

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2012**

At 2:40 p.m., on a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County met in Special Session with Commissioner President Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston and Commissioner Randy Laird. Commissioner Craig N. Mathies Sr., was absent from today's meeting.

County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Lory E. Ebron were also present.

Mr. Taylor presented a letter from Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland requesting submissions for the Citizenship Award for FY 2012. It was noted that submissions were due by November 30, 2012. The award is given in recognition of outstanding service through leadership, responsibility, character and commitment which have produced a positive effect on Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to nominate the Seton Center in Princess Anne Maryland. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Taylor advised that our office was in receipt of the FY2012 Annual Report from the Department of Business and Economic Development.

Next, Mr. Taylor asked the Board for their formal approval to waive building permit fee's relating to repairs or reconstruction due to storm damage, which had been put into place following Hurricane Sandy. It was noted that contractors are required to apply for the permit as usual through the Planning and Zoning Office so that proper tracking continues to remain in place. The time limit for the waiver of building permit fees that relate directly to hurricane damage will remain open at this time.

Therefore, on motion by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried unanimously waive the building permit fee relating to damage caused by Hurricane Sandy until rescinded by the Board.

Mr. Taylor advised that he had a meeting with Ms. Jenny Rosier, Mr. Jack Paul, Mr. Dick Scott and Mr. Gary Pusey on behalf of the Somerset Committee for the Homeless to request a

Letter of Support. Mr. Taylor explained that the Committee for the Homeless is proposing the purchase of property, and to build a Beracah Home for use as an Emergency Homeless Shelter. The property is located adjacent to the transitional facility. However, in order to proceed, they must show they have the funding in place to cover staffing and maintenance expenses for the home for a 3 year period. Their intention is to apply for CDBG grant funding to cover those expenses of approximately \$125,000 per year. In order to apply for the CDBG grant, a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners for Somerset County is needed. Mr. Taylor noted that the only obligation to the county will be submitting the Letter of Support for the CDBG funding for the next 3 years.

Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Taylor to write a letter of support with regard to the proposal to build an Emergency Homeless Shelter that will be submitted for CDBG grant funding to cover the approximate expenses totaling \$125,000 per year relating to staffing and maintenance costs for a 3 year period.

Mr. Taylor asked the Board if they had any nominations to submit with regard to current vacancies on the Social Services Board or Housing Board of Review. Commissioner Fisher noted that during the storm, he had spoken with Ms. Patricia Mannion who had advised him that she had a list of persons who were willing to serve on the Social Services Board. Commissioner Fisher will follow up with Ms. Mannion.

Next Mr. Taylor presented a request that Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Maintenance and Solid Waste, had received with regard to a waiver of fees. The request had come from a resident in Crisfield, with no insurance, whose home was condemned due to storm damage. The resident was asking for a waiver of fees at the county landfill.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Laird, it carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Cavanaugh to waive the county landfill fee for those people having home demolition debris and no insurance to cover the loss.

Lastly, Commissioner Laird requested the Boards consideration to provide a proclamation to the Girls Crisfield Field Hockey Team for their accomplishment of ending their season as runner-up at the Maryland Class 1A final. Additionally it was felt that a proclamation should also be awarded to the Boys Washington High School Soccer team, who were attending the championship game this upcoming weekend. Commissioner Fisher offered bus service at no

charge to bring the team to Princess Anne to accept the proclamation. It was then questioned if it would be easier for the school to have the Commissioners present the proclamation to the team in Crisfield, with school being in session. The Commissioners Office will follow up with Crisfield High School to determine what their preference would be.

Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it was approved to honor the Crisfield Girls Field Hockey Team and the Washington High School Boys Soccer Team with proclamations for their accomplishments.

Mr. Dan Kuebler was now present before the Board. Mr. Kuebler first noted the recognition of the high school sports teams. Mr. Kuebler then thanked the Board for their assistance provided during Hurricane Sandy. He then noted that he had heard that Flood Insurance was not covering the damage incurred because the flooding was tidal. Additionally he has been told that there was a \$5,000.00 deductible for those who had flood insurance. It was also noted that there are various forms of coverage; structure versus structure and contents. Mr. Kuebler questioned that it is mandatory to have the insurance, but because of the specifics involved, the insurance is not covering the damages. Mr. Kuebler also noted that there are several homes in the Crisfield area that have been condemned.

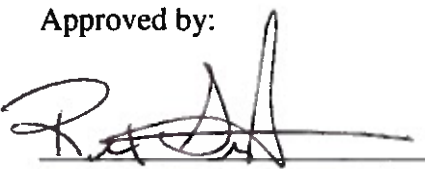
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Secretary

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County