

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 1978

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

(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 1, 1978 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Three Commissioners present voted in favor, with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

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. Three Commissioners present voted in favor, with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

The Commissioners reviewed a letter dated January 31, 1978 from the Carroll County Commissioners stating their position to adhere to the procedure of deducting the real property tax credits from the payment due the State. The new procedure which has been implemented by the Comptroller's Office for the payment of real property tax credits is of disadvantage to the Counties in that all real property tax credits are to be billed to the Department of Assessments and Taxation instead of being deducted from the state taxes collected.

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to continue the past practice of deducting real property credits from the state taxes collected and that correspondence be forwarded to Carroll County indicating our agreement with its position with copies to the remaining counties in Maryland, Comptroller of the Treasury and Department of Assessments and Taxation.

TITLE IV-A TRAINING GRANT - COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Billye McGaharn, Seniro Services Coordinator

Mrs. McGaharn presented the Training Grant Application under Title IV-A of the Older Americans Act for the Commissioners' review and signature.

After review, Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

REQUEST FOR STORAGE SPACE

Present: Mrs. McGaharn, Seniro Services Coordinator

Mrs. McGaharn advised the Commissioners that the present storage area for commodities did not have heat and requested consideration for another storage area or minimum heat for the present location. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to look into this matter for possible solution.

PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE - SURPLUS PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett informed the Commissioners that all interested parties other than St. Mary's County have relinquished their claims on the referenced property in favor of our obtaining the total property and that he would continue to effect the appropriate procedures for acquiring same. Also, he requested the Commissioners' concurrence with the partial use of the property by lease arrangement with the Department of Natural Resources for the barracks, maintenance shop, and use of boat moorings. The Commissioners directed Mr. Baggett to proceed and agreed in concept with the lease arrangement with the DNR, pending a final review of the lease when prepared.

INDUSTRIAL SITE PLAN

LOT 14 - AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Present: Joseph Mattingly
Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development

Mr. Mattingly appeared before the Commissioners to present the industrial site plan for Lot 14, Section II of the Airport Industrial Park for the Commissioners' review and approval.

Mr. Gerred stated that all agencies have signed the site plan, with the exception of the County Engineer in that a waiver is needed by the Commissioners regarding a certain portion of Commerce Avenue being constructed to driveway standards rather than County road standards. In addition, the Metropolitan Commission has not signed the site plan stating that a building permit cannot be issued until the emergency generator is installed.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the site plan for Lot 14, Section II, St. Mary's Industrial Park, and further to approve the construction of the Commerce Avenue to County standards to a point ten feet from the end of curb and that the rest of the road be constructed to driveway standards. At such time as Commerce Avenue would be extended to serve other lots, it is understood that all of Commerce Avenue would be constructed to County standards. Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ZONING ORDINANCE - PETITION TO REFERENDUM

Present: Jim Dobry, spokesman
Mr. Himmelhaber
Ed Curley
Phyllis Smith
Mabel Redman
Capt. Mace Birch

The above-referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a letter and petition with 750 signatures requesting that the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance be submitted to local referendum in that it was their opinion that the Ordinance created a hardship to many people of the County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-15
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Present: Joe Anderson, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Coordinator
Delores Hill, Youth Services Coordinator
Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Big Brother/Big Sister - Little Brother/Little Sister representatives

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 19-25, 1978 as Big Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Week in St. Mary's County.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Dean made a motion to reappoint Albertine Lancaster to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire January 1, 1983, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LEXINGTON PARK SHERIFF'S OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented the lease for the Lexington Park Sheriff's Office which is for three years and reflects an increase of rent from \$3600 per year to \$4200.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to renew the lease agreement as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CRAFTS GUILD REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR COUNTRY STORE

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Crafts Guild requesting donation of certain items, that had been loaned by the County, for

use at the Old Mill and the Christmas Country Store.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant the items as outlined in the October 5, 1977 letter, with exceptions as noted, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ENCODER

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated January 30, 1978 from the St. Mary's County Fireboard in which a request was made for the County funding of \$1500 for an encoder to be located at the EOC which will enable the fire and rescue companies to improve manpower response to emergencies. The Commissioners indicated approval of the project and directed that the Budget Officer review the request for the purpose of determining a source of funds.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-78-16
BLACKSMITH ROAD

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented Road Resolution No. 78-16 establishing Blacksmith Road as a stop Street at its intersection with Cedar Lane. Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt said Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented correspondence and an invoice for the Maryland Department of Agriculture's share of the St. George Island mosquito control program in the amount of \$508.80, which is due St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said invoice, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

HARRY LUNDEBERG SCHOOL - REQUEST FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEE ABATEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the County Attorney and pursuant to the County's Resolution No. 75-53, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the building permit fee abatement request from the Harry Lundeborg School - \$1,050 for the vocational classroom and vocational shop building and \$1,806.50 for the administration building and maintenance building - as set forth in correspondence dated December 20, 1977 be approved, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 78-2-650
SOUTH COUNTY HEALTH PLAN: COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The County Administrator presented the above-referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the state with the comment that additional information is requested before this agency can complete its review.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT

Present: Donald Curtis, Housing Coordinator

Mr. Curtis presented the Community Development Program Grant form requesting release of funds from HUD for the approved grant.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said form, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-17
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 78-17 relative to the use of the railroad right-of-way, to be effective March 1, 1978, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LETTER TO LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward a letter to the Legislative Delegation forwarding a copy of the Capital Budget submitted by the Governor for the St. Mary's City Project and requesting they watch over this item during the legislative session to see that it remains in the budget.

AQUIA-PINEY POINT AQUIFER STUDY

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward a letter to Kenneth Weaver of the Maryland Geological Survey regarding the referenced study.

LETTER TO CORPS OF ENGINEERS - POTOMAC RIVER

Commissioner Jarboe submitted a letter for the Commissioners' review and signature concerning the low flow of the Potomac River in connection with the potable water needs of the D.C. Metropolitan Area. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the resignation of Rev. Joseph L. McDowell as a member of the St. Mary's County Mental Health Advisory Committee and further to appoint Rev. Richard Simpson of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Leonardtown, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CARE FOR THE ELDERLY TASK FORCE

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the resignation of James C. Raley as member and chairman of the Care for the Elderly Task Force and further to appoint Rupert D. Phillips, Chairman, to this Task Force, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay, President