

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 16, 1980

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 Millison was not present.)

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

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Sayre 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 Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the minutes of the County Commissioners meetings of January 9, 1980 as presented. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SEWAGE FACILITIES  
CAMP BROWN AND D.C. POLICE BOYS CAMP

The Commissioners discussed the continuing sewage problems experienced by Camp Brown and the District of Columbia Police Boy's Camp and agreed to forward correspondence to Maryland Environmental Service requesting the extension of sewer lines to the two camps allowing them to hook up to the sewage treatment facility at Point Lookout State Park.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO HIRE  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By memorandum dated January 14, 1980, the Personnel Officer requested authority to hire James R. Wass, Jr., to the position of Correctional Officer, Grade 10, in the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the hiring of James R. Wass, Jr., to the position of Correctional Officer, Grade 10, effective January 18, 1980. All Commissioners present voted in favor.



GRANT APPLICATION  
ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND POTOMAC MUSEUM

The County Administrator presented the Grant Application to be forwarded to Waterway Improvements, Department of Natural Resources, for the improvements to St. Clements Island Potomac Museum. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 80-18

The Budget Officer submitted Budget Amendment No. 80-18 recommending the following Account Transfer: Increase Account No. 1832-61720 (Chapico Wharf) by \$1,250 and Account No. 1259-60620 (Colton Point Wharf) by \$1,860; Decrease Account No. 1832-63620 (St. Clements Museum) by \$2,213 and Account No. 1832-64020 (Henderson Park) by \$897. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Budget Amendment No. 80-18. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS

The County Administrator presented a request from the Department of Social Services that they be allowed to retain the 1979 end of fiscal year balance of local funds in the Support Enforcement (\$8,402.76) and Foster Care (\$1,754.15) Programs to assist in absorbing the shortfall of local funds that is likely to occur.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to grant the Department of Social Services' request as set forth above. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime payment for Sheriff's Deputies for the period beginning December 8, 1979 and ending January 4, 1980 as follows: \$493.01 - regular deputies; and \$316.03 for CID Deputies.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve said request for overtime payment. All Commissioners present voted in favor.



The County Administrator presented a report demonstrating the use of overtime by the Sheriff's Department through January 4, 1980. The Commissioners requested that the FY 80-81 Budget reflect all overtime and that the Sheriff be notified of the overtime usage.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Jr., Resident Maintenance Engineer  
John Norris, County Engineer  
Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Raley presented his twice-monthly report to the Commissioners on various road and drainage problems in the County after which the Commissioners advised of additional areas of concern.

After the above discussion, Mr. Raley and Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners the remaining budget funds for highway maintenance, and that in order to do the regular maintenance work and patching in the Spring, that an additional \$76,000 is needed. Discussion ensued as to the source of the additional funds and the Commissioners agreed that the Budget Officer, the County Engineer and the Resident Maintenance Engineer should get together to work out the particular details and that the Budget Officer should return with specifics.

RC&D ROADSIDE PROJECT

Present: John Hall, IV, Soil Conservation Service  
Lee Watson, Soil Conservation Service  
John Norris, County Engineer  
John D. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer  
Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Hall and Mrs. Watson appeared before the Commissioners to obtain a determination from the Commissioners as to the County's participation in the RC&D Roadside Project as outlined at last week's meeting.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to give tentative concurrence that St. Mary's County will participate in the RC&D Program and Mr. Norris was requested to prepare the Letter of Intent.



REZONING DECISION DISCUSSION  
CASE NO. ZA 79-141  
JACK GREER

Present: Jeff Poley, Zoning Administrator  
Anita Meredith, Recording Secretary

Having conducted a Public Hearing on January 2, 1980 on the application of Jack Greer to rezone approximately 1.62 acres located on Md. Rt. 246 (Great Mills Road) in Lexington Park, Tax Map 51, Parcel 7, from R-2, Residential, to C-2, Commercial, the Commissioners commenced discussion.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to request the County Attorney to draft the appropriate Zoning Amendment Resolution granting the zoning request as set forth above on the basis that this particular parcel of property is a smaller part of what was formerly a larger parcel of property which has been rezoned to C-2, Commercial and it would be inappropriate and a mistake to omit the small section of the property when the other one has been rezoned. Also, the entire area around this property is commercially zoned or commercially developed. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ALCOHOL FUEL PROJECT

Present: Dan Dawson  
John Norris

Mr. Dawson advised the Commissioners that he and Mr. Witten met with representatives from the University of Maryland. In order to process the grant for this project, Economic Development Administration is requiring a preliminary engineering study of the alcohol fuel plant. Therefore, Mr. Dawson requested funding authorization in an amount up to \$2,000 to have Dr. Hatch, Engineer at the University of Maryland, prepare the necessary report.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize an expenditure up to \$2,000 to retain the services of Dr. Hatch of the University of Maryland to prepare the necessary report required by EDA for the grant for the Alcohol Fuel Project. All Commissioners voted in favor.

In conclusion, in response to an inquiry from the County Engineer, the Commissioners directed that he and Mr. Witten, Project Director, work together in the preparation of the various billing documents.



HOLLYWOOD SHORES SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a letter for the Commissioners' signatures to the Hollywood Shores Civic Association stating that the maximum taxing rate for the Special Taxing District for road improvements will be \$143.40 per lot based on the figures discussed at last week's meeting and attaching a sample petition and a sample ordinance that will be used in establishing the taxing district.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and forward to the Hollywood Shores Civic Association the above-mentioned letter and documents as presented by the County Engineer for the establishing of a Special Taxing District for road improvements in Hollywood Shores. All Commissioners voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, and unanimously approved, to authorize payment of the following bills as presented by the County Engineer:

Project No. SM 79-1-5 (Bituminous Concrete Overlay) - Voucher No. 29455, payable to Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$77,867.98 representing final estimate for referenced project;

Project No. SM 78-1-8 (Equipment Rental - St. John's Road) - Voucher No. 29456 payable to Allston Excavating Company in the amount of \$2,417.25;

Project No. SM 78-1-8 (Equipment Rental - St. John's Road) - Voucher No. 29451 payable to Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$1,529.50 for the period of 11/27/79 through 12/18/79;

Project No. SM 76-7-1 (Spring Valley Resurfacing) - Voucher No. 29454 in the amount of \$113,118.56 for Estimate No. 1 and Estimate No. 2 for the period of 11/5/79 to 12/31/79;

Project No. SM 76-7-1 (Spring Valley) - Voucher No. 29453 payable to Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$1,431.99 for labor and equipment charges for manhole adjustments;

Project No. SM 78-1-8 (Asphalt Contract) - Estimate No. 7 (final payment) payable to Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$243,633.62



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PROJECT NO. SM 76-1-8  
ASPHALT OVERLAY CONTRACT

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

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that he had encumbered approximately \$1,000,000 in Asphalt Overlay Contracts in the prior fiscal year. Upon completion of the amounts due concerning said encumbrances, there is a savings in the approximate amount of \$200,000. Fiscal procedures require this money to go to surplus account. He stated that these funds are needed and that in order to have these funds placed in the Asphalt Project Account, a public hearing would have to be conducted in order to obtain supplemental budgetary authority to allocate additional funds to the asphalt overlay program. After discussion, the Commissioners requested the staff to arrange a public hearing during one of their meeting days for the supplemental appropriation ordinance.

BIDDING OF ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

With regard to discussion at last week's meeting, Mr. Norris requested authorization to proceed with the advertisement of the next phase of the Asphalt Overlay Contract for: Steerhorn Neck Road, Sotterly Road, Hickory Hill Road, a portion of Peggs Road and surfacing the shoulders of St. John's Road, Flat Iron Road and Larredore Road.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize the County Engineer to proceed with the advertisement as set forth above. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ROAD - GUARDRAIL REMOVAL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

With regard to the discussion at last week's meeting and after research of the minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting of September 27, 1978, relative to the request by Paul Bennet for the removal of a portion of a guardrail on St. Andrews Church Road in order to allow Mr. Bennet entrance to his property, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the Commissioners reaffirm their position as set forth in the September 27, 1978 meeting and bear the cost of relocating the guardrail and further to accept the proposal from Highway Supply Corporation dated January 7, 1980 in the amount of \$1500 to perform this work. All Commissioners voted in favor.



BONDING FOR HELEN FARMETTES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the corporate surety bonding for Helen Farmettes will be expiring in February 1980 and that the bond not only referred to the construction of the subdivision streets but also a portion of the county road, Foley Mattingly. Mr. Norris indicated that the developer was requesting an extension for the construction of the streets until February 1981 and Mr. Norris indicated that a decision was needed from the Board with respect to the county road.

The Commissioners agreed to allow extension of the bond so long as the Public Works Agreement was amended and an account established to guarantee maintenance to the roads with the county having ready access to perform the maintenance of roads if the developer fails to do so.

PITCH-IN PROGRAM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that the County has been involved in the Pitch-In Program during the Spring, Summer and Fall months. The cost is approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. Mr. Norris stated that inasmuch as it was time to prepare the contract for this year's program, a decision is needed by the Board whether the County will participate in the Program. The Commissioners gave their concurrence for the County's participation in the Program.

WOODLAND SUBDIVISION, SECTION II

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the Road Ordinance requires that roads with an average frontage width of 150 feet or less are to be built to an Urban Section; i.e., curb and guttering. Mr. Norris stated that the developer of Woodland Subdivision, Section Two, is requesting a waiver of the Urban Road Standards with the justification that the Rural Section would be comparable with all of the other streets in the area and this short cul-de-sac street terminates on lands owned by the State of Maryland.



Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant the waiver of the County Road Ordinance based on the above conditions. Three Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Dean abstaining because the developer is the Director of the savings and loan where he is employed.

RICHARDSON ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners a prior decision by the Board to rebuild a section of Richardson road (200 lineal feet), and stated that no funding sources were identified nor had the time to get to this project and therefore recommended that this be included as an item in the next budget. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-05  
DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

Present: Nadia Taran, So. Md. Regional Library Assoc.  
Mary Lee Russell, St. Mary's Memorial Libraries

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the Month of February as Deaf Awareness Month and urging the citizens of St. Mary's County to participate in the special programs in Deaf Awareness Month in our county libraries.

(Judith Mullins left the meeting at this time and Louise Schlosser took the minutes for the remaining of the meeting.)

RELOCATION OF PERMITS AND INSPECTION OFFICE

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

At the request of the County Commissioners, Mr. Gerred appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the feasibility of moving the Economic Development Commission Office downstairs where the Permits Office is presently located and moving the Permits and Inspection Office to the EDC Office on the second floor. Commissioner Aud stated that this move was agreeable to "Buck" Briscoe, Director of EDC and added that the change could probably be done in-house.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Gerred to do some further research on the particular details of the move and report back to the Commissioners at which time a decision would be made.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR JEFF POLEY  
SUBDIVISION/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred presented to the Commissioners a Resolution for Jeff Poley, in light of his resignation effective January 18, 1980, expressing congratulations and compliments for his services as Zoning Administrator, from the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals.

The Commissioners advised that they would prepare a Letter of Recognition for Mr. Poley from the Commissioners.

RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIREMENTS  
MINOR SUBDIVISIONS

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred discussed with the Commissioners the County's action on right-of-way requirements for minor subdivisions. He stated that citizens were having problems with these requirements. The Commissioners advised that the citizens would file for a waiver to lessen problems and also requested Mr. Gerred to prepare a proposal for the Commissioners' consideration.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 80-20

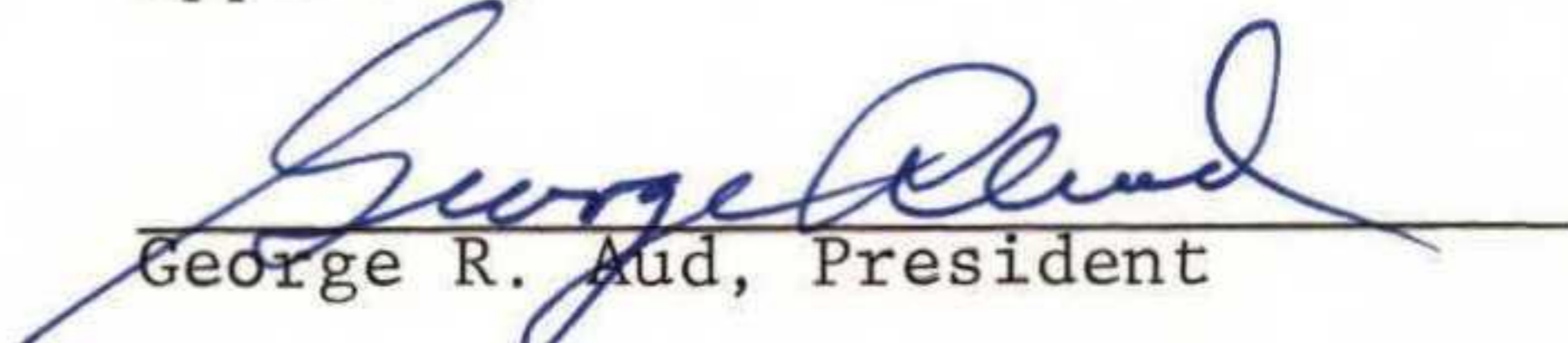
Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, and unanimously approved, to approve Budget Amendment No. 80-20, as submitted by the Budget Officer setting forth the following transaction:

Increase Account No. 1232-79-820 (Highway Maintenance) by \$74,000;

Decrease Account No. 1232-80120 (Surface Treatment, Unsubsidized) by \$74,000.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President



