

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGWednesday, May 2, 1979

Present: George R. Aud, President  
Richard D. Arnold, Commissioner  
Ford L. Dean, Commissioner  
Larry Millison, Commissioner  
David F. Sayre, Commissioner  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary and  
Alice V. Bailey, Recorder

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting of April 25, 1979 were read. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes as read. 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. The Commissioners unanimously approved payment of the bills as submitted.

COMMISSION ON AGING  
AMENDMENT TO TITLE III-B

Present: Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator  
Mrs. McGaharn presented an Amendment to Title III-B Budget granting to St. Mary's County \$2,000 for consultant contract for the planning stage of the Area Agency Plan for Commission on Aging. The Commissioners unanimously approved said budget amendment and authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign same.

ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT  
SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION, SECTION III (CORONADO VILLAGE)

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Addendum to the Public Works Agreement by and between Maryland National Bank and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County extending the deadline for completion of roads in Coronado Village to September 1, 1979.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept and authorize Commission President Aud to sign said Addendum.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED  
LAND O' LAKES SUBDIVISION (SECTIONS I AND II)

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented a Deed dated April 24, 1979 by and between Oliver Guyther and Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting the following roads in Land O' Lake Subdivision into the County Highway Maintenance System: Allston Lane Extended, Riva Ridge Drive and Secretariat Drive in Section I and Riva Ridge Drive, Gallant Fox Drive, Gallant Man Drive and Blue Lockspur Drive in Section II. Also presented was a check in the amount of \$2500 from Oliver Guyther guaranteeing the completion of a few minor items that need to be completed in Sections I and II of Land O' Lakes Subdivision so that the letter of credit can be released. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept said Deed and check in the amount of \$2500.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED  
MAPLE RUN SUBDIVISION, SECTION I

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented a Deed dated July 12, 1978 by and between Ralph H. and Daniel Guenther and Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting into the County Highway Maintenance System Willis Drive and Brook Drive in Maple Run Subdivision, Section I. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept said roads and authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign same.

COUNTRY LAKES SUBDIVISION (PORTION OF SECTION I)  
ACCEPTANCE OF DEED

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented a Deed dated April 27, 1979 by and between Benjamin Burroughs and Country Lakes Partnership and St. Mary's County Commissioners deeding a portion of Asher Road where it goes into Cox Drive and Cox Drive and Beverly Drive in a portion of Section I of Country Lakes Subdivision for acceptance into the County Highway Maintenance System. The Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign said deed.

DUALIZATION OF ROUTE 235  
OPTION AGREEMENT - MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator

presented an Option Contract by and between State Highway Administration and Board of County Commissioners which is a revised option regarding acquisition of easement and fee areas for a portion of Hollywood to St. Andrews Church Rd. The Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign said Contract.

REQUEST FOR POLICY STATEMENT

USE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES AT POINT LOOKOUT

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Metropolitan Commission requesting a policy statement from the Board of County Commissioners relative to the use of the sewage treatment facilities at Point Lookout State Park. The Commissioners agreed with the County Administrator's recommendation that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

CHANGE OF OFFICE NAME - OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In view of the change of the advisory board, the County Administrator advised that it was the recommendation of the Youth Services Coordinator to change the name of the office from Youth Commission to Office of Children and Youth. The Commissioners unanimously concurred.

HOUSING FACILITIES - RETARDED CITIZENS 202 GRANT APPLICATION

The Commissioners review and signed correspondence endorsing the 202 application submitted by the Association for Retarded Citizens whereby ten four-bedroom homes would be provided in the County for retarded citizens.

MONEY IN LIEU OF RECREATIONAL LAND AGREEMENT

LITTLE RANCH SUBDIVISION

The County Administrator presented an Agreement by an between John J. Lenhart, Jr. and Mary Lou Lenhart and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County setting forth method of payment of Money in Lieu of Land Dedication for Park Sites for Section I of Little Ranch Subdivision, Fifth Election District. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement.

CANCELLATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention the fact that Wednesday, May 30 is Memorial Day and a

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holiday for county employees and inquired whether they wished to cancel the meeting for that week. Inasmuch as May 30 is the fifth Wednesday of the month and they are only required to meet four, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to cancel the May 30 meeting.

ENERGY CONSERVATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Present: Otis Wood, Chairman  
Paula Willoughby  
Leslie Vandivere  
William Butler

The above members of the Energy Conservation Coordinating Committee submitted a list of practical recommendations whereby the County could reduce fuel consumption and become more energy efficient. The Commissioners thanked the committee for its efforts and directed the County Administrator to prepare for their signature a letter to all county government offices announcing the practical recommendations.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

Present: Joe Anderson, Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Mr. Anderson advised that the purpose of his meeting with the Commissioners is two-fold; one, that there was a possibility that he may resign and, two, to obtain from the Commissioners direction with regard to third year funding of the grant for this program.

The Commissioners indicated general support of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program and indicated a willingness to commit the county for continuation funding after the third year of the grant provided a funding mechanism be established for gradual elimination of county government funds. The Board of Big Brother/Big Sister was requested to develop a funding mechanism proposal to meet this and submit it at the County Commissioners' meeting of May 9, 1979.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Ingrid Beuhler, Beacon  
Dave Fox, WKIK

The regular monthly press conference was held at this time. A tape of the conference is on file in the Commissioners' office.

Alice V. Bailey became the Recorder  
of the County Commissioners' meeting  
at 1:00 p.m. until conclusion of  
meeting.

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POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK: ST. MARY'RIVER STATE PARK:  
PROPOSED STORE AT THE BOAT BASIN AT POINT LOOKOUT  
STATE PARK

Present: Mike Nelson, Representing Secretary Coulter  
Donald E. MacLauchlan, Director Maryland Park Service  
Mac Wilkerson, Department of Natural Resources  
Roland Rockel, Department of General Services  
Gerry Sword, Park Service

The above gentlemen appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the remaining land to be acquired at Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary's River State Park, and the proposed store to be located at the boat basin at Point Lookout.

After a question and answer session the Board expressed the opinion that they wanted the state to only acquire the land that is absolutely necessary. Mr. MacLauchlan and his staff stated that they were only going to acquire the land that is necessary for the completion of the State Park project as planned.

Mr. MacLauchlan stated that he had met with the residents of the area with regard to the placing of a convenience store at the boat basin at Point Lookout State Park. He stated that he had forwarded correspondence to the Board stating that they had removed a large amount of the items that were to be originally placed in the store, and was submitting a new list in order to try and reach an equitable solution as to the concern of the other merchants in the area. It was the consensus of all present that an equitable solution could be reached.

INDIAN CREEK SUBDIVISION

Present: Oliver R. Guyther  
Residents of Indian Creek

Residents appeared to try and work out a solution to the entrance road problem at Indian Creek Subdivision. The residents stated that the road was in deplorable condition and wanted assurances of its being brought up to an equitable standard for the residents, county and Mr. Guyther.

Mr. Guyther stated that he was in the process of having a contractor come in and do the necessary grading of the road and applying of gravel. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the black top should not be put down in a relatively short period of time, because this would defeat the purpose. The road must be compacted completely before any blacktop should be applied. The better the compaction the longer the road would hold up after blacktopping.

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After considerable discussion it was agreed that Mr. Guyther would commence repair to the road and that it would be inspected every month to make sure that he was living up to his obligations.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that Mr. Guyther would prepare a draft of the Public Works Addendum for the extension on the bond and submit to the County Attorney for review and then said Addendum would be returned to County Engineer for review, and finally to the County Commissioners for approval.

ROAD PROBLEM FIRST NATIONAL BANK LEXINGTON PARK  
ROAD RESOLUTION R-79-26 NO PARKING SIGNS ON SARATOGA DRIVE

Present: John Dennis Raley  
John Norris

Mr. Raley stated that the reason for him appearing before the Commissioners was to inform them of the problem that exists on Saratoga Drive regarding the First National Bank. He stated that the county has no control of this area at the present time and that there is needed to have adopted a resolution to install No Parking Signs to help solve this problem. Individuals are parking at the Crystal Carwash in order to get to the bank and there have been numerous complaints.

After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Dean made a motion to have the President sign Road Resolution No. 79-26 for the purpose of installation of "No Parking Signs" on Saratoga, seconded by Commissioner Arnold. All Commissioners voted in favor of motion.

ROAD IN SANDGATES

Present: John Dennis Raley

Mr. Raley explained to the Commissioners that for some unforeseen reason a road located in the Sandgates area has been left off the Road Inventory. Mr. Raley stated that in order to get the roads back into the system that there would have to be a request by the Commissioners, Mr. Norris' office is to prepare a letter for the Commissioners' signature as to implementing this request as soon as possible.

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Present: John Dennis Raley  
John B. Norris

Mr. Raley stated to the Commissioners for their information, that he is well aware that many requests are being made as to drainage problems in the County. He stated that the majority of these problems would have to be held in abeyance until a future time due to the fact that all available workers were working on other projects that must be completed in a certain time frame. He requested that the Commissioners, if called, please try and explain the situation.

The Commissioners discussed specific drainage problems with Mr. Raley and he stated that as soon as possible he would try and correct the problem.

PAVING OF ROADS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that he has been contacted by several developers that want to start paving roads. Mr. Norris stated that in some cases these roads should not be paved due to the fact that proper compaction has not resulted. If these roads are blacktopped without the proper compaction, in a few years the roads would have to be resurfaced. After considerable discussion, Mr. Norris was requested by the Board to prepare a new ordinance as to standards for compaction of roads and any other items that he thought should be inserted, and then returned to the Commissioners for their review as to additions or deletions.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Norris stated that essentially the work at the Courthouse is complete, with the exception of painting and the flooring. Mr. Norris said that he had contacted Paul Raley with regard to his staff preparing for the laying of the tile and that he was informed that he did not have the labor force to handle this matter. Mr. Norris also stated that he had asked the on-site contractor for a price for the preparation work for the laying of the tile and was informed that he could not give him a firm price because of the condition of the sub-floor. Additional funds would be required for the completion of this work.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Norris and Mr. Cox were requested to make a listing of the items involved and present these to

the Commissioners during a tour of the Courthouse, at which time they would review and make the necessary decision.

NURSING HOME ACCESS ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Norris explained to the Commissioners that the contract for the Nursing Home Access Road has been awarded to Dean Construction Company, and that the Federal Government was to participate in the amount of 70% of construction cost. He has been informed by the governmental officials that they will not be able to participate at the above rate. The initial rate was 70-30 and now the participation rate was on a 50-50 match. There would be additional funds required and was requesting the Commissioners to inform him in what manner these were to be obtained. The Commissioners discussed the matter, and said that they would appropriate the necessary funds from the unappropriated fund balance. After discussion it was agreed that the construction could commence. Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize the project (Nursing Home Access Road) in the amount of \$121,500, with Federal participation \$61,247, seconded by Commissioner Sayre. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

ZONING DECISION RESOLUTION Z 79-01 CHARLES R. ELDER AND LARRY EDWARDS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented the above Zoning Decision regarding Mr. Charles R. Elder and Larry Edwards, being case number 78-129 for land identified as Parcel 9 cited on the St. Mary's County Tax Map Number 1, located on Maryland Route 5, Charlotte Hall Maryland, requesting a change in zoning classification from AR-2, Agricultural Residential, to C-2, Commercial.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt Zoning Decision Resolution Z79-01, seconded by Commissioner Arnold. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/JUNKYARDS

Commissioner Sayre presented a proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment with regard to junkyards. After discussion the Commissioners directed the County Administrator to forward the proposal to the County Attorney and request his opinion as the



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quickest possible process whereby this amendment can be enacted and whereby legal procedures are observed.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERTIME

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented the overtime for the Sheriff's Department for the period beginning March 31, 1979 and ending April 27, 1979. Total for the Sheriff's Department \$532.63; CID \$265.53; and Jury security for the Parker murder trial \$237.38. After review, the Board gave authorization to pay the above amounts.

COURT REPORTER SALARY INCREASE

RITA HENNING

Commissioner Aud stated that he had received a request from Judge Mattingly for an increase in the salary of the Court Reporter from Grade 16, Step 6 to Grade 18, Step 3, effective July 1, 1979.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to place the increase of the Court Reporter's salary in the recommended FY 79-80 budget which would become effective July 1, 1979, if approved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre. Commissioners Aud and Arnold voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Dean abstaining, stating he would vote on the matter when the budget was adopted prior to June 1, 1979.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President

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