

**MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION
JANUARY 22, 2015**

Following a one-hour work session on the FY 2016-2021 Capital Improvement Budget, the regular session portion of the meeting commenced at 3:09 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners Willing, Barthelme, Mummaugh, Russell, and Thompson. MetCom staff in attendance included Ichniowski, Shick, Elberti, Fehn, Pelham, Meiser, Edwards, and Brown.

Chairman Willing welcomed everyone and made a brief mention of the Capital Improvement Budget work session conducted just prior to the meeting. Chairman Willing then performed a review of the meeting agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Mummaugh seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners Russell inquired about the non-responsible bid for the Emergency Repairs and Scheduled Construction Contract, which was rejected. Mr. Elberti provided some background and details to the Board members related to that decision.

Commissioner Russell moved to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented, and to hereby approve all matters contained upon the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mummaugh seconded the motion. Brief discussion ensued regarding the Emergency Services Contract. Following discussion, call for vote by Chairman Willing. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Introduction of New MetCom Board Members

Mr. Ichniowski introduced and welcomed our newest Board members; Mike Thompson, of Hollywood, representing Election District 6 & Bryan M. "Puff" Barthelme, representing Election Districts 4 & 5, noting that he previously served two terms on the MetCom Board. Mr. Ichniowski thanked both Commissioners in advance for their service.

B. Update: Joint Meeting with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) – February 3, 2015

Mr. Ichniowski advised that the Joint Meeting with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County has been confirmed for Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center on Airport Road. Mr. Ichniowski distributed a copy of the draft agenda for the Board's review and performed an overview of each item to be presented.

C. Rate Study Public Information Meeting – February 2, 2015

Mr. Ichniowski reminded Board members of the Public meeting on the Rate Study and Rate Structure changes is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department #3, located next to the Lexington Park Library. Mr. Ichniowski invited Board members to attend and advised that a notice of the meeting was included with the January billing statements and is scheduled for advertisement in the January 28 & 30 editions of the Enterprise newspaper.

Mr. Ichniowski advised that Commissioner Biographies and photos are needed for the new website, as we lost some of the old data with the development of the new site. Mr. Ichniowski asked that Commissioners forward a copy of their biography by email to the office and noted that staff will take new photographs at the next Board meeting in three weeks.

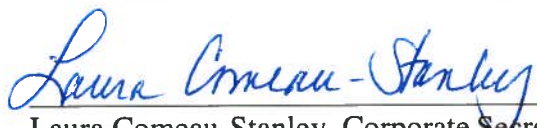
Lastly, Mr. Ichniowski noted that contained within the inside pocket of the meeting binders is an updated contact listing for all Commission members, as well as a listing of the 2015 Metropolitan Commission meeting dates.

COMMISSION MEMBERS' TIME

Mr. Mummaugh posed questions regarding the adoption of the new rate structure and the potential of commercial rates being higher than Charles County, but lower than Calvert County. Mr. Mummaugh noted his concerns about the affect it may have on businesses in St. Mary's County, when competing with those in neighboring counties. Discussion ensued with Ms. Shick, who explained that the rates for any commercial customer would depend upon their meter size, as well as the volume used. Ms. Shick also referenced the comparison data provided to the Board last month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Commissioner Russell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m. Commissioner Barthelme seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**



Laura Comeau-Stanley, Corporate Secretary