

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 1980

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting of January 2, 1980, as presented. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. R 80-10  
FRIENDLY PINES SUBDIVISION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the referenced Road Resolution designating Circle Drive where it intersects with Lee Drive as a Stop Street in Friendly Pines Subdivision. Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign Road Resolution No. 80-10. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED  
LANCASTER'S MOUNT PLEASANT SUBDIVISION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented a Deed dated June 5, 1979, by and between Harry S. Lancaster and Mary A. Lancaster, Joseph D. Weiner and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County conveying "Pleasant Manor Road" in Lancaster's Mount Pleasant Subdivision, Section Two to St. Mary's County. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept said Deed. All Commissioners voted in favor.



RESOLUTION NO. 80-03  
CASH BOND REQUIREMENT FOR HOME PLUMBERS

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that in August approval was given by the Board for bonding for "Do-It-Yourself" Plumbers and the Resolution adopting this requirement has been prepared by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve and sign Resolution No. 80-03 requiring a bond for "Do-It-Yourself" Plumbers. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting against.

1980 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The Commissioners reviewed the submitted items for the 1980 Legislative Package and made the policy decision to forward all legislative items submitted with no comments until after the Public Hearing on February 23, 1980.

RC&D ROADSIDE PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
John Hall, IV, Soil Conservation Service  
Lee Watson, Soil Conservation Service  
(Contracting Officer)

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the proposed St. Mary's County Roadside Critical Area Treatment Measure Plan for erosion and sedimentation control on county roads. Soil Conservation Service will provide 66.7% of the construction funds with the County providing 19.1% and the State 14.2%.

Discussion ensued as to whether only county roads could be done using only Federal and County money. Mr. Watson was of the opinion that this could be done if the Plan document was changed to this effect.

The Commissioners advised that they would discuss this matter with Mr. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer with the State Highway Administration and will respond next week as to the County's participation.

CASH AND INVESTMENT STATEMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Sterling presented and reviewed with the Commissioners the Cash and Investment Statements for October and November of 1979. Said Statements are on file in the County Commissioners' Office.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. O'Dell presented the Operating Statements for the General Fund and Capital Fund for the month ending October 31, 1979, and reviewed the same with the Commissioners. A copy of the Statements is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-01  
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Present: Dr. Jay Dabbs

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 3-9, 1980, as National Children's Dental Health Week in St. Mary's County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters (consideration of appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions). The Session was held from 12:00 Noon until 12:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING  
AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION DISTRICT  
APD #79-205 AND APD #79-206  
JOHNNY JENKINS

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning  
Anita Meredith, Recording Secretary

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the application of Johnny Jenkins to establish an Agricultural Land Preservation District located on Willows Road, Eighth Election District, Tax Map 51, Block 16, Parcel 21 containing approximately 11.4 acres and Tax Map 51, Block 13, Parcel 92, containing approximately 6.04 acres.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to recommend to the State that Applications No. 79-205 and 79-206 be approved for the establishment of Agricultural Land Preservation Districts. All Commissioners voted in favor.



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PUBLIC HEARING  
AGRICULTURAL AND PRESERVATION DISTRICT  
APD #79-257  
GEORGE B. AND WILMA M. REEVES

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the application of George B. and Wilma Reeves to establish an Agricultural Land Preservation District for property located on Maryland Route 238, Maddox Road, Chaptico, in the Fourth Election District on Tax Map 17, Parcels 68, 69, 80, and 81 and on Tax Map 23, Parcels 55 and 78, containing approximately 339.5 acres.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to recommend the establishment of an Agricultural Land Preservation District for Case No. 79-257. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HOLLYWOOD SHORES SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer  
Mr. and Mrs. Granados, property owner  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wilson, property owner  
John Helldorfer, property owner  
William and Dorothy Haese, property owner  
Irvin Aloysius Kelly, property owner  
John Wester, property owner  
Steve King, property owner

The above property owners of Hollywood Shores appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the method of assessment for the Special Taxing District for the road improvements in Hollywood Shores.

Discussion ensued regarding the undetermined amount of interest on the Transportation Bond which will be used to finance this project and it was agreed by the Commissioners that \$146 per annum per lot would be the maximum exposure for the participants in the Special Taxing District with the clear understanding that if the construction costs are less than \$290,000 or if the bond interest is less than 8.5% that the savings will be passed onto the property owners. Commissioner Dean and the Budget Officer will draft a letter to the property owners setting forth what has taken place today and will be reviewed by the Commissioners next week along with the Petition establishing the Special Taxing District so that construction can begin this construction season.

HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE REQUEST

In accordance with the request by the Hospital Board at last week's meeting, Commissioner Dean presented a letter to be signed by the Commissioners to the Hospital Board, a Press Release and a Draft bill requesting legislative authority for the Commissioners to issue a General Obligation Bond for the purpose of funding hospital improvements. The Bill had been



amended to include that the request for legislative authority for the bond issuance be placed on referendum at the 1980 General Election.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean stated that since an agreement could not be reached with regard to the Legislative Bill that the letter and Press Release cannot be forwarded; however, since it was agreed by the Commissioners earlier today to present all submitted legislative items to the legislators without comment that the Bill as presented today on the Hospital Bond request be included in the package to the Delegates.

The Commissioners agreed to this suggestion and Commissioner Millison then requested that the County Administrator work with Commissioners Arnold, Sayre and himself to prepare an additional bill on this subject for submission to the legislators.

At this point, Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold that he and Commissioners Arnold and Sayre meet with the County Administrator to draft the additional bill. Commissioners Aud and Dean voted against. The motion carried with a three to two vote. The Special Session was held from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

#### COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

At the request of the Commissioners, Mr. Raley appeared before the Commissioners to give a status report on the renovations at the Courthouse. He explained that the painting has been completed and the carpet has been ordered for the first floor. The second floor painting will be done with county forces and Mr. Raley displayed the proposed plans for the improvements to the second floor. Mr. Raley went on to explain what other improvements had been done and will be done in the near future.

#### EXPIRED ROAD BOND STATUS REPORT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the expired road bond status report and reviewed same with the Commissioners, with the following actions being taken:

Patuxent Park, Section 4 - Because there are no plans, no construction, and insufficient Bond, the County Attorney should address the issue whether the plans should be voided.

South Potomac Shores - No response has been received from developer to County Attorney's letter and therefore should be addressed by the County Attorney.



Park Hall Estates - The County Engineer should request a valid Public Works Agreement from developer to expire June 1, 1980.

Patuxent Park West, Section I - If the section is not rebonded and plans redrawn, the County Engineer should give final notice to the developer that plans will be voided.

#### PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented and reviewed with the Commissioners the Project Status Report as of December 30, 1979, and requested authorization to bid the next phase of the Asphalt Overlay Project for: Steerhorn Neck Road, Sotterly Road, Hickory Hill Road, a portion of Peggs Road and in addition surfacing of the shoulders on St. John's Road, Flat Iron Road and Larredore Road. The Commissioners suggested that this be discussed with Mr. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer at next week's meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

Actions and decisions taken on the Project Status Report are as follows:

Millstone Landing Road - A Public Hearing was scheduled for February 19, 7:30 p.m. at Green Holly School.

Guardrail Project - Mr. Norris discussed the decision made by the Board relative to the request by Paul Bennett to have a certain portion of a guardrail removed on St. Andrews Church Road so that he would have access to his property. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Norris research the minutes on this matter.

Golden Beach Special Taxing District - A Public Hearing was scheduled for February 26, 1980, 7:30 for discussion of the plans and estimated costs.

Clearing of Obstructions at Airport - Mr. Norris advised that the project will have to be rebid and that he will be meeting with a number of small contractors to explain the FAA procedures and to request them to bid on the project.

#### RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CORRIDOR ALIGNMENT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris displayed the plans for the right-of-way replacement corridor alignment from Hollywood to St. Andrews Road relative to the dualization of Route 235. The public hearing will be held on January 16 at 7:30 at the Hollywood Elementary School and the Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to have the plans displayed for review by the public prior to the public hearing.



MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Commissioners reviewed item by item the recommendations of the Mental Health Task Force and because many of the items require additional research and budgetary considerations, the Commissioners requested the County Administrator to respond to the Mental Health Task Force that these recommendations will be acted upon during FY 80-81 budget process.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 80-19

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve Budget Amendment No. 80-19 as submitted by the Budget Officer which decreases the Reserve for Contingency (Account No. 2610-26912) by \$1200 and increases Account No. 115-4131 (Contract Services, Control Center) by like amount. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR POSITION  
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning


Relative to the position of Zoning Administrator in the Office of Planning and Zoning which will be vacated by the resignation of Jeff Poley as of January 18, 1980, Mr. Gerred reviewed with the Commissioners the duties of that position.

There was considerable discussion and differences of opinion as to how the position should be advertised and whether the position was needed.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that the position of Zoning Administrator be advertised and that we restrict the advertisement to St. Mary's County which would include anyone in County Government. Three Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioners Millison and Arnold voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President



