

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

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

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

President Laird 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 Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried unanimously to approve the Minutes from the Open and Closed Sessions held February 24, 2015 and a Closed Session held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

The meeting began with a Proclamation presentation. Ms. Nancy Bagwell, of Peninsula Home Care, was presented with a Proclamation in recognition of their 30th Anniversary.

President Laird opened sealed bids for the sale of county owned surplus land. Deposits (10% of bid amount) were included with each bid. The results of the advertised sale are shown below:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Vickie Laird – Clay Outten	2	\$1,050.00
2. John Cullen	5	\$2,502.00
3. Mark Labo	8	\$2,010.00
4. Mark Labo	9	\$2,010.00

As noted in the terms of the sale, the notice of acceptance or rejection of the bids shall be announced during the next public session of the County Commissioners, March 24, 2015.

Mr. Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, was now present before the Board, accompanied by Kim Kudla, Planner, to ask for the Board's permission to seek grant funding through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for stormwater management projects located on county owned and Board of Education properties. Mr. Pusey advised that the grant funded projects are designed to aid in the cleanup of the Chesapeake Bay. If approved, the

grant, totaling at least \$500,000, would fund 46 projects on 24 different sites. The Board was reminded of a previous study that was performed to assess stormwater problems throughout the County. The information provided in the study would be used to address the stormwater related issues.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Pusey to pursue the grant funding through Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

In other business, Mr. Pusey reported that the State of Maryland has withdrawn its application for federal funding through HUD for the "National Competition for Funding".

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

Two requests were received from the Somerset County Long Term Recovery Committee to waive landfill tipping fees for homes that were substantially damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The two homes are located at 26421 Silver Lane in Crisfield, and at 9010 Millard Long Road in Westover.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Mathies, to waive the landfill tipping fees associated with the demolition of the property located at 26421 Silver Lane, in Crisfield. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to waive the landfill tipping fees associated with the demolition of the property located at 9010 Millard Long Road, in Westover. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Solid Waste and Maintenance, was now present before the Board to revisit the discussion regarding solid waste fees for Fiscal Year 2016. It was noted once again that revenues are down due to less billable trash. After consideration of several different options, including the possible elimination of issuing a third transfer station permit to residents, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Mathies, to keep the Transfer Station Permit Fees at the same rate of \$56.00 (per year) for the first sticker; \$25.00 for the second sticker; and eliminate the option of purchasing a third sticker (a separate application would be required if a third sticker was requested) for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to set the landfill tipping fees at \$64.00 per ton for the Town of Princess Anne, The City of Crisfield, and the Sanitary District for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to increase the landfill tipping fees from \$64.00 to \$66.00 per ton for all other waste received at the County Landfill for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

With Mr. Cavanaugh still present, the Board reviewed a letter from Joseph Smith & Sons, Inc., which holds the current contract for scrap metal that is collected at the County Landfill. Due to the declining market prices of metal, Raymond Lindsay, Purchasing Manager, asked for the Board's consideration to review their existing contract and make an adjustment to the contract price. In consideration of other bids that were received at the time contract was awarded to Joseph Smith & Sons, the County Commissioners agreed to not take any action on the request.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Mathies, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Mia Turner to serve as member of the Social Services Board.

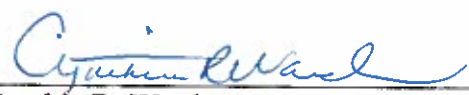
With no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, to go into Closed Session by Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 10-508 (a) (1) (i) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. The motion carried unanimously. Also present for the Closed Session were Commissioner President Laird, Commissioner Mathies, Commissioner Simpkins, County Administrator, Ralph D. Taylor; Executive Aide, Cynthia R. Ward; and Director of Solid Waste & Maintenance, Charles Cavanaugh.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried unanimously to adjourn the Open and Closed Sessions at 3:12 p.m.

Approved By:


Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:


Cynthia R. Ward
Executive Aide