

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 5, 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 Arnold, to approve the minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting of January 22, 1980. All Commissioners voted in favor.

1980 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The Board of County Commissioners took action on the submitted 1980 Legislative Package items as follows:

- I: Scholarships - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- II: Recreation and Parks Board - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- III: Alcohol Fuel Manufacture - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- IV: Ordinance Procedures - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- V: Board of Education Budget Categories - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- VI: Youth Commission - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- VII: St. Mary's Hospital - Antiquated Provisions - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- VIII: Electrical Examiners - Bond Requirement - Unanimously agreed to endorse;

- IX: Cheltenham Center Alternative - Bond - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- X: Gaming Devices (State's Attorney's Office Submission) - Unanimously agreed to submit, but take a "No Position" comment;
- XI: State's Attorney's Office Personnel - Unanimously agreed not to endorse;
- XII: Local Health Officer Appointment Process - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- XIII: Property Tax - Interest Increase - By a four-to-one vote agreed not to endorse;
- XIV: Elected Board of Education - By a three-to-two vote, agreed not to endorse;
- XV: Oyster Seed Area - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- XVI: St. Mary's Hosptial - Bond Issue - Agreed to endorse with the omission of Section Six, which requires the Bond Issue to go on a referendum;
- XVII: Confinement for Dogs in Season - Unanimously agreed to endorse;
- XVIII: Refund or Non-Inclusion for County Government Vehicle Fuel Tax - Unanimously agreed to endorse; also, the Commissioners agreed to include vehicles to transport school children;
- XIX: Tanner's Creek Tax Credit - Unanimously agreed not to endorse.

The above comments on the referenced Legislative Package Items will be forwarded to our Legislative Delegation for appropriate action.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NOS. 80-22, 80-23, AND 80-24

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, and unanimously carried, to approve the following Budget Amendments as submitted and recommended for approval by the Budget Officer;

No. 80-22 - Increase Account No. 1115-3101 (Office Equipment) by \$1,000, and decrease Account No. 115-111 (Salaries) by like amount;

No. 80-23 - Increase Account No. 1092-2701 (Building Repairs and Alterations) by \$1200 and decrease Account No. 1115-111 by like amount;

No. 80-24 - Increase Account No. 1092-2701 (Building Repairs and Alterations) by \$12,700 and decrease Account No. 2220-1111 (Salaries-General) by like amount.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT ADDENDUM
FENWICK MANOR, SECTION IV

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Addendum to the Public Works Agreement by and between Hugh Allston, Jr. and Helen C. Allston and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, along with appropriate Irrevocable Letter of Credit, extending the deadline for the completion of the roads in Fenwick Manor Subdivision, Section IV, to February 15, 1981.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Public Works Addendum. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 80-11
LANCASTER'S MOUNT PLEASANT SUBDIVISION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the referenced Road Resolution designating Pleasant Manor Road in Lancaster's Mount Pleasant Subdivision as a Stop Street as it intersects with Md. Rte. 5.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Road Resolution. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated January 29, 1980, from the State Department of Assessments and Taxation advising that approximately 50 tax notices were not forwarded to certain property owners because of computer error, and therefore requested concurrence from the Board that these notices be sent. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

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TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU
LEASE FOR USE OF HEADMASTER'S HOUSE - CHARLOTTE HALL

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that negotiations for the lease with the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau for the use of the Headmaster's House at the Charlotte Hall School property are almost complete subject to the Board's concurrence. He advised that the lease is in the amount of \$750 per month; however, since this amount has not been included in TCYSB's 1979-1980 Budget, they request that the amount remain \$500 until July 1, 1980. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

WALDEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Present: Sue Gelrud, Chairman
Dr. Marek, Member
Ken Rossignol, Member
Jeff Harker, Director
Dr. Pat Hawkins, Executive Director

The above presented in greater detail the plans and funding requirements for the proposed building renovation program at the Walden Counselling site. Dr. Hawkins explained that a 50% matching grant was a definite possibility from the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provided that the County Commissioners certify the commitment of the 50% local match.

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to commit the County to the 50% local match for the grant request described by Dr. Hawkins provided that the final decision on this project will be made during the review of the FY 80-81 Budget and providing that the 50% commitment is based on the likelihood of the 50% grant from the State.

Mrs. Gelrud requested an endorsement from the Commissioners for two legislative items currently before the General Assembly; raising of the legal drinking age from 18 to 19 and banning the public sale of drug paraphenalia. The Commissioners thanked the members of the Advisory Commission for their continued efforts on behalf of the county youth.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION
BEVERAGE CONTAINERS - MANDATORY DEPOSITS

Present: John Horton
Mary Ann Chapman
Other interested citizens

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to advise that a group of citizens have formed to support proposed legislation before the General Assembly requiring that beverage containers be returnable and refillable in order to reduce the amount of litter. Mr. Horton and Mrs. Chapman recommended that the Commissioners endorse the proposed legislation and if so, to advise the Maryland Legislators of this endorsement.

The Commissioners thanked them for their presentation and advised that they would advise them of their decision in the near future.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-11
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Present: Ann Loker, Director
John Raley, Vice-President
Bill Mitchell, President, Board of Directors
Roy Rudasill, Board Member

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 17-23 as Big Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Week in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-13
CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

Present: Father Smola
Sister Carol
Brother Crane
Parents of Catholic School students

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 3 through 9 as Catholic School Week.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-12
FEBRUARY - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Present: Ann Courtney

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming February as Black History Month in St. Mary's County.

HELEN FARMETTES (SECTIONS A AND B)

Present: Israel Swarey, Developer
Francis Abell
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris explained to the Commissioners that Mr. Swarey's Public Works Agreement and bond are due February 10, 1980, and he is requesting an extension to February 10, 1981. However, the Commissioners had requested that a bond be posted that would be accessible to the County in order to guarantee the maintenance of the roads. Because of the small size of Helen Farmettes, Mr. Swarey is requesting that he not be required to do this.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the Public Work Agreement, which is to be amended to state that if there is any violation of the Agreement, that the County can issue a "Stop Work Order" or call the bond. All Commissioners voted in favor.

FEDERAL AID FOR SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation and St. Mary's County making available Federal Aid for Secondary Highway funds in the amount of \$93,410. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement for FY 1980. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROJECT NO. SM 77-6-1
ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that there is a balance due The Davis Corporation, the contractor for the referenced project, in the amount of \$8,389.34; however, there are three items that have not been properly performed and need to be redone; i.e., reseeding, waterproofing, and replacement of carpeting. Mr. Norris recommended that the County perform those three items and that cost to do the work, \$2,913.60 be deducted from the retainage of The Davis Corporation.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the Commissioners agree to close out the referenced project and retain the \$2,913.60 for the performance of the three referenced items. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
ESPERANZA FARMS SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the following Deeds for acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners:

Deed dated January 3, 1980, by and between Robert G. Dean, Margaret G. Dean, Franklin W. Dean, and Mary G. Dean and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting Dean Court in Esperanza Farms Subdivision, Section Seven, into the County Highway Maintenance System;

Deed dated December 27, 1979, by and between Robert G. Dean, Margaret G. Dean, Franklin W. Dean, and Mary G. Dean and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting the following streets into the County Highway Maintenance System: Parcel 1 - Portion of Green Holly Road; Parcel 2 - Fletcher Court and Lore Court; Parcel 3 - Barley Court and East Bayview Terrace.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the two referenced Deeds and to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign same. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Dean abstaining.

DREDGING PROJECT - ST. CATHERINE SOUND

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that in the referenced maintenance dredging project, the County is responsible for providing the spoils area; however, because the project required the relocation of a utility pole by Army Corps of Engineers to provide this spoils area, Southern Maryland Electric has billed the County in the amount of \$1,130.70 for this relocation. Mr. Norris stated that this provision is evidently in the contract and it is the County's responsibility. After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to pay \$1,130.70 to SMECO, with source of funds to be determined by Budget Officer. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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PROJECT NO. SM 79-2-2
MARGARET BRENT GYMNASIUM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between Johnson Builders and St. Mary's County for the rehabilitation of the Margaret Brent Gymnasium in the amount of \$17,772.50. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. All Commissioners voted in favor.

AICUZ MAP

Present: Frank Gerred, Director Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred presented the newly proposed Air Installation Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) surrounding the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. He indicated that in the near future there will be a general public informational meeting in order to inform the public of the newly proposed zones, after which a formal public hearing process will be conducted with the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Gerda Manson, Personnel Officer
Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer
Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

The above staff members presented to the Commissioners the results of their review over the past year of the employees' health and life insurance benefit package. The purpose of the review was to make comparable the county employees' coverage with the state employees' coverage. The Personnel Officer identified in great detail the similarities and discrepancies existing in the present coverage and explained the new proposal to bring about comparability. The committee explained that they had completed their work and that the proposed package, if adopted, would complete the Commissioners' commitment to county employees to bring about comparability of coverage and share of costs.

The Commissioners agreed in concept with the proposal, directed that the committee meet with the county employees to explain the proposal, submit the costs for the proposal in the FY 80-81 budget review and prepare the proposal for bid so that it could be effected by October 1, 1980.

Mr. Sterling informed the Commissioners that the present carrier had notified the County of a 40% increase in rates and that although the proposed package would increase the county's costs, the current package would have done so as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ASSEMBLY PLANT PROPOSAL

Present: "Buck" Briscoe, Director, EDC

Mr. Briscoe appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the position which the County should take regarding recent correspondence from Secretary Roberson of the State Department of Economic and Community Development regarding the possibility of the placement in St. Mary's County of a Toyota Automobile Assembly Plant. The Commissioners directed that correspondence should be returned to the State Department of Economic and Community Development indicating that the County is always open to feasible proposals regarding compatible industry locating in St. Mary's County and that the County will do everything possible to cooperate. The Commissioners agreed that no specific sites should be mentioned at this time and that representatives of the State Department of Economic and Community Development should be invited to meet with County officials to discuss the matter further.

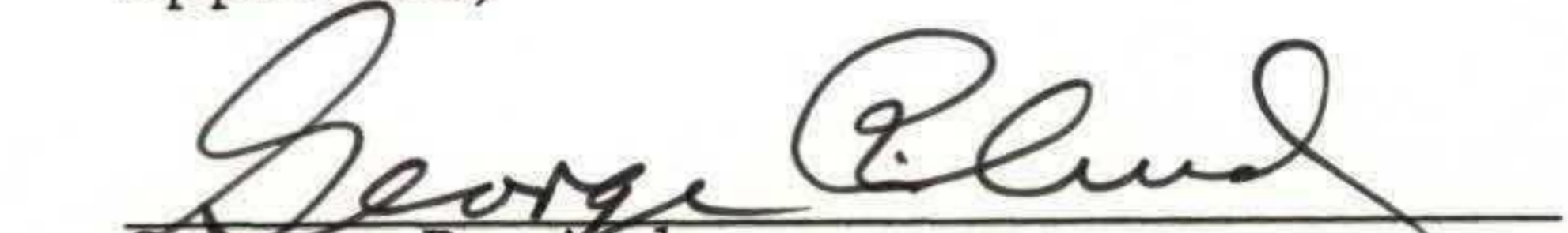
APPROVAL OF BONDS
SHERIFF AND STATE'S ATTORNEY

The County Administrator presented bonds for Sheriff Joseph Lee Somerville and Neal Myerberg, State's Attorney, from Fidelity and Deposit Company in the amounts of \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve said bonds. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President