

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 1979

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

(Commissioner Vice-President Millison was not present.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

1980 CENSUS - COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners of a new program being promoted for the 1980 Census entitled a Complete Count Committee. He stated that the League of Women Voters has been given some information to assist the County in this endeavor. Mr. Cox requested endorsement by the Board for a Complete Count Committee and advised that he would get as many community-type organizations involved as possible. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 80-11-486

ENERGY RESEARCH PROJECT

APPLICANT: TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with the comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY AND FILL POSITION

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

By a memorandum dated November 5, 1979, the Personnel Officer requested authority to begin the hiring process for the Grade 7 position of Office Clerk II, in the Office of Planning and Zoning. This position, previously held by Patricia Russell who was promoted to Permits and License Inspector, was reclassified from a Grade 6 to a Grade 7, as recommended by the State.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Officer and advertise the position within County Government as a Grade 7 and if a fully qualified person is not available, that the position be announced as a Grade 6 with a promotional opportunity to a Grade 7.

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CLERK STENOGRAPHER - OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By memorandum dated November 13, 1979, the Personnel Officer recommended that LuLu Schlosser fill the position of Clerk Stenographer, Grade 6, in the Office of County Administrator vacated by the promotion of Margaret Nelson, effective November 19, 1979. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve this recommendation. Three Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Aud abstaining.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The County Administrator discussed with the Commissioners the County Commissioner Scholarship Program which is administered by the Citizen Scholarship Foundation. Each year the County budgets for 16 scholarships in the amount of \$4800. However, this amount was used for twelve scholarships instead of 16 at an average of \$400 per scholarship. Mr. Cox discussed the current law in the local code regarding scholarships and requested endorsement by the Board of the current administration of the program.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to exercise their discretion in allowing a maximum of \$4800 for the administration of the Scholarship Program (an average of \$400 per student) with the intention of changing the specific amounts quoted in the local law. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to appoint Gloria Sue Kahle to the Mental Health Advisory Committee and Alcoholism Council to replace Kenneth Sola who resigned, for a term to expire June 30, 1980. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to appoint the following students to the Council on Children and Youth for terms to expire June 30, 1980:

Denise Buczek - Chopticon High School
Jennifer Fell - Leonardtown High School
Lisa Kirby - St. Mary's Academy

All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MOBILE HOME PARK REVIEW COMMITTEE

Present: Jeff Poley, Zoning/Subdivision Administrator

In accordance with County Resolution No. 79-34, Mr. Poley advised the Commissioners that the Mobile Home Park Review Committee was established to evaluate the Mobile Home Park Regulations. Among the issues of concern to the Committee was equity. Approximately half of the mobile home parks have complied with the requirement of the Zoning Ordinance whereby site plans are to be submitted for approval. It was the recommendation of the Mobile Home Park Committee that aerial photographs be taken in order for an accurate picture of what exists. After the photographs are taken a work sheet will be distributed by the Office of Planning and Zoning to all Technical Evaluation Committee members and the Plumbing Inspector to be evaluated in terms of compliance with existing regulations. Once these work sheets are completed, they will be reviewed by the Mobile Home Review Committee after which recommendations will be submitted to the Commissioners for consideration. Mr. Poley requested that in order for the above to be accomplished, Resolution No. 79-34 should be amended to provide an extension of the deadline from November 30, 1979, to June 30, 1980, for compliance by the Mobile Home Parks to the Zoning Ordinance Regulations.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to the above.

PUD REGULATIONS - PRIVATE STREETS

Present: Jeff Poley, Zoning/Subdivision Administrator
James Kenney, Attorney for Wildewood
Eddie Wettengel, Developer, Wildewood

Commissioner Dean opened the discussion by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a letter sent to the Commissioners from James Kenney, attorney for Wildewood, in which he requested the Commissioners to interpret whether or not the Zoning Ordinance would permit the creation of private roads in Planned Unit Developments (PUD).

Much discussion ensued surrounding this question and it was the conclusion of the Board that no official decision be made by the Commissioners relative to this issue. It was further agreed by the Board that private interior streets and parking lots should be permissible in townhouse developments and the developer was instructed to proceed with the processing of his application for Cluster No. 1 for Wildewood before the appropriate county agencies. If any agency has a concern or disagreement relative to the interpretation that private roads in townhouse developments are permitted under the County Zoning Ordinance, they should appear before the Commissioners to present their concerns and the reason for their disagreement to the Commissioners.

In addition, the Board expressed the opinion that County Regulations should provide for design flexibility in the construction of streets in residential PUD's so long as the design flexibility did not sacrifice quality.

The Board requested the Office of Planning and Zoning, County Engineer's Office in concert with Mr. Wettengel and Mr. Kenney to develop recommendations to the Planning Commission and County Commissioners as to how the County Regulations may be amended to allow the County such design flexibility.

STORAGE OF VOTING MACHINES

Present: Alfred Gatton, Board of Supervisor of Elections
Marjorie Aud, Board of Supervisor of Elections
Paul Raley, Director of Purchasing and Logistics

The referenced members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections appeared before the Commissioners to request consideration for relocation of the voting machines for St. Mary's County in that the present location is unsatisfactory because of dampness. Mr. Gatton requested that a location be found prior to April 1, 1980, in order for the custodians to prepare the machines for the 1980 elections.

The Commissioners directed Mr. Raley, Director of Purchasing and Logistics, to determine what storage space is available and return to the Commissioners with alternative solutions.

PROCLAMATION NO. 79-76 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WEEK

Present: Janet Standish
Doug Standish
Tommy Alvey

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of November 25 through December 1, 1979, as Voice of Democracy Scholarship Week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of November 7, 1979, as amended. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve payment of the bills as submitted by the Director of Finance. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (1981-1986)

Present: Marvin Joy, Superintendent of Schools
James Raley, Supervisor of School Facilities
Henry Kanowicz, Director of Business Administration
Dave Morgan, Education Specialist in School Planning
Jerry Himmelheber, Project Developer and Inspector
Eleanor Richie, Board of Education Member
Dorothy Harper, Board of Education Member

Joseph O'Dell, County Budget Officer

Representatives of the St. Mary's Public Schools and the Board of Education appeared before the Commissioners to present the Board of Education's Capital Improvement Program for FY 1981-1986. Mr. Raley reviewed the Program with the Commissioners, specifically the FY 1981 portion.

After review and discussion, Mr. O'Dell recommended that the Board of Education re-evaluate whether or not the scope of the Great Mills and Chopticon High Schools auditoriums and associated renovations should not be expanded to include sufficient classroom space to make up for the shortfall in current enrollment capacity versus actual enrollment as well as anticipated projected enrollment for the high schools over the next ten years.

The Board of Education took the recommendation under advisement and will return to the Commissioners on December 19 with their findings and to request approval by the Commissioners for submission of the Capital Improvement Program to the Interagency for School Construction.

FUNDING REQUESTS - BUDGETARY IMPACT

Commissioner Dean discussed with the Commissioners a memorandum from the Budget Officer in which he recommended that all funding requests having a budgetary impact be submitted to him for review prior to the Commissioners making a decision. After discussion it was the concurrence of the Board that all requests for authority to expend beyond budgeted funds be reviewed by the Budget Officer.

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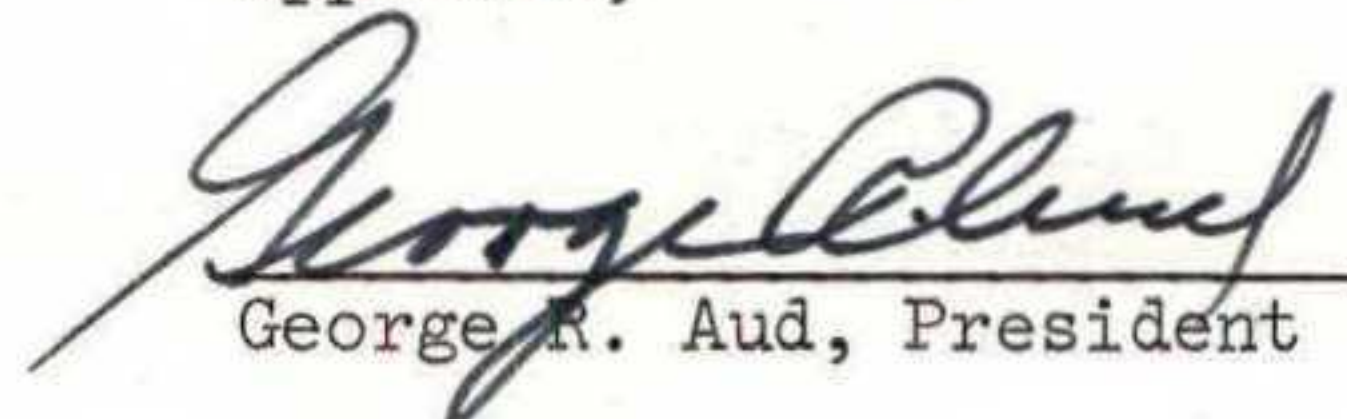
PIGSKIN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Commissioner Dean advised that previously the Board of County Commissioners approved in the budget a \$2700 expenditure to the Pigskin Football League which is operating in conjunction with the Department of Recreation and Parks for the purchase of equipment. He stated that the League is carrying this as an expense hoping to pay the County back for this amount. Mr. Dean stated that he did not think that the league is in a financial position to be able to pay this amount back to the County and therefore recommended that the Budget Officer look into this matter and, if in agreement, forward correspondence to the Pigskin League that we are not anticipating repayment of the \$2700. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and directed the Budget Officer to draft such a letter.

RESOLUTION NO. 79-78
RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN
AND RESCUE SQUADSMEN

Upon review of the referenced Resolution, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and sign Resolution No. 79-78 establishing a Retirement Program for Volunteer Firemen and Rescue Squadsmen. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

Approved,


George R. Aud, President