

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 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 was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 10, 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 Dean made a motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted, with the exception of Voucher No. 13634, payable to St. Mary's Ice and Fuel for the Commission on Aging, which is being held for further clarification, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

"REPORT TO THE PEOPLE"

Present: Bob Smith, proposed format and printing coordinator

Mr. Cox and Mr. Smith presented to the Commissioners a proposal for the "Report to the People" document which is intended to inform the people of St. Mary's County of the various activities the county is involved in such as the financial program and the status of various projects. The proposed cost for the printing and distribution of the Report will be \$5,185.

The Commissioners requested that they each be provided with a copy of the proposed Report which they will review and discuss next week.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR STORM DRAINAGE

The County Administrator presented a letter for the Commissioners' review and signatures addressed to Acting Governor Blair Lee requesting financial assistance in providing relief to certain farmers in St. Mary's County who have experienced partial or total loss of tobacco crops due to recent severe storms. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

REPLACEMENT TRUCK FOR LANDFILL

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented a Requisition Order for the purchase of a 1980 International Truck from Brandywine Auto Sales in the amount of \$6,000 for use at the county landfills. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve said Requisition Order, and to approve the appropriate transfer from the Contingency Account, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

1978 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The County Administrator presented letters for the Commissioners' signatures addressed to the Legislators informing them of our legislative process and requesting their cooperation, particularly with pre-filing of bills. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request by the Sheriff by letter dated August 16, 1977 for payment of overtime to certain deputies for hours spent in the recent homicide investigation. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of overtime as requested, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR

Having advertised the position of Senior Services Coordinator as a promotion opportunity by authority of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting of July 27, 1977, the Personnel Officer, by memorandum dated August 16, requested authority to offer a one-year contract to Mrs. McGaharn, incumbent of this position, at Grade 12-2, effective September 3, 1977.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant this authority, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 78-8-136
NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented the above-referenced clearinghouse project 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.

MYRTLE POINT ROAD

With regard to the request by Mr. Edward LeFaivre for the closing of a certain portion of Myrtle Point Road that he had deeded to the County, the County Administrator advised the Commissioners that after review, the County Attorney and County Engineer had no objections to this request.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to indicate to Mr. LeFaivre that the Commissioners concur with his request to close this road at no cost to the County and that he should work out the details with the County Engineer, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PATUXENT RIVER BASIN PLAN AND POTOMAC RIVER BASIN PLAN

The County Administrator recommended to the Commissioners that Mr. Frank Gerred serve as coordinator of the Government Policy Groups of the Patuxent River Basin Plan and Potomac River Basin Plan. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

HENDERSON PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated that during budget time he had requested funds be included for the asphalt overlay of Henderson Park Road and was under the impression it would be included in the County Engineer's budget; however, this project was not included. Therefore, Mr. Baggett advised that the road is in need of repair and requested funds in the amount of approximately \$10,000 to have it included in this year's overlay program. The Commissioners advised that they would look at this road during their tour today of the public high schools and inform Mr. Baggett of their decision.

EMS TOWER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Otis Wood, Director, Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Wood and Mr. Norris informed the Commissioners that the request to relocate the proposed tower closer to the Emergency Operations Center has been answered by the State with a response that such relocation would be an additional cost in the amount

of \$8,000 for engineering and construction to be borne by St. Mary's County. After some discussion, it was agreed that representatives of the EMS and General Electric, the contractor be invited to explain their position before the Commissioners at the earliest possible time.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
GOLDEN BEACH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a Deed dated August 3, 1977 by and between Joseph Russello and Jane Russello for the right-of-way acquisition for the reconstruction of Golden Beach Road.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the above-mentioned Deed, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PLANS FOR PARKING LOT FOR HOSPITAL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the plans of the parking lot layout for the St. Mary's Hospital for the Commissioners' review and stated that Dr. Martin, Hospital Administrator, will be presenting these plans to the Hospital Board for their review and comment.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE BARRACKS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris recommended that the County prepare a Deed transferring property at Leonard Hall to the Maryland State Police for the location of the Police Barracks and that the Maryland State Police will be preparing a Deed transferring the fairgrounds property to the County, so that both can be presented to the Board of Public Works at the same time.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign all necessary legal documents that are being prepared by the County Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

In addition, Mr. Norris recommended that the County Commissioners accept the proposal from J.R. McCrone in the amount of \$750 for outline survey, computations, plat description and prints for the Leonard Hall property for the location of the Maryland State Police Barracks and further

recommended that the Budget Officer make the appropriate account transfers.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

INSTALLATION OF SEWER AT FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a proposal from Earnshaw Brothers in the amount of \$9,925 for the installation of sewer pipes at the fairgrounds property. At the recommendation of the County Engineer, Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the proposal from Earnshaw Brothers, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a list of engineering proposals to evaluate a replacement railroad right-of-way transmission line corridor from Hollywood to St. Andrews Church road and recommended the firm of John E. Harms in the amount of \$25,705, pending concurrence by Southern Maryland Electric and State Highway Administration.

In addition, Mr. Norris presented proposals to design and procure a railroad and transmission line right-of-way from Laurel Grove to Hillville and recommended the firm of John E. Harms in the amount of \$58,350.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to award the contracts to John E. Harms Associates as recommended by the County Engineer, pending concurrence by the State Highway Administration and Southern Maryland Electric, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEONARD HALL PROJECT - DIMENSION TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners the additional requirements by the telephone company for the accommodation of the Dimension 400 telephone system in the boiler equipment room at Leonard Hall. Mr. Norris stated he would obtain cost estimates and return to the Commissioners with this information.

EXTRA WORK AUTHORIZATION - GOLDEN BEACH ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Extra Work Authorization in the amount of \$4,980 which was needed in order to complete construction on the properties that the County had difficulty in obtaining the rights-of-way on Golden Beach Road.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign necessary documents and authorize contractor to proceed with the work, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

WATERPROOFING PROJECT AT CONTROL CENTER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented Voucher No. 09715 payable to Linkous Contracting Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,393.40, representing final payment for the waterproofing project at the control center. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said voucher, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SEDIMENT CONTROL AND ENTRANCE PERMITS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris recommended to the Commissioners the utilization of Dale Cropper as inspector for sediment control and entrance permits for approximately four months at \$8.00 per hour and .12¢ per mile. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner McKay voting against.

"WINGS OF THE MORNING"

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

As had been requested by the Board of County Commissioners, the Budget Officer reviewed the financial records of the Outdoor Drama Association production "Wings of the Morning" and submitted recommendations contained in a memorandum dated August 16, 1977. During the discussion Commissioner Millison requested that he be able to review all the invoices of "Wings of the Morning" with the Budget Officer, to which Mr. O'Dell agreed.

After discussion, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize an additional loan of \$6661.89 to "Wings of the Morning," further to accept the recommendations of the Budget Officer as contained in his August 16 memorandum, contingent upon agreement of the Outdoor Drama Association, and further that Mr. O'Dell be directed to draft a letter to the Outdoor Drama Association setting forth the specifics, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison voting against.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Sunny Schust, Enterprise
Richard Polk, "
Rick Boyd, "
Mike Kleinbeck, WKIK
Dick Myers, Beacon
Paula Smith, WPTX

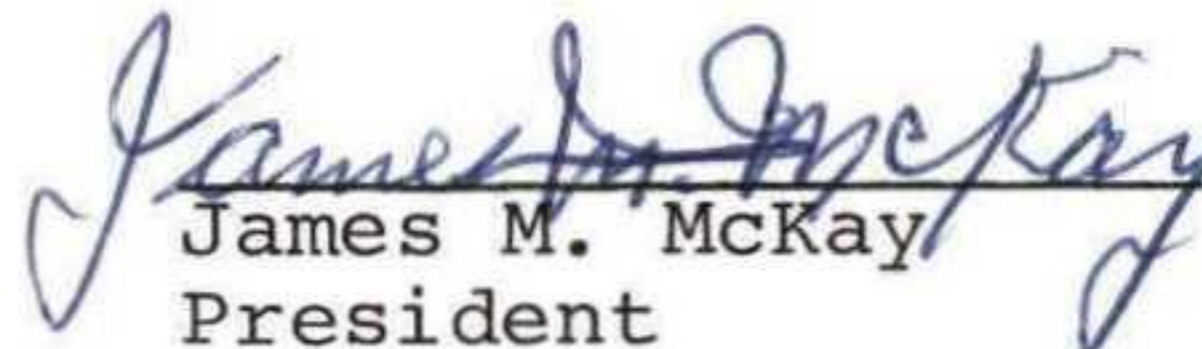
The regular semi-monthly Press Conference was held at this time. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Commissioners discussed the comments of the Management Study related to financial management and also a recent memorandum from the Budget Officer on this matter. After some discussion, the Commissioners directed that the Budget Officer should be requested to proceed with his report as proposed in his memorandum to be submitted to the Commissioners for their review at this earliest opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay
President

