

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 15, 2012

At 2:00 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County met in special 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.

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

Commissioner President Rex Simpkins called the meeting to order, and asked Commissioner Mathies to lead those attending the meeting in repeating the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Laird, it carried 4-0 to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Work Session meeting held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 and the Closed Session meeting held May 1, 2012 and approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Taylor began by welcoming those attending today's meeting, and asked Ms. Lenora Guion-Firman to come forward to be presented with a Proclamation regarding her accomplishment by qualifying in the 2012 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships as the first female UMES Track & Field All-America. It was noted that Ms. Guion-Firman was named the First-Team All-America for finishing in seventh place in the Women's 400-meter dash at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Ms. Guion-Firman also holds a 4.0 grade average and was commended for her achievements.

Mr. George (Woody) Barnes, County Roads Director was now present before the Board to review the proposal submissions received to pave approximately 7306 square feet of parking lot area at Wenona Harbor. Mr. Barnes stated that he reviewed all proposals submitted, and that he met with each contractor to discuss the concerns with regard to the bulkhead wall. A memo distributed to each commissioner outlined the following proposals that were received for the project:

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| • Bozman Paving and Grading LLC | \$13,878.00 |
| • Jones Asphalt, Inc. | \$14,450.00 |
| • American Paving Corporation | \$15,975.00 |

It was noted that all contractors were able to meet the required specifications, and it was Mr. Barnes recommendation to award the project to Bozman Paving and Grading LLC in the amount of \$13,878.00.

Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it was unanimously approved to award the project to Bozman Paving and Grading LLC in the amount of \$13, 878.00.

Mr. Taylor began review of correspondence received.

A letter from Comcast is advising that effective July 1, 2012, there will be a \$1.99 charge per month for each new Digital Adapter Additional Outlet subscribed to on or after July 1, 2012.

A letter was received from the Department of the Navy with regard to the United States Navy's Atlantic Fleet Training and Testing Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement. Mr. Taylor noted that the study area encompasses the Atlantic Ocean coast, not the bay, and therefore will probably be of little impact to Somerset County. The meeting dates/locations were also noted.

Mr. Taylor presented a memo from Ms. Vicky Ford, Planning and Zoning, which requested a release of grant mortgage regarding Mr. Edwin Massey, 10486 Stewart Neck Road, Princess Anne, Maryland. Ms. Ford stated that the grant was for the installation of a new well on the property, however the property is being sold, and since five years were not concluded at the time, a total payoff of \$4,960.00 was due, and has been received. The payment is required to allow the release of the grant against the property.

On a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 4-0 to release the grant mortgage against Mr. Edwin Massey, 10486 Stewart Neck Road, Princess Anne, Maryland as requested.

Mr. Taylor next discussed the resolution to support the submittal of the application requesting Community Development Block Grant funding for a Housing Rehabilitation Program in Somerset County, Maryland. Mr. Taylor noted that there have been no public comments received, and that comments received during the hearing were all positive.

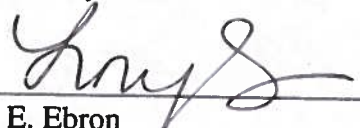
Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it was approved to authorize the Commissioners for Somerset County to sign the resolution to support the application for Community Development Block Grant funding for a Housing Rehabilitation Program in Somerset County Maryland.

Mr. Taylor presented the request for participation with the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for the Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River by Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland at their own expense. Mr. Taylor noted that the resolution had been presented for consideration at a previous meeting, and requested to receive the Boards decision with regard to Somerset County's participation in the study. Mr. Taylor noted that the resolution had been passed by the following counties: Wicomico, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties within Maryland, and the two counties invited that were located with Virginia. Commissioner President Simpkins stated that in light of current events, it would be Somerset County's decision to decline participation in the study.

Therefore, on a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Laird, it carried unanimously to decline the invitation to participate in the JLUS study relating to NAS Patuxent River. It was clarified later in the meeting that the decision was based on events recently occurring relating to Senate Bill 1073, specifically to page 5, which has been presented without the knowledge and/or input on behalf of Somerset County.


With no further business, on a motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Laird, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Secretary

Approved by:



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For Somerset County