



AGENDA MAY 1, 2018
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 and Ms. Linda R. Johnson, SCPS
 - FY18 Budget Transfer Requests
- * 1:10 p.m. - Mr. Gary Pusey, Director, DTCS
 - FY19 Critical Area Grant Agreement
- * 1:20 p.m. - Mr. John Redden, Public Works Director
 - Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Priority Letter
- * 1:40 p.m. - Mr. Clint Sterling, Director, Recreation and Parks
 - Grant Agreement/Maryland Bikeway's Program

Correspondence:

Received

- Maryland State Department of Education re: Request for Nonrecurring Cost
Ms. Lori Engle, Somerset County Dept. of Social Services re: Expression of Gratitude
- * Ms. Jennie Marshall, Sanitary District re: Reappointment

Sent

Mr. Ed Goyda, Library Director re: Board of Trustee Appointment
Pastor Carroll L. Mills re: Request to Waive Tipping Fees
Ms. Christie Taylor, Somerset County Health Department re: Office Consolidation
Mr. and Mrs. Butler re: Request to Rescind Property Purchase
Mr. Richard F. Mantz II re: Property Purchase Request
Ms. Maddy Ciulu, Single Family Housing re: Housing Bond Transfer

Discussion:

- * 1. Emergency Advance/Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc.
- * 2. Proclamation- 2018 Teacher of the Year
- * 3. Lower Shore Workforce Alliance Vacancy (2)
- * 4. Agricultural Reconciliation Board (1)
- * 5. Adult Guardianship Review Board (2)

2:00 p.m. - Closed Session- Ralph D. Taylor, Kyle Brinson, Erica Yeager

Authority of State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Subtitle 3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; and (b)(8) consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

- * Denotes Action Item

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TUESDAY MAY 1, 2018

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.

Closed Session Summary Report May 1, 2018

On May 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. until 2:05 p.m. (Recess taken from 1:35p.m. until 1:52 p.m.), at 11916 Somerset Avenue, Room 111, upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland § 3-305 (b)(1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; and (b)(8) consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

Present for the Closed Session Meeting were President Randy Laird, Commissioner Vice President Charles F. Fisher, Commissioner Jerry S. Boston, Commissioner Craig Mathies Sr., and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

Also present were County Administrator Ralph D. Taylor, Executive Aide Lory Ebron, Ms. Erica Yeager, HR Director and Mr. Kyle Brinson, Agricultural Inspector Supervisor.

Topics discussed were: (1) Hiring of Seasonal Mosquito Control Technicians (2) Request to move two employees from probationary to permanent employee status (3) Pending litigation. Actions taken during closed session: (1) Approval to hire two Seasonal Mosquito Control Technicians (2) Approval to move two employees from probationary to permanent employee status.

Meeting minutes were presented for approval regarding the Commissioner and Closed Session meetings held on April 17, 2018. Commissioner Simpkins made a motion to approve

the minutes as presented. Commissioner Boston advised of a needed correction; therefore, Commissioner Simpkins rescinded his motion.

The minutes regarding the April 17, 2018 Commissioner and Closed Session meetings were then approved as corrected on a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. John Gaddis, Superintendent and Ms. Linda R. Johnson, Somerset County Public Schools came forward to present the following Inter-Category Budget Transfer and Budget Amendment Request for FY18 as follows:

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount of Transfer:</u>
Mid-Level Administration	\$ 50,000
Health Services	5,000
Maintenance of Plant	70,000
Fixed Charges	<u>(125,000)</u>
	\$0.00

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Commissioner Mathies, it carried 5-0 to approve the inter-category transfers as requested.

President Laird asked Dr. Gaddis about the status of the requests for sealed bids regarding grass cutting services at our schools. Bidders have expressed concerns to him as they have noticed the same company continues to provide the services from last year. Dr. Gaddis explained that the bids submitted have been under review to insure they meet state standards (which includes workman's comp coverage as well as liability insurance). He stated that the current company has been authorized to cut until the bid is awarded, which expected to be approved during the next scheduled meeting in May. Dr. Gaddis noted in closing that there were some submissions that did not meet requirements, and he asked that any bidder with questions to please feel free call him to discuss any concerns.

Mr. Gary Pusey, Director of Technical and Community Services, came forward at this time to present the State of Maryland/Department of Natural Resources/Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Grant-In-Aid-Program (Critical Area Commission) for the Boards approval. He explained that this annual grant, in the amount of \$15,000, will be used towards staffing costs. He noted the grant amount and agreement are the same as presented over the last few years.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, it carried 5-0 to approve President Laird's signature on the Critical Area Grant Agreement as submitted.

Public Works Director Mr. John Redden and Roads Director Mr. Woody Barnes came forward at this time to present the drafted Somerset County Priority Letter for Recommended Transportation Improvements. Mr. Redden reviewed the recommended improvements; which included some new requests as indicated below:

ENHANCEMENTS

1. Westover to Crisfield Bike Trail Phase I and Phase II
2. Deceleration Lane at MD 413 North at Marion
3. Deceleration Lane at MD 413 South at Westover
4. Widening of Intersection at MD 388/MD 675
5. **NEW**- Improved Pedestrian and Cyclist Access at US Route 13/MD 362
6. Dualization of MD Route 413

SYSTEM PRESERVATION

1. Widening of Roadway along MD 363
2. Repair of Shoulder along MD 627
3. **NEW**- Signalization of Railroad Crossings Countywide
4. **NEW**- Selective Clearing along US Route 13

MAINTENANCE TRANSFERS

1. Extend State Maintenance of MD 361 to the end of Rumbley Road
2. Formalize State Maintenance of College Backbone Road on the UMES Campus

QUALITY OF SERVICE

1. Smith Island Passenger Ferry

Commissioner Boston questioned a drainage pipe issue that had been previously reported on Loretta Road, a state road. Mr. Barnes advised that Mr. Beauchamp had been out to the location, and the pipe appears to now be moving water. He advised that they continue to monitor the situation.

Commissioner Mathies questioned the appearance of the bricks on Backbone Road, advising it looked horrible. He asked if there was something else that could be used/done to have the appearance look better, noting that apparently what they are using is not adequate. Mr. Taylor advised that he would place a call to Mr. Meredith, the District 1 Engineer to inquire if something can be done.

It was also questioned if the deceleration lane request on MD413 at Marion should be removed being that they have begun work on that project. Mr. Redden advised he would like to keep the request on until the work has been completed.

Commissioner Fisher then made a motion to authorize Mr. Taylor to sign the Priority Letter for Recommended Transportation Improvements as presented. Commissioner Boston seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Boston advised that the railroad crossing sign a King Miller Road is down following the last wind storm. Mr. Redden and Mr. Barnes left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Taylor continued with correspondence and discussion items.

A letter was received from the Maryland State Department of Education advising they have considered the request for nonrecurring cost submitted for Somerset County. The list of 'approved items', totaling \$589,000 was provided, as well as the 'not approved items'. It was noted that \$140,000 requested for security enhancements, was approved.

A request was received from Ms. Jennie Marshall, Administrative Aide, Somerset County Sanitary District to reappoint Ms. Ellen Bush to another six year term. It was noted that Ms. Bush's term expired in April, 2018.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston, it carried 5-0 to reappoint Ms. Bush to the Somerset County Sanitary District for a six year term.

Mr. Taylor asked for the Boards formal approval with regard to the Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc. request to receive an additional advance of \$3,800.00; previously approved by phone poll (which carried 4-1/Simpkins). A promissory note has been drafted and signed by Mr. Porter, President. It was noted that this additional request will be added to what was previously advanced January 2018 in the amount of \$98,500.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Boston the motion was made to approve the advance in the amount of \$3,800.00 to the Somerset Committee for the Homeless, Inc. Commissioner Simpkins opposed; therefore the motion carried 4-1.

The proclamation with regard to the 2018 Somerset County Teacher of the Year was presented for formal approval.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher the 2018 Teacher of the Year Proclamation, for Mr. Richard Warren was approved. Commissioner Mathies abstained; therefore the motion carried 4-0-1.

The Board next discussed current board and commission vacancies. Commissioner Mathies advised that with regard to the Sanitary Commission vacancy for the Westover District, Reverend Charles Bagley has agreed to serve, to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Northam. It was noted that the Sanitary Commission will be considering the revision of the service area maps

during their May 10th meeting, and at that time will provide their recommendation; which in turn will be followed by a Public Hearing that will be held by the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Taylor advised that once this necessary process is completed, consideration can then be given to appoint Mr. Bagley for the Westover vacancy.

Mr. Clint Sterling, Director of Recreation and Parks, came forward at this time to present the Grant Agreement between the Maryland Department of Transportation and Somerset County Maryland. The grant agreement, in the amount of \$798,403 will be used for the completion of the Route 413 Hiker Biker Trail Project. Mr. Sterling advised the Board that attorney Kirk Simpkins has reviewed the grant agreement and found it to be legally sufficient. Mr. Sterling then requested the Boards approval for President Laird to sign the agreement as presented.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Fisher, it carried 5-0 to authorize President Laird to sign the Grant Agreement for the Route 413 Hiker Bike Trail Project.

With no further business, at 1:30 p.m., the Board was advised of the need of a Closed Session. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Boston it carried 5-0 to enter into Closed Session by Authority of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland Section Subtitle 3-305 (b) (1) the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; and (b)(8) consult with staff, consultants or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

At 2:05 p.m. upon a motion made by Commissioner Boston, and seconded by Commissioner Simpkins, the Open and Closed Session meetings were adjourned. The motion carried 5-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Lory E. Ebron
Executive Aide