



AGENDA
April 4, 2017
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
11916 Somerset Avenue
Room 111/Meeting Room
Princess Anne, MD 21853
1:00 p.m.

Appointments:

- * 1:00 p.m. - Dr. John Gaddis, Ms. Linda R. Johnson, Ms. Daniele Haley/Somerset County Public Schools
 - FY17 Inter Categorical Transfers
 - FY18 Budget
- * 1:40 p.m. - Mr. Tom Lawton, DTCS and Mr. Tony Stockus, Sanitary District
 - Somerset County Priority Funding Area Certification

Correspondence:

Received

MD Department of Budget & Management re: Funding Request/Somerset Economic Impact Scholarship Program

- * MD Department of Agriculture re: Aerial Mosquito Spray Operations

Sent

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen re: Elimination of Grant Funding
The Honorable Ben Cardin re: Elimination of Grant Funding
The Honorable Andy Harris re: Elimination of Grant Funding
Mr. Anthony Stockus re: Somerset County Sanitary Commission Reappointment
Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Thomas re: Social Services Advisory Board Appointment
Mr. Cary Knopp re: Social Services Advisory Board Appointment

Discussion:

- * 1. Approval of Resolution re: FY17 Tipping Fees
- * 2. Approval of Proclamations re: Fair Housing Month & Teacher of the Year
- * 3. LOS- Grant Request/Customs House
- * 4. US Army Corps of Engineers – Rhodes Point Jetty

2:00 p.m. - Closed Session – Ralph D. Taylor

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 (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 APRIL 4, 2017

At 1:00 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, and Commissioner Craig N. Mathies, Sr. Commissioner Rex Simpkins was absent at this time.

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 4-0 to approve the minutes from the Commissioner and Closed Session meetings held on March 21, 2017 as presented.

Commissioner Simpkins arrived to the meeting at this time.

Dr. John Gaddis, Ms. Linda R. Johnson and Ms. Daniele Haley, from the Somerset County Public Schools (SCPS) came forward.

Dr. Gaddis began, by first announcing that the Somerset County Economic Impact Scholarship Program has been included in the Governor's FY18 Budget. Applicant information has already been posted on the Wor-Wic webpage, and letters will be mailed out to graduating seniors making them aware of this scholarship opportunity. Dr. Gaddis also noted that he has personally thanked the Governor for supporting this program for Somerset County students.

Ms. Daniele Haley next presented the SCPS proposed FY18 local Capital Improvement request for the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, in the amount of \$1,855,343.00. She explained that the previously proposed formula would have cut funding in the amount of approximately \$2 Million, and creative measures were taken to address the reduced funding. However, a new formula has been recently proposed by the State, which will now actually add an additional \$3,380,000 to project funding, allowing many of the items removed, to be added back in. Ms. Haley reviewed the handout she provided to the Board which included the 17% local share breakdown, project timeline estimates, spending to date figures as well as proposed FY18-FY20 spending amounts.

Next, Dr. Gaddis presented the FY17 Inter-Category Budget Transfer and Budget Amendment request for the Boards consideration. He explained the need for the transfers within the categories

presented are necessary to comply with COMAR rules, and simply move the funding utilized to the proper category.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, the following Inter-Category Budget Transfers and Amendments were approved as presented:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount of Transfer:</u>
Mid-Level Administration	\$100,000
Instructional Salaries	180,000
Student Personnel	7,000
Health Services	45,000
Operation of Plant	(70,000)
Maintenance of Plant	(32,000)
Fixed Charges	<u>(230,000)</u>
	\$0.00

Commissioner Mathies abstained; therefore the motion carried 4-0-1.

Dr. Gaddis next presented the proposed FY Operating Budget Summary for the Boards review. Ms. Haley stated the proposed FY18 budget of \$41,351,413 was an increase of \$2,728,265 as compared to last year. Ms. Johnson detailed the FY18 expenditure increases which included increases to salaries, health insurance costs, payroll taxes, retirement costs, new/replaced technology, textbooks, special education instruction, general education instruction and an increase in PVA for new busses. Dr. Gaddis also explained the budget is based on the number of enrolled students, with approximately 184 being full time Pre-K. It was noted that the county is receiving \$454,660 in funding for the Pre-K program. Also discussed was the anticipated population growth this summer, and the mention of Princess Anne Elementary being at full student capacity, with room still available at Greenwood Elementary. Dr. Gaddis closed his comments by stating they will be back with the final proposed budget at a later date.

Mr. Tom Lawton, Acting Interim Director for Community and Technical Services, and Mr. Tony Stockus, Manager, Somerset County Sanitary District were now before the Board to discuss Priority Funding Area (PFA) Certification for parcels of land abutting Old State Road, Crackertown Road, Mariners Road and Cash Corner Road. Mr. Lawton explained that in order to be included within the grant request to upgrade the water system, these areas, currently designated as “PFA Comment Area- Area Not Meeting Criteria”, must be designated as a “Priority Funding Area”. A letter drafted to Ms. Wendi Peters, Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning, requests the reasons why these areas should be designated as PFA, and requests the MDP’s consideration to remove the “PFA Comment” from the areas as noted. The discussion continued with regard to the water system upgrade and the effects it will have on the residents of the area. Mr. Stockus explained that the issue is between the City of Crisfield and the residents, noting that the Sanitary District is not taking responsibility. A meeting is scheduled

for tomorrow with City of Crisfield representatives to decide what the City will do in conjunction with the residents. It was noted in closing comments by Mr. Lawton and Mr. Stockus that it's in the best interest for the area to be designated as a Priority Funding Area, regardless of whether or not this upgrade moves forward.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it carried 5-0 to authorize Mr. Taylor to sign the letter addressed to Ms. Wendi Peters as presented, regarding the request for PFA Certification designation for the noted areas of Old State Road, Crackertown Road, Mariners Road and Cash Corner Road.

Mr. Taylor continued with correspondence and discussion items.

A letter was received from Mr. David R. Brinkley, Secretary, Maryland Department of Budget and Management, in response to the County's letter sent to Governor Hogan, requesting funding for the Somerset County Economic Impact Scholarship Program.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management has requested the President's signature on the acknowledgement form which approves use of aircrafts to conduct aerial spray operations for mosquito control in Somerset County.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to authorize the President's signature on the Mosquito Control Acknowledgement Form for aerial spraying as requested.

Letters sent to Senator Van Hollen, Senator Cardin and Congressman Harris with regard to the possible elimination of FY18 CDBG funding were reviewed.

A letter was sent to Mr. Tony Stockus advising of the Boards approval to re-appoint Mr. Adam Riggin to serve as a member and Chairman of the Somerset County Sanitary Commission.

A letter was sent to Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas and Mr. Cary Knopp advising them of their appointment as a member of the Somerset County Department of Social Services Advisory Board.

The resolution to amend the Transfer Station Fee's for fiscal year 2018 was presented for approval. Mr. Taylor noted that the Tipping Fee remained the same, at \$66.00 per ton. The Transfer Station fee increased from \$56.00 to \$60.00 for the first vehicle per household, with the second additional permit remaining the same at \$25.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, Resolution #1120, amending the Transfer Station Fee, was approved. Commissioner Simpkins abstained; therefore the motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board was presented with two proclamation requests. The first was to designate April 2017 as Fair Housing Month.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to proclaim April 2017 as Fair Housing Month.

Next, a proclamation was presented to recognize Ms. Sarah Perdue as 2017 Somerset County Teacher of the Year.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to approve the proclamation recognizing Ms. Perdue as 2017 Somerset County Teacher of the Year.

A letter of support request was received from the Crisfield Heritage Foundation (CHF) with regard to a grant application submitted to revitalize the Customs House in Crisfield.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to approve the letter of support request regarding the grant application for the Custom House as presented.

Lastly, Mr. Taylor discussed the Rhodes Point Jetty Navigation Project the Corps has been working on for quite some time now. An email was received from Ms. Cindy Stone with the recommendation to abandon the Corps project, and to move forward with the Shoreline Stabilization Project, Add Alternate 2, Structures 15-19. Stating that he agrees with Ms. Stones' recommendation, Mr. Taylor advised that the approaching timeline with regard of use of funds, as well as a funding cap requirement are the driving reasons for the recommendation. The Shoreline Stabilization Project has already been put out for bid, and would address both sides of the Sheep Pen Gut. Smith Island United is accepting of the Shoreline Project, and there is available funding to cover the project. It was noted however that dredging will not be a part of the Shoreline Stabilization Project.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to place a stop work order on the Army Corps of Engineer Navigational Project, and proceed with the Shoreline Stabilization Project, Add Alternate 2, Structures 15-19.

With no further business, at 1:57 p.m., upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, 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 (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 5-0 to adjourn the Open and Closed Session Meetings at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Aide



Approved by:
Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County