

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY  
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014

At 1:00 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 Simpkins called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Mathies to lead those attending the meeting in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 4-0 to approve the Minutes from the Open and Closed Sessions held Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

President Simpkins opened sealed bids for the construction of four (4) replacement houses for applicants that qualified for funding under the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Recovery Program. (Bid information is attached) The Department of Technical and Community Services will review the bids and return at a later date with a recommendation for awarding the construction contracts.

Mr. Taylor reviewed correspondence and discussion items with the Board.

A project notification was received from the Maryland Department of Planning, State Clearinghouse, advising of the planned construction of "The Reserve at Somerset Commons". Since the project is located within the Town of Princess Anne and adjoins county land that is already zoning Industrial-1, Mr. Taylor recommended a C-5 response for the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to respond to the Maryland Department of Planning with a C-5 response, indicating the project is consistent with our plans, programs, and objectives. The motion carried 4-0.

The County Administrator reviewed a letter in regard to The ShorePower Project and the possible reduction of energy consumption. The Board agreed to pursue the opportunity to participate in the Program.

In a Memo from Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, the Board was advised of the term expiration for John Barnette and Marion Mister on August 3, 2014, for their service as members of the Seafood Reconciliation Board. Both members have agreed to serve another term if re-appointed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Laird, to re-appoint John Barnette and Marion Mister as members of the Seafood Reconciliation Board for another four-year term. The motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a letter received from the Long Term Recovery Committee relating to the landfill tipping fees for several demolished properties. In the letter, Pastor Huber has requested the County waive the tipping fees for several properties. A list of the properties and the related landfill costs were provided for the Board's consideration. Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Somerset County Solid Waste, was present for the discussion. The Board authorized Mr. Cavanaugh to reconcile the tipping fee costs as provided by the Long Term Recovery Committee in relation to the County's records. Additionally, the Board agreed to provide the Committee with a written copy of the County's policy for future use. At that point, non-compliance with the policy may result in the requirement for full payment of the tipping fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Mathies, to waive the tipping fees for the Long Term Recovery Committee, as requested for the properties listed in the July 23, 2014 letter. The motion carried 4-0.

The Board was presented with two Ordinances for signature. Public Hearings were held for both proposed Ordinances on July 15, 2014. No opposition was presented during the hearing and no written comments have been received since the hearing date.

- 1) Ordinance No. 1080 – An Ordinance to amend the Somerset County Zoning Ordinance to allow digital (electronic) signs in certain zoning districts subject to standards and to increase the maximum on-site signage for free-standing signs from 60 Sq. Ft. to 80 Sq. Ft.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Laird, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 1080.

- 2) Ordinance No. 1081 – An Ordinance authorizing the use of school bus monitoring cameras in Somerset County, Maryland.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Mathies, seconded by Commissioner Laird, it carried 3-0 to adopt Ordinance No. 1081. Commissioner Fisher abstained from the vote.

Mr. Taylor updated the Board on the Southeast Crisfield – Tidal Dyke Project, which has been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division, to advance to the

next stage, feasibility. A flaw was found in the engineering & economic analysis for the Ewell Bulkheading Project, and must be resubmitted to the North Atlantic Division, but a positive outcome is anticipated.

The Board was presented with a Mortgage Release for signature. Ms. Carla Chambers received housing rehabilitation grant funding through the CDBG Program in the amount of \$6,500.00. The grant mortgage agreement was dated July 10, 2013. Ms. Chambers has now elected to sell the property. As it has been over one year since the grant mortgage agreement was signed, the amount for this grant payoff would be \$5,200.00. Ms. Chambers has submitted the required payoff of \$5,200.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to authorize President Simpkins to sign the Mortgage Release. The motion carried 4-0.

With no further agenda items, President Simpkins asked for any questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Phil Riggin, of Crisfield, advised that the Somerset County Long Term Recovery Office plans to close down their operation in September of 2015 and suggested the Commissioners meet with them to address the tipping fee issues. Mr. Taylor advised that we will be contacting the new construction manager, Gordy Taylor.

Mr. Riggin also inquired about the status of the steel bulkheading project for Crisfield. Mr. Taylor reported that we are awaiting receipt of the contract agreements.

With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Randy Laird, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Boston, to go into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. The motion carried 4-0. Also present for the Closed Session were Commissioner President Rex Simpkins, Commissioner Vice-President Charles Fisher, Commissioner Craig Mathies, County Administrator, Ralph D. Taylor; Executive Aide, Cynthia R. Ward; Human Resources Director, Erica Quillen; Detention Center Warden, Louis Hickman; Recreation & Parks Director, Clint Sterling; and Director of Technical & Community Services Director, Gary Pusey.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 4-0 to adjourn the Open and Closed Sessions at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Cynthia R. Ward  
Executive Aide

Approved By:



Board of County Commissioners  
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## BID INFORMATION

July 29, 2014

Company	4292 Lawson Barnes Road	26392 East Pear Street	4282 Jacksonville Rd.	8382 Sybil Road
RAD Construction	No Bid	No Bid	\$154,309.00	\$155,521.00
Farina Construction	No Bid	\$158,590.89	\$159,212.00	\$160,679.00
Top Notch Drywall	\$154,345.00	\$181,550.00	\$182,640.00	\$168,255.00
Rudy Carter	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$169,500.00
Regent Homes	No Bid	\$157,500.00	\$162,800.00	\$157,500.00
Eastern Shore Construction	\$65,500.00	\$150,000.00	\$154,000.00	\$160,000.00
R&L Construction	No Bid	\$146,259.61	\$149,930.00	\$145,030.90
Ken Build	\$85,000.00	\$157,800.00	\$158,424.00	\$162,500.00