

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY
SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019

At 3:17 p.m., the Board of Somerset County Commissioners met in Special Session with Commissioner President Craig Mathies, Sr. Commissioner Vice President Charles Laird, Commissioner Randy Laird, Commissioner Eldon Willing and Commissioner Rex Simpkins.

Also in attendance were County Administrator-Clerk Ralph D. Taylor and Executive Secretary Kimberly Lopez.

Minutes from the October 29, 2019 Regular and Closed Session were presented and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Simpkins and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird that carried 5-0.

Mr. Clint Sterling, Director of Recreation and Parks, and Mr. John Redden, County Engineer, came before the Board.

Mr. Sterling presented an Exclusive Use Facility Agreement (complete General Use Guidelines as well as hourly and daily rates for the rental of county owned athletic locations) for the Board's review. The Board had no questions for Mr. Sterling at this time.

Following this, Mr. Redden presented a change order request for the Bike Path project in regards to a water main deflection (due to the required installation of two culverts per the plans). David A. Bramble, Inc. has been contacted regarding the needed change and has provided a change order in the amount of \$54,600.00 (which is covered under the grant and at no cost to the county).

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Laird to approve the change order from David A. Bramble, Inc. in the amount of \$54,600.00. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sterling and Mr. Redden left the meeting.

Next, Mr. Gary Pusey, Ms. Kristen Tremblay, Mr. Adam Gibson, Mr. Mark Konapelsky, and Mr. Will Cornish came before the Board to present an updated Nuisance Ordinance Report. During this presentation, the Commissioners expressed concerns over high vegetation in the Coulbourne Court location, and abandoned vehicles located along the highway near the entrance to Princess Anne. Discussion on the nuisance report continued.

Ms. Tremblay and Mr. Gibson then presented the database they are using to identify and monitor the status of dilapidated structures within the county. A discussion was held with regard to the removal of the structures and who would be charged for that (the owner of the property or the county). Mr. Pusey advised of two options:

1. The property owner can be notified of the violation under the nuisance ordinance, cited, and taken to court; of which all costs for this process will be added to the property owner's taxes.
2. Through the Block Grant, the property owner can voluntarily agree to allow the county to properly remove the structure in violation; the cost for this process would go against the property (lien) payable at the time of transfer.

With all discussion concluded, Mr. Pusey, Ms. Tremblay, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Konapelsky, and Mr. Cornish left the meeting.

Mr. Gene Adkins and Mr. Willis Dryden were now before the Board to discuss a request from ERE/Tangier Development to waive all penalties, late fees, and interest charges in regards to the past due property owned by ERE/Tangier Development LLC. A discussion was then held with the Board reviewing the letter in its entirety and the taxes associated with the property.

Following this, a motion was made by Vice President Charles Laird and seconded by Commissioner Randy Laird to deny the request made by ERE/Tangier Development to waive all penalties, late fees, and interest charges in regards to the past due property owned by ERE/Tangier Development LLC. This motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Adkins and Mr. Dryden left the meeting.

Mr. Taylor reviewed sent correspondence.

Mr. Taylor then asked if the Board had any nominations for the vacant position Planning Commission. With no nominations, the Mr. Taylor advised he would add the discussion to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

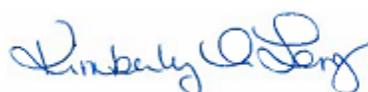
The Board then adjourned the Special Session meeting at 4:14 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Randy Laird and seconded by Vice President Charles Laird that carried 5-0.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners
For Somerset County

Respectfully Submitted:



Kimberly Lopez
Executive Secretary