

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 6-7, 1977

Wednesday, July 6, 1977

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

The meeting came to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 29-30, 1977 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

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

INTRA-ACCOUNT TRANSFER
HOUSING AUTHORITY

Upon request of the Housing Coordinator and the recommendation of the Budget Officer, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize the following intra-account transfers for the Housing Authority:

\$260.00 from account no. 2141-2111 (travel) to account no. 2141-21010 (office expense);

\$297.00 from account no. 2141-2111 (travel) to account no. 2141-23910 (maintenance expenses).

Commissioner Parlett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COASTAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon request of the Department of Natural Resources, the County Administrator recommended to the Commissioners that Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development, represent the County Commissioners and that the Chairman of the Land Use Board represent the citizens of the County on the Coastal Resources Advisory Committee of the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Advisory Commission.

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 77-4-1174
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM

The County Administrator presented the above-referenced clearinghouse project, which has been reviewed by the County EMS Council, and recommended that it be forwarded to the State stating that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ELMS PROPERTY - PROPOSED BEACH USE

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented proposals received for the improvement of the road to the beach area of the Elms property and construction of a parking lot, and recommended that the Commissioners accept the proposal from Raymond Woodburn (\$5600 for the road and \$2400 for the parking lot). Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve this project and appropriate up to \$10,000, source to be determined by the Budget Officer, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Jarboe further moved to award the contract to Raymond Woodburn for the construction of the road to the beach area and the construction of a parking lot, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

TUBMAN-DOUGLAS ESTATES
BALL FIELD AND HARD SURFACE COURT

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised the Commissioners that the sediment control work has been largely completed by the County Engineer's Office with the previously allocated funds and also advised that a roughed-in ball field could be completed with the remainder of the previously allocated funds. The Commissioners directed Mr. Baggett to complete this work.

Mr. Baggett advised the Commissioners that a hard surface court could be placed in the recreational area at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 since the soil conditions were good and the area suitable to this type of facility. The Commissioners indicated that they would give Mr. Baggett further direction in the near future.

POLICE SERVICES STUDY
CID UNIT/COORDINATION OF PATROL ASSIGNMENTS

Present: Col. Tom Smith, Superintendent, Maryland State Police
Col. Thomas Vedetiz, Maryland State Police
Col. Carroll E. Cook, Maryland State Police
Major Sam Dorsey, Maryland State Police
Lt. Muchow, Maryland State Police (St. Mary's County)
Sgt. Medzinski, Maryland State Police (St. Mary's County)
Capt. Larry Gibbs, Maryland State Police (St. Mary's County)
1st Lt. Booker, Maryland State Police (St. Mary's County)
Sheriff Joseph Lee Somerville
Lt. Gene Pellillo
George Sparling, State's Attorney

The above referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss various aspects of the Police Services Study, particularly the Criminal Investigation Unit and coordination between the Maryland State Police and the Sheriff's Department. Both departments expressed a willingness to cooperate to provide for a more coordinated assignment of manpower for patrolling assignments as recommended in the Study and it was suggested that perhaps there should be a written agreement to this effect.

With regard to the CID Unit, Col. Smith stated that the Maryland State Police has signed the Agreement. Sheriff Somerville has indicated support of this Unit and has made a request to the Commissioners for additional manpower to enable his Department to participate. The Commissioners advised that the manpower situation should be resolved and therefore the CID Unit should be implemented in the near future.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE BARRACKS

Commissioner Parlett explained to those present the formation of the Building Committee which studied the present and long range needs of county office space and the placement of these offices at the Leonard Hall Government Complex and the Courthouse. Even though the Maryland State Police has five acres at the fairground property for the construction of a barracks, Commissioner Parlett stated that due to future expansion of the fairgrounds for parking, etc., the Maryland State Police may be interested in trading this land for land at Leonard Hall. In developing the Master Plan for Leonard Hall, four acres were set aside for this purpose which would be in close proximity to the jail and court facilities. Another factor to take into consideration is the fact that water and sewage facilities are presently available at the Leonard Hall site.

Col. Smith expressed interest in viewing both sites and stated he would talk with the local Maryland State Police representatives about the feasibility of both these locations and return to the Commissioners with his views on the matter. In addition, Col. Smith requested a survey of the four acres located at Leonard Hall, to which the Commissioners agreed to provide, upon an indication of interest by Col. Smith.

MANPOWER IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Sheriff Somerville

Commissioner Dean referred to the proposals submitted by Commissioner Jarboe and himself last week regarding the manpower in the Sheriff's Department, which recommended the employment of CETA participants for deputy trainees in order to implement the CID Unit. Under the proposal, the CETA trainees would not be authorized to transport prisoners or provide jail security because they are not sworn officers. Therefore, Commissioner Dean suggested that the Commissioners indicate their concurrence that they would be agreeable to the swearing in of the CETA deputies, with the understanding that if and when CETA funds run out, it would be incumbent upon the County Commissioners to make a decision as to the continued use of the deputies using county funds. In addition, the effectiveness of the CID unit and narcotics unit would be evaluated in a year's time.

The Commissioners agreed that once notification is received from the CETA Program, steps should be taken to locate individuals who would qualify for these positions.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Sunny Schust, Enterprise
Richard Polk, Enterprise
Dick Myers, WKIK
Mike Klienbeck, Beacon
Paula Smith, WPTX

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

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 1:10 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

STATUS OF EXPIRED ROAD BONDS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners the status of various expired road bonds and it was agreed that the County Administrator forward a memorandum to the Office of Land Use and Development requesting that all requests for building permits for Colony Square be brought to the attention of the County Commissioners. Mr. Norris was directed to prepare a letter for Commissioner McKay's signature to the developer of Dukehart's Retreat requesting that the roads be completed or that the road bond be updated and that he enter into a Public Works Agreement for the completion of the roads.