

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FREDERICK COUNTY MEETING MINUTES
FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008**

Commissioner David Gray, *Vice President*, called to order a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, Maryland, ("Board") for Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. Present were Commissioners Kai Hagen, Charles Jenkins and John Thompson, Jr. Also present were Barry Stanton, Assistant County Manager and Mary Baker, Recording Secretary. Commissioner Jan Gardner, *President* and Ron Hart, County Manager was absent.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson advised the Board he would be leaving the meeting at 9:00 a.m. for a trial conference and would return later.

Commissioner Jenkins advised the Board on Thursday, December 18, 2008, he would be presenting a text amendment regarding zoning for a private airstrip to convert to a commercial airstrip.

WORKSESSION

Presentation of the Human Relations Commission's Peace and Harmony Quilt

Commissioner Gray facilitated the presentation.

(Commissioner Gardner entered the meeting.)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

It was noted those involved with The Point of Rocks Community Center extended a thank you to the Board for the various improvements such as the HVAC system and new carpeting. They also extended a thank you to other county departments that assisted with the improvements such as the Parks and Recreation Division and Public Works Division.

Commissioner Gardner advised the Board she went to Annapolis yesterday with Mayor Jeff Holtzinger, City of Frederick and Laurie Boyer, Economic Development Division, to attend the base realignment and closure program (BRAC) announcement by the Lieutenant Governor.

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Commissioner Gardner and Ron Hart, County Manager, attended a meeting yesterday at Fort Ritchie to meet with the Franklin County and Adams County, Pennsylvania, commissioners and the Washington County commissioners.

It was noted the outcome of the appeal hearings for school construction funding was now \$13 million.

Commissioner Gardner requested direction to send a letter to the Governor requesting federal funds from the proposed economic stimulus package for funding to complete phase 2-D of the I-270 project.

Amendment of the Ethics Ordinance Provisions Regarding the Filing of Financial Disclosure Statements – Linda Thall, Office of the County Attorney

Ms. Thall presented information to the Board regarding provisions to the Ethics Ordinance.

Commissioner Gardner requested a list of the boards and commissions this provision would affect.

(Commissioner Thompson left the meeting.)

Commissioner Gray moved to approve staff's recommendation as presented and schedule this item for public hearing. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 3-1 with Commissioner Jenkins opposed and Commissioner Thompson absent.

FY 2009 Installment Purchase Program Applications – Tim Blaser and Anne Bradley, Planning Division

Mr. Blaser presented information regarding the 40 applications for the FY 2009 Installment Purchase Program (IPP) Easement Acquisitions Program composed of 5,079 acres. The 40 applications included 22 crop farms, 10 beef/crop farms, three horse farms, two dairy farms, one tree farm, one beef/orchard farm and one sod farm. The Finance Division Staff indicated approximately 10 easements (2,500 acres) could be purchased in FY 2009.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve staff's recommendation as presented and schedule this item for public hearing. Commissioner Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Thompson absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Constitution and Bylaws of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Dennis Wenner, Fire and Rescue Services Division

Mr. Wenner presented information regarding the constitution and bylaws for the LEPC.

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Commissioner Hagen moved to approve the LEPC constitution and bylaws as presented. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion that passed 4-0 with Commissioner Thompson absent.

(Commissioner Thompson re-entered the meeting.)

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Transportation and Land Use Connections Grant Application – Eric Soter and John Thomas, Planning Division

Mr. Soter and Mr. Thomas presented information regarding the grant application, which would help in the improvement of transportation and land coordination.

Commissioner Gardner requested the letter be addressed to Chairman or Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chair, Transportation Planning Board.

Commissioner Gardner requested “small percentage” be added to project background, fourth sentence, on page 2 of the letter regarding sidewalks.

Commissioner Gardner also requested language to clarify average number of vehicles, for what purpose, page 4, area demographics.

Commissioner Jenkins moved to approve staff recommendations as presented including the changes made today. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion that passed 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

QUESTIONS – PRESS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Baker
Recording Secretary