold. The permit fees total \$495.40.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to waive the permit fees for J.M. Tawes Vocational School. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Craig Stofko and Ms. Chris Bozick (Chair), Members of the Somerset County Local Management Board, were now present to review the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. According to Mr. Stofko, the Bylaws are reviewed and revised every three (3) years. Ms. Bozick also noted that the LMB was cited by the State regarding their meeting attendance, therefore they have addressed it as an amendment to the Bylaws. Other recommended changes are as follows:

Article III:

- All references to the Local Coordinating Council have been changes to the Local Care Team to align with changes in the language of the legislative document mandating the group.

Article IV, Section 1:

- Ex-Officio members were changed to reflect changes in the state manual.
- An additional section was added for public sector members not mandated by the state manual.

- The private sector section was changed to reflect recommendations from GOC of who is considered public and private.

Article IV, Section 3:

- The language was changed to reflect that any non-mandated member has a limit on the number of terms served. Also added was the option of returning as a board member after being off of the board for one term, if desired.

Article VI:

- To reflect the changes in the state manual, the requirement of attendance was changed from 2/3 of the meetings to 75% of meetings.
- The quorum percentage was changed from 50% to 51% to reflect changes in the state manual.

Article VIII:

- To allow for situations when a contract is not used, so that the LMB will not be found in violation of the Bylaws during state monitoring, the contract section was changed to state that the board may enter into a contract instead of shall enter into a contract.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to authorize the adoption of the changes to the Bylaws as presented. Commissioner Mathies abstained from the vote. The motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Steve Marshall, Director of Emergency Services, and Mrs. Vickie Lloyd, Emergency Services Planner, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the FEMA reimbursements received as the result of Hurricane Irene:

Category A - Debris From Roadway	\$16,747.64
Category B - Storm Preparation	\$75,467.63
Category E - Equipment damage at Road Dept. (400 amp transfer switch)	\$ 5,649.56
Category C - Culvert on Puncheon Landing Road	\$ 6,750.39
Category E - Replace pilings at public dock on Smith Island	\$ <u>3,766.26</u>
Total	\$108,381.48

Mr. Marshall also noted that \$1,069.87 in Direct Administrative Costs is included.

The Somerset County Sanitary District will receive \$36,000 in FEMA reimbursement and The City of Crisfield will receive \$70,000.

Mr. Marshall commended the Board for their cooperation during the storm and also commended Mrs. Lloyd for her hard work and dedication. He stated that he was happy to report that almost every dollar spent (towards Hurricane Irene) was reimbursed.

Commissioner Laird expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Lloyd for organizing a volunteer group to assist a Crisfield resident.

President Simpkins inquired about the status of the generator at the Detention Center. Mr. Marshall advised that an estimate is being obtained for the replacement of the generator.

President Simpkins concluded the meeting by asking for any comments from the public.

Mr. Phil Riggin thanked the Board for attending the public library meeting held recently in Crisfield. He also inquired about the status of the Crisfield Airport Project (Obstruction Removal) and updated the Board on the American Legion Property.

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Laird, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The amount drawn on the General Fund Checking Account for the week of December 6, 2011, from check no. 10147 through check no. 10172 was \$1,474,322.16

The amount drawn on the General Fund Checking Account for the week of December 13, 2011, from check no. 10173 through check no. 10211 was \$11,195.51

Respectfully Submitted:



Cynthia R. Ward
Executive Aide

Approved By:



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For Somerset County