

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGMay 4-5, 1977Wednesday, May 4, 1977

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner Larry Millison
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Parlett was not present as he was attending the National Association of Regional Councils in San Antonio, Texas.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 27-28, 1977 were read and corrected. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented the encumbrance vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve payment of the bills, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Commissioner Dean made a motion to appoint Joseph Densford to the Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of John Slade, term to expire June 30, 1978, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

SENATE BILL 621

The County Administrator presented correspondence from Maryland Association of Counties requesting St. Mary's County's support in MACO's request to have Senate Bill 621 vetoed in that the bill is filled with ambiguities and drafting errors. The Commissioners agreed to review this bill and make a decision at tomorrow's meeting.

REGION II BOARD
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Dean made a motion to nominate Alfred Gough, Town Commissioner for police services, to the Region II Board, Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, to replace Raymond Hall, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated May 2, 1977 setting forth a proposal for the opening and operation of the Tourist Information Center which came about as a result of a meeting he had with representatives of EDC and the Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the general format for the operation of the Tourist Information Center with funds not to exceed \$700, other than personnel, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LAND O' LAKES SUBDIVISION - SECTIONS IIA and IIB
PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

With regard to discussion at last week's meeting concerning the title to the above referenced property, the County Administrator stated that there is only one name on the title and any additional names are just additional security; therefore Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Public Works Agreement by and between Oliver R. Guyther and Betty M. Guyther and St. Mary's County for Section IIA and IIB of Land O' Lake Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 77-4-1073
HANDICAPPED SERVICES FOR HEAD START CHILDREN

The County Administrator presented the above-referenced Clearinghouse Project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with comments from the Director of Social Services stating that the project is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs, or objectives. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 77-4-1075
SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH PLAN

The County Administrator presented the above-referenced Clearinghouse Project and informed the Commissioners that the Deputy State Health Officer indicated strong support for the project and, therefore, because of the suspense date the County Administrator requested the Commissioners' concurrence in the statement that the project is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs, or objectives, pending the receipt of no negative comments from other agencies or departments. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

TOUR OF SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN AICUZ

Captain Gillespie, Commanding Officer, NAS, requested the Commissioners to accompany him on a tour of subdivisions that might be impacted by Article 21 of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance. Said tour to take place May 11, at 2:00 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to go on this tour.

FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Howard Lancaster, President, Fairboard

Mr. Norris and Mr. Lancaster appeared before the Commissioners to explain the necessary improvements needed to be made to the fairgrounds property, such as grading, filling, and landscaping at a cost of approximately \$5,000. After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to turn over to the Fairboard \$5,000 for upgrading of the fairgrounds property and facilities, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

Mr. Lancaster mentioned to the Commissioners that the Fairboard would again this year be requesting assistance from the Summer Youth Employment Program for painting, yard work, grass cutting, etc.

DEED FOR WOODRIDGE DRIVE - HELEN ESTATES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Deed dated December 28, 1976 by and between Richard J. McCoy, James R. Latham, Joseph A. Dule, Jr. and Howard S. Carpenter and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County conveying to the County Woodridge Drive in Helen Estates.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept Woodridge Drive as described in the referenced Deed, into the County Highway Maintenance System, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LANDFILL ACCOUNT - PARTS AND REPAIRS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that he had indicated in December 1976 that he would be returning to the Commissioners as need arises for unforeseen repairs; and he was therefore requesting a transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Contingency Account to Account No. 1243-2201 (Landfill - Parts and Repairs).

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PINE HILL ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that on March 3, 1977 the Board of County Commissioners had accepted Pine Hill Road into the County Highway Maintenance System conveyed by the Metropolitan Commission and after further review of this Deed, it was noted that an additional approximately 200 feet of unconstructed road had been accepted. Therefore, Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners' concurrence to convey this 200 feet back to the Metropolitan Commission. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

LEONARDTOWN LIBRARY BUILDING

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners various repairs and improvements needed to the Leonardtown Library building such as correction of the dampness problem and the fact that the brick is coming away from the wall. He stated he was going to submit a proposal for the Director of Purchasing and Logistics for this maintenance work.

CEDAR LANEASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris recommended to the Commissioners that since the Home for the Elderly would be opening soon that the resurfacing of Cedar Lane be included in this fiscal year's Asphalt Overlay Program. If the Commissioners were agreeable to this Mr. Norris stated he would put Chingville Road into next fiscal year's program instead of this year. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris recommended to the Commissioners that an additional 50 miles be added to the Resurfacing Program in order to include the roads that had been damaged during the inclement weather this winter at a cost of approximately \$285,000. Most of the work is to be done by State Highway Administration with the remainder to be done by contractors. Mr. Norris indicated that he would develop a plan for the necessary drainage work to be done and return to the Commissioners. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to Mr. Norris' recommendation.

SOUTHGATE POTOMAC SHORES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the developer of South Potomac Shores, Thomas Brook Bryant, had posted a bond in the amount of \$300 in 1969 for the construction of a turn-around area on River Road. Mr. Bryant indicated by letter dated April 12, 1977 that he did not see a need for this turn-around and wished to be released from the bond. After discussion, the Commissioners directed the County Engineer to respond to Mr. Bryant stating the possible future need of the turn-around and that the Commissioners at this time do not feel they can exempt him from constructing the turn-around area.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Sunny Schust, Enterprise
Patty Muchow, Guardian
Dick Myers, WKIK
Mike Klienback, Beacon

The regular semi-monthly Press Conference was held at this time. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

LIBRARY FOR NORTHERN END OF COUNTY

Present: Kitty Hurry, Executive Director, So. Md. Regional Library
 Dr. Robert Goldsmith, President, Library Bd of Trustees

The above persons appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the alternatives for providing library services for the northern end of the County. Various alternatives were thoroughly discussed including joint use of facilities at the proposed new Fifth District Elementary School, a service area in the proposed regional library facility, the Headmaster House on the Charlotte Hall School property, and the existing library classroom building on the Charlotte Hall School property. Since the alternatives are dependent upon the decision of the county's involvement in the purchase of the Charlotte Hall School property, the Commissioners advised that by June 10, 1977, a decision will be rendered and, therefore, a more concrete discussion after that date should be scheduled.

TUDOR HALL LIBRARY

Present: Kitty Hurry
 Dr. Robert Goldsmith

Mrs. Hurry and Dr. Goldsmith discussed with the Commissioners the physical condition of the Tudor Hall Library and were requested to meet with the County Engineer and present a proposal to the Board of County Commissioners.

APPOINTMENT TO METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to appoint Mr. Jack Witten to the Metropolitan Commission for a term to expire June 30, 1978, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

The meeting recessed 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 5, 1977

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
 Commissioner Ford L. Dean
 Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
 Commissioner Larry Millison
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

"911" EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Present: Foley Mattingly, C&P Telephone Company
 Bob Ackerman, C&P Telephone Company
 Sheriff Somerville

Mr. Mattingly appeared before the Commissioners to explain the implementation of the "911" Emergency System, which will be put in service on June 20, 1977 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Mattingly presented a proposed Press Release, which the Commissioners reviewed and made several recommended changes to be typed in final and released to the Press.

Mr. Ackerman suggested that the School Board be contacted and request that information pertaining to the "911" System be presented to the students.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Mattingly and Mr. Ackerman for their presentation and requested that he meet with Otis Wood, Director of Emergency Operations Center and Maryland State Police and Sheriff Somerville to clearly define what would be considered an emergency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of litigation. The Session was held from 9:12 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

(Commissioner Millison entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)

SENATE BILL 621

Relative to discussion at yesterday's meeting regarding the referenced bill, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to forward a letter to the Governor requesting a veto of Senate Bill 621 in support of Maryland Association of Counties position, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS - OFFICE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT
ZONING/SUBDIVISION ADMINISTRATOR
RECORDING SECRETARY

After discussion and several recommended changes regarding the above-referenced position descriptions, Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt the position description for Zoning/Subdivision Administrator, as amended, and the position description for Recording Secretary (Office Secretary II) as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Three Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison voting against. The Personnel Officer was authorized to advertise these two positions.

APPOINTMENT OF EDC MEMBER TO ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Dean stated he would draft a letter to St. Mary's City Commission and the legislative delegation requesting their comments with regard to the Economic Development Committee's request for the appointment of an EDC member to the St. Mary's City Commission.

BUDGET HEARING AGENDA

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. O'Dell appeared before the Commissioners to request their input as to the format for the Budget hearings scheduled for May 17, and 19. The Commissioners agreed to use the format used in the past allowing each of the Commissioners time to make comments.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Commissioner Dean stated that the Planning Commission members have expressed an interest in participating with the Commissioners in the Work Session on the Subdivision Regulations. The Commissioners were in agreement with this and scheduled June 6, at 7:30 in the Leonardtown Middle School Library for such a work session.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS
BUILDABLE LOT CRITERIA

Commissioner Dean stated that one of the items the Commissioners have received comments on relative to the Subdivision Regulations is the Buildable Lot Criteria which had been submitted by the TEC. Commissioner Dean recommended forwarding a memorandum to the TEC requesting what their intent was regarding this provision. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation.

POLICY STATEMENT ON LAND USE REGULATIONS

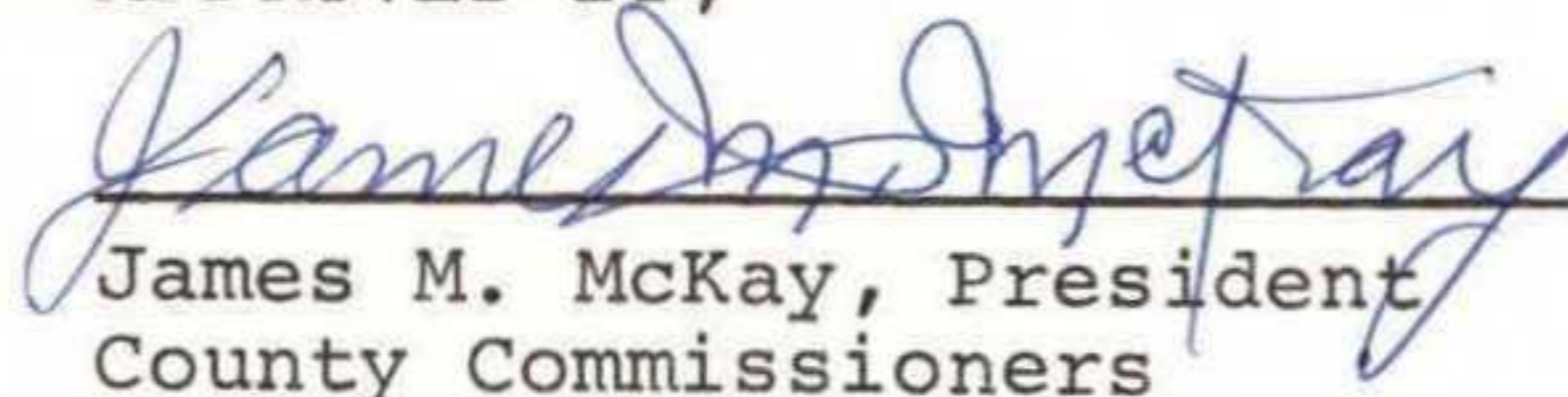
Commissioner Jarboe presented a proposed Policy Statement on Land Use Regulations. After discussion and several recommended changes, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to adopt this policy statement, pending review and approval by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PENDING ITEMS

The Commissioners agreed to schedule Thursday, June 2, as Commissioner time to develop a list of priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

APPROVED BY,


James M. McKay, President
County Commissioners