



AGENDA
March 21, 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. - Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Solid Waste and Maintenance

- * - Bid Opening- Scrap Metal
- * - Bid Opening -Deal Island Road Drainage Ditch Project Phase II
- * - Transfer/Landfill Fee Schedule FY17

Correspondence:

Received

Maryland Department of the Environment re: 2010-2016 Solid Waste Plan Approval

Charter Communications re: Upcoming Changes/ Esquire and Chiller Channels

Charter Communications re: Upcoming Changes/AWE Channel

Sent

Mr. Willis H. Dryden Jr., re: Public Drainage Association Tax Levy Rates (2017-2018)

Discussion:

- * 1. Social Service Advisory Board Appointments (2)
- * 2. Somerset County Sanitary Commission Reappointment (1)
- * 3. Part D Advisors Plan FY18
- * 4. Rental Allowance Program Grant Agreement FY17
- * 5. Grant Mortgage Release – Katherine Long

1:30 p.m. - ROADS BOARD SPECIAL SESSION

1:45 p.m. - Closed Session – Ralph D. Taylor, Yvette Cross, Clint Sterling, Charles Cavanaugh

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 MARCH 21, 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, 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 Simpkins, it carried 5-0 to approve the minutes from the Commissioner and Closed Session meetings held on March 7, 2017 as presented.

Mr. Taylor began by acknowledging the presence of Mr. John Redden, our newly appointed Somerset County Public Works Director; welcoming him to his new position with the county.

Mr. Charles Cavanaugh, Director of Solid Waste and Maintenance came forward to accept sealed bids received for the following projects that were sent out for bid:

Scrap Metal:

<u>Contractor:</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
Fitzgerald's Auto Salvage	\$100.00 per net ton
Mid Shore	\$ 81.50 per standard ton
Salisbury Scrap Metal	\$ 60.00 per net ton

It was noted that last year's bid submission was approved in the amount of \$105.00 per ton. It was Mr. Cavanaugh's recommendation to award the Scrap Metal bid to Fitzgerald's Auto Salvage, the high bidder, for \$100.00 per net ton.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to award the Scrap Metal Bid to Fitzgerald's Auto Salvage for \$100.00 per net ton.

Deal Island Road Phase III/Wenona Drainage Ditch:

<u>Contractor:</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
Doug Vann	\$4,485.00

As it was the sole bid received, Mr. Cavanaugh was asked if the bid submission was comparable to what he expected to receive. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that the bid amount was acceptable for the work needing to be completed.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to award the Deal Island Road Phase III/Wenona Drainage Ditch Project to Doug Vann in the amount of \$4,485.00.

Mr. Cavanaugh remained present to discuss the matter of Transfer Station and Landfill Tipping Fees for the upcoming fiscal year. It was noted that the last increase regarding Transfer Station Fees was in 2013 and 2016 for Landfill Tipping fees. A brief discussion was held with regard to the number of applicants, and revenue received.

Following the discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fisher to increase the Transfer Station Fee for FY17 to \$60.00. Commissioner Boston seconded the motion. Commissioner Simpkins opposed; therefore the motion carried 4-1-0.

Commissioner Boston then made a motion to have Landfill Tipping Fees remain the same for the next fiscal year, at \$66.00 per ton. Commissioner Fisher seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Taylor continued with correspondence and discussion items at this time.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has advised that it has completed its review of Somerset County's Resolution No. 1116 regarding the adoption of the amendments to the County's 2010-2020 Solid Waste Management Plan relating to the Recycling Program rate change and the Special Event Recycling Plan that were tentatively approved by MDE on August 24, 2016.

Charter Communications has sent correspondence advising of that Esquire, Chiller and AWE will be dropped for their line-up. President Laird advised that the NBC channel has been out for about two weeks, and asked that a call be made to report the outage.

A copy of the letter sent to Mr. Dryden, Somerset County Tax Collector advising of tax year 2017-2018 PDA Tax Levy Rates was reviewed.

Mr. Taylor presented the following persons, interested in serving on the Social Services Advisory Board, which currently has two vacancies; Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Thomas and Mr. Cary Knopp.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to approve the appointments of Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Knopp to the Social Services Advisory Board.

A request was received from Mr. Anthony Stockus, Manager, Somerset County Sanitary District to re-appointment Mr. Adam Riggan to serve as a member, and Chairman of the Somerset County Sanitary Commission, with his term expiring in March 2023.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, it carried 5-0 to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Riggan to the Somerset County Sanitary Commission as presented.

Next, Mr. Taylor presented the County contracts with Part D Advisors for the Board's approval. The contracts are for the payment of Drug Subsidies from Medicare for our retiree's (65+) Health Plan through Integra, and each year the County must provide contribution rates, a census of Medicare eligible retirees along with other required plan information so that the actuary can perform actuarial testing before their deadline. Mr. Taylor then requested the Board's approval for the President's signature on the Confirmation of Retiree Drug Plan Information for the RDS Application Plan Year 2017-2018 as presented.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins, and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it carried 5-0 to authorize the President's signature on the Confirmation of Retiree Drug Plan Information for the RDS Application Plan Year 2017-2018.

Mr. Taylor presented formal approval of the President's signature regarding the Rental Allowance Program Grant Agreement for FY2017 in the amount of \$40,000. The application for this grant had been previously approved by the Board on August 23, 2016.

Therefore, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to authorize the President's signature on the Rental Allowance Program Agreement for FY17 as presented.

A grant mortgage release was presented for the Board's approval for Mrs. Katherine Long, 8590 Courthouse Hill Road, Pocomoke, Maryland. The grant mortgage, in the amount of \$8,580.00, made on June 9, 2010 can be released as it has been in place for over five years.

On a motion made by Commissioner Boston, seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to authorize President Laird to sign the grant release for Mrs. Long as presented.

At 1:18 p.m. a short recess was taken.

At 1:30 p.m., with no further business, the Board was advised of the need to enter into Roads Board Special Session. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, and seconded by Commissioner Boston the Board entered into Roads Board Special Session. The motion carried 5-0.

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