



**AGENDA
OCTOBER 18, 2016
BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY**

Correspondence

Received

- * Maryland Department of Planning Clearinghouse Project re: Historic Nomination/Crisfield
- * DHCD re: FY 16/17 ESG Grant Agreement
- Ms. Cindy Stone, DHCD re: Scheduled Monitoring Visit
- Ms. Cindy Stone, DHCD re: Release of Funds (MD-15-DR-1 Phase #2 and MD-17-CD-22)
- Maryland Public Service Commission re: Public Hearing Notice/Delmarva Power & Light Company

Sent

Commissioner Ronald H. Fithian re: Clean Chesapeake Coalition
Dr. Juliatt Bell, Office of the President re: Letter of Appreciation
Joint Audit Committee re: Somerset County School System Exemption Request
Mr. Darryl Webster re: Requests for Inmate Labor (Skipjack Heritage)

Appointments:

- 2:00 p.m. - Ms. Yvette Cross, Emergency Services Director and Mr. Bill Sammler, NOAA
- Recognition as a StormReady Community
- * 2:10 p.m. - Mr. Clint Sterling – Bid Award -2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation 5 Year Plan

Discussion:

- * 1. Bid Award – 30513 Prince William Street (Former Treasurer’s Office)
- * 2. Proclamation Approval- Donnie Drewer, SHA
- * 3. Sublease Request-John Mooney Slip #26 Webster’s Cove
- * 4. Sublease Request – Daniel DeFalco Slip #25 Webster’s Cove
- * 5. Request for Refund (Relinquishing Slip)- Hank Miller Slip # 19 Tylerton
- * 6. Change Order- Rhodes Point Shoreline Stabilization Project
- * 7. Scope of Work Approval- Land Acquisition Services W41/Crisfield-Somerset Airport

2:30 p.m. - Closed Session – Ralph D. Taylor, Kirk Simpkins

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; and Section 10-508 (a) (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and Section 10-508 (a) (3) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

- * Denotes Action Item

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TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2016

At 2:00 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County opened in Regular Session. Present for the meeting were Commissioner President Randy Laird, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, Commissioner Craig N. Mathies, Sr., and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

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

President Laird 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.

Meeting minutes were presented for the Boards approval. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to approve the Commissioner meeting minutes from October 4, 2016 as presented.

Ms. Yvette Cross, Emergency Services Director and Mr. Bill Sammler, National Weather Service/Wakefield Office came forward. Mr. Taylor welcomed both to the meeting, noting that they were here to present the county with the recognition of being a 'StormReady' community. Mr. Sammler first acknowledged the efforts made by Ms. Cross, Ms. Lloyd and Mr. Powell to achieve this recognition. He also noted that this recognition today fulfills something that Steve Marshall, former Emergency Services Director, had always wanted to do. He presented the county with a sign and plaque, noting that of the seven localities on the Eastern Shore, there are only two remaining to achieve this recognition, Dorchester and North Hampton. He closed his comments by congratulating the county on achieving this recognition. Ms. Cross and Mr. Sammler left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Clint Sterling, Director of Recreation and Parks was now present before the Board. Mr. Sterling explained that he has reviewed the bid submission made on September 20, 2016 by Design Atlantic in the amount of \$42,510.60 regarding the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan. He has studied the current plan, and after having discussions with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel, and Ms. Audrey Cornelius (Department of Technical and Community Services) he feels that he can complete the plan in house. Mr. Sterling advised the Board that DNR is acceptable to having the plan completed as noted and the funds allocated for the project to be submitted for another use. The Board agreed to Mr. Sterling's recommendation and were in consensus to allow Mr. Sterling to complete the 2017 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan as presented.

Mr. Sterling thanked the Board, and closed his comments by noting that the Donnie Price Golf Tournament, which benefits our county youth programs, is scheduled for this Friday, with 23 teams registered to play. Mr. Sterling left the meeting at this time.

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

A Clearinghouse Review project with regard to the historic nomination boundary increase request to the Crisfield Historic District (MD20160919-0822) was presented for the Boards consideration. Mr. Taylor explained that this project results in a survey of historic structures that will provide a benefit to the county thereby “speeding up” historic review for houses that are included in the survey. Mr. Taylor also advised that the City of Crisfield has no objections. Mr. Taylor recommended a C-5 designation (the project is consistent with our plans, programs, and objectives) for this project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins, and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it carried 5-0 to submit a C-5 designation for the Clearinghouse Review project for the Crisfield Historic boundary request increase as presented.

Mr. Taylor presented the FY2016/2017 Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), Grant Agreement for the Boards approval, awarded to Catholic Charities Seton Center in the amount of \$110,043.00 that will support homelessness assistance. Mr. Taylor noted that the application request was submitted for \$140,000 in May, 2016. This year’s award is slightly lower than last year’s award of \$116,654.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the President’s signature on the ESG Grant Agreement as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

Next, Mr. Taylor asked the Board if they would like to take action regarding the sealed bid received from Mr. Bob Murphey, submitted in the amount of \$37,500.00; regarding the advertised sale of surplus land and improvements for 30513 Prince William Street (former Treasurer’s Office). The options available would be to award the bid, postpone or reject the bid as submitted. It was noted that the court house has expressed an interest to use the building; therefore it was Mr. Taylor’s recommendation to not award the bid at this time.

A motion was then made by Commissioner Fisher to decline the bid as presented for \$37,500.00. Commissioner Simpkins seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

A proclamation was presented for the Boards approval recognizing the retirement of Mr. Donnie Drewer, State Highway Administration, with over 50 years of service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston to approve the proclamation for Donnie Drewer as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

A request was received from Mr. John Mooney to sublease slip #26 at Webster's Cove to sublease to Mr. Ryan Bailey from October 4, 2016 until March 1, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Boston to approve the sublease request made by Mr. Mooney as presented. Commissioner Fisher opposed; therefore the motion carried 4-1-0.

A request was received from Mr. Daniel C. DeFalco to sublease slip #25 at Webster's Cove Marina to Mr. Dan Bozman.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Boston, the sublease request from Mr. DeFalco was approved. Commissioner Fisher opposed; therefore the motion carried 4-1-0.

Mr. Taylor next presented a boat slip payment refund request from Mr. Hank Miller, Tylerton Slip #19. Due to financial hardship, Mr. Miller has requested to relinquish the slip, and receive a refund. The Board discussed Mr. Millers request, and it was determined that Mr. Miller should pay for the first three months of this year's lease term being he had use of the slip.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, it carried 5-0 to refund Mr. Miller $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year or \$375.00.

Mr. Taylor reviewed a change order request with regard to the Rhodes Point Shoreline Stabilization Project in the amount of \$420,000. He advised that the change order will allow the building of structures for 11, 12 and 13 now, as opposed to next summer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston to approve the change order request in the amount of \$420,000.00 with regard to the Rhodes Point Shoreline Stabilization Project. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor requested the Boards approval to sign a letter drafted to Ms. Mindy Lee, FAA which advised that Michael Baker Corporation completed the Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) for the next

phase of the Crisfield-Somerset County Airport Obstruction Removal Project, which is the easement phase of the project involving 13 parcels. Mr. Taylor explained that it is a requirement of AECOM to obtain the IFE, which must be within 10% of the contracted proposal. Mr. Taylor noted that the contract amount is \$393,776.00 and the IFE came in at \$386,208.00 which falls within the required 10% variance.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, it carried 5-0 to authorize Mr. Taylor's signature on the letter addressed to Ms. Mindy Lee as presented.

With no further business, the Board was advised of the need to enter into Closed Session. Therefore, at 2:25 p.m. upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to enter 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; and Section 10-508 (a) (7) consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; and Section 10-508 (a) (3) consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it carried unanimously to adjourn the Open and Closed Session Meetings at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Aide



Approved by:
Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County