

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 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 Sayre, to approve payment of the bills as submitted by the Director of Finance. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Jr.

Mr. Raley appeared before the Commissioners to present his twice-monthly report on road and drainage situations which had been brought to his attention by the Commissioners at previous meetings after which the Commissioners gave input as to additional areas of concern.

230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE

Present: Dick McCoy, SMECO
Al Gough, SMECO

Mr. McCoy advised that after the public hearing on the referenced subject which was held July 18, 1979, at Esperanza Middle School, all comments offered were evaluated. Seven alternate route proposals were on display at that hearing and as a result of the hearing, two of the seven appeared to be the least objectionable. Mr. McCoy displayed a map indicating the two routes and advised that SMECO was more in favor of the second one. If the Board of County Commissioners were in concurrence with this route, Mr. McCoy advised that a surveyor would be obtained after which negotiations to acquire rights-of-way would begin.

The Commissioners advised that they had no objections to the selected proposed route and expressed their appreciation for coming before the Commissioners to apprise them of the status of this project.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION
REOUEST FOR BUDGET DOCUMENTATION

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward correspondence to the Board of Education requesting that upon submittal of their budget that all documentation presented to the Board be furnished to the Budget Officer and that all requests prior to reductions also be furnished.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION
COURTHOUSE HEATING SYSTEM

The County Administrator presented a Technical Assistance Grant Application prepared by Stewart White, Energy Monitor, to be submitted to the Energy Office for the evaluation of the heating system at the Courthouse. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Application. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATE JAIL GRANT

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Board of Public Works advising that unless we take some action on the legislation regarding state jail grant to St. Mary's County in the amount of \$200,000 these funds will lapse on June 1, 1980. Mr. Cox recommended that time be set aside in the near future to discuss this legislation and determine what direction to take.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
SOUTHERN MARYLAND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM - SIERRA HOUSE

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Award for the referenced project (#DAA 18-1A.6) for supplemental funding in the amount of \$8,900 for the purchase of a 15 passenger maxi-van.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said NGA. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Administrator presented a letter of resignation from Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney, effective May 20, 1980, in that he has joined the Peace Corps for two years.

CORRESPONDENCE TO STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Board's signature to the State Highway Administration stating that because St. Andrews Church Road is a connector between two state roads, Rt. 235 and Rt. 5, and the fact that the access road to the new bridge will be tied in to this road, that the State should take title to St. Andrews Church Road. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments which have been recommended for approval by the Budget Officer:

No. 80-25 - Increase Account No. 1232-79710 (Highway Maintenance-Undist.) by \$949,000; Account No. 3-16600 (Highway Gasoline Taxes) by \$1,156,195; decrease Account No. 1232-79720 (Highway Maintenance-Undist.) by \$949,000; Account No. 5-15600 by \$1,156,195.

No. 80-27 - Increase 1832-3131 (Equipment - Recreation and Parks) by \$673; decrease Account No. 1832-1111 (Salaries-General) by \$673.

No. 80-28 - Increase Account No. 2141-111 (Salaries-General - Housing Authority) by \$2,400; decrease Account No. 2141-2111 by \$200, Account No. 2141-2411 by \$800; Account No. 2141-2431 by \$800, Account No. 2141-2441 by \$400 and Account No. 2141-2461 by \$200.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the above Budget Amendments. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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

The County Administrator presented the lease by and between the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Tri-County Youth Services Bureau for use by TCYSB of the Headmaster's

House at the Charlotte Hall School property in the amount of \$750 per month, effective July 1, 1980. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and sign said letter. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE TO HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The County Administrator presented correspondence to Delegate John Hargreaves, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for the Board's signature formally endorsing House Bill 754 (TRICA) for the Tri-County alternative to Cheltenham. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

FAIRGROUNDS TASK FORCE

The County Administrator presented to the Commissioners the following list of individuals and the organizations they represent who will be serving on the Fairgrounds Task Force:

Fair Board

James R. Owens
Elwood Cusic

Chamber of Commerce

Cuthbert Fenwick
Carol Kenney

Farm Bureau

Robert T. Jarboe
R. Johns Dixon

Economic Development Commission

Arthur "Buck" Briscoe
Edward Long

Rotary Club

Tom Ostertag
Mike Marlay

Watermen's Association

Robert T. Brown
Larry T. Crowder

The Commissioners agreed to meet with the above groups at one of their regular meetings in order to give them their charge and a timetable.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Big Brother/Big Sister Program is in the third year of funding of the grant from the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. A decision is needed by the Board as to the future of the Program and Mr. Cox recommended that the staff prepare a recommendation with regard to this and return to the Commissioners in the near future for discussion and consideration of the recommendation. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Present: Marvin Joy, Superintendent of Schools
Stan Schrader
James Forrest, President, Board of Education
Bill Dixon, President, School Bus Contractors Assoc.
School Bus Contractors
School Bus Drivers

Mr. Joy explained to the Commissioners that funds currently received from the State for school bus transportation are not adequate to meet today's needs because of the increased cost of gasoline and maintenance. He stated that some of the school bus contractors are not making a profit and that some are actually losing money. Mr. Dixon stated that the bus drivers are currently operating on a two-year old contract with the State which does not take into consideration these increased costs.

\$76,624.41 was requested by the School Bus Contractors in order to reimburse them for costs and to provide for additional costs through this school year.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of working with Maryland Association of Counties in requesting these additional funds from the Governor and discussed the possibility of a suit if these funds did not come forth.

In conclusion, the Commissioners directed that the Board of Education absorb the additional costs in the amount of \$76,624.41 plus an escalating factor of .02¢ per mile for every .05¢ per gallon increase in gasoline costs from September 1979 through June 1980.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER'S ASSOCIATION

Present: Beth Baker, President, Bus Drivers' Association
Evelyn Page, Bus Driver's Association
Ruth Edwards, Bus Driver's Association
Mary Cobbs, Bus Driver's Association

The Bus Driver's Association appeared before the Commissioners to discuss what they claimed to be unfair salary practices by the bus contractors and to request the County Commissioners to intercede on their behalf.

The Commissioners expressed the opinion that they have no legal authority to tell the contractors what the drivers should be paid. However, the Commissioners agreed to check with the County Attorney as to this legality.

COMMERCIAL INVENTORY TAX TASK FORCE

Commissioner Dean recommended that a Task Force be appointed to evaluate and make recommendations to the Commissioners regarding the commercial inventory tax. The Commissioners agreed to take action on this matter at next week's meeting.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

Present: George Sullivan, Chairman, Airport Commission

Mr. Sullivan appeared before the Commissioners to bring certain matters to the Board's attention and to request their approval. Mr. Sullivan advised that the proposed lease agreement with Mr. Cooper has been finalized and is in order for the Commissioners' approval and signature. Other matters presented by Mr. Sullivan are as follows:

1. A request for a letter from the Commissioners stating that Mr. Cooper has the lease and that he can receive his gasoline allocation in the amount of 75,000 gallons.
2. An Application for Federal Assistance to complete taxiway, land acquisition and obstruction removal which has been prepared by the County Engineer.
3. Master Plan for the Airport has been prepared in final draft form and is being reviewed by the Planning Commission to prepare recommendations and to present at public hearings. The plan will then be forwarded to the County Commissioners for the final approval process. Mr. Sullivan requested a time sequence of events for this process.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Sullivan that they would review all of the above matters and return with a response in the near future.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator
COA Representatives

Mrs. McGaharn presented the revision of the Area Plan's budget for Programs on Aging for the period from October 1, 1979 through September 30, 1980 for Titles III-A, III-B, III-C.

The Commissioners reviewed the Plan along with the Budget Officer and after discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the submitted amendments.

With regard to the Senior Services Center, those in attendance spoke in favor of the establishment of a Senior Service Center and recommended minor modifications and interim alterations to Building No. 2 at the Governmental Center. The Commissioners requested that the proposal be presented in greater detail and requested that Mrs. McGaharn return for this presentation at a later date.

(Commissioners Aud and Millison left the meeting in order to attend a funeral.)

PUBLIC HEARING
TEXT CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE

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

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on certain text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

The complete record, minutes and tape of the proceedings are on file in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

REZONING HEARING
ZA NO. 79-261
MARY O. CALLOWAY

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

The Commissioners conducted a hearing on the application of Mary O. Calloway to rezone approximately 6 plus acres, located on Md. Rt. 5 at Callaway in the Second Election District on Tax Map 50, Parcels 20 and 21, from RSC, Rural Service Center and AR-2, Agricultural Residential to C-2, Commercial.

The complete record, minutes and tape of the proceedings are on file in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

HOLLYWOOD SHORES SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the Hollywood Civic Association has provided a list of at least 50% of the benefiting property owners for the proposed special taxing district for road improvements and as soon as percentages are verified by his office that a public meeting will be scheduled with the property owners.

LANDFILL OPERATING EXPENSES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris apprised the Commissioners of the difficulties encountered in the operation of the landfills with regard to obtaining equipment that has been ordered and other needed equipment and stated that he would return with more details at a later date.

PROJECT NOS. 80-5-4 AND 80-5-5
ST. ANDREWS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the bid tally sheets for the referenced projects for heating and electrical work and recommended that the electrical work contract be awarded to L.O. Ryce in the amount of \$5,966.00 and the heating contract to Winters Sheet Metal in the amount of \$4500 for two units.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept the County Engineer's recommendations. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 80-32

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris submitted Budget Amendment No. 80-32 for the following account transfers:

Increase Account No. 1243-60220 (Maintenance and Storage Facility) in the amount of \$2,421;

Decrease Account No. 1243-60520 (Ridge Transfer Station)
by like amount.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre,
to approve said Budget Amendment. All Commissioners voted in
favor.

ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT
NO. 80-1-5

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the bid tally sheet for the referenced
project and recommended awarding the bid to Dean Construction
Company, the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$406,817.80.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold,
to accept the County Engineer's recommendation. Motion was
carried with Commissioners Sayre and Arnold voting in favor
and Commissioner Dean abstaining.

RENTAL CONTRACT
PROJECT NO. 80-1-4

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Commissioners with a synopsis
of Rental Contract Services for Road, Roadside and Drainage
Improvements along various county roads and in addition a
bid tally sheet for these projects. Mr. Norris recommended
awarding the bid to Raymond Woodburn, the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre,
to accept the County Engineer's recommendation. All Commis-
sioners voted in favor.

PROJECT NO. 76-1-10
MILLSTONE LANDING PROJECT
EXTRA WORK ORDER NO. 1

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Extra Work Order No. 1 for the
referenced project payable to Larry Day & Associates in the
amount of \$915.11. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by
Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to
sign said Extra Work Order and to approve an account transfer
pending review and concurrence by the Budget Officer. All Com-
missioners present voted in favor.

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PATUXENT PARK WEST SUBDIVISION BOND

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners of correspondence received from D.H. Steffens Co. on behalf of Mr. Leonard Snyder and Mr. Jacobson stating that they are working on a study of the property and requested a delay on the subdivision bond from February 15, 1980, to April 1, 1980. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Easement by and between the Board of County Commissioners, Southern Maryland Electric and Hugh Allston and Robert T. Arrickson involving a strip of land which allows Discovery Subdivision to be tied into the sewer line.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept said Easement. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HOUSING AUTHORITY
MODERNIZATION OF TUBMAN-DOUGLAS ESTATES

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Housing Coordinator

Mr. Mitchell stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved the funding of a Modernization Project for the Tubman Douglas Development in the amount of \$231,000 which includes \$25,000 to be used for technical and engineering expenses.

Mr. Mitchell requested authority to fill two contract positions; one for a period of approximately 45 days (Modernization Technical Advisor and the second for approximately eight months (Modernization Foreman) both at the rate of \$6.05 per hour. Both positions are to be paid from the grant.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to sanction the above plan as presented by Mr. Mitchell. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

RECREATION AND PARKS
MAINTENANCE FOREMAN POSITION

The County Administrator advised that it was the recommendation of the Selection Committee to hire John G. Mattingly, Sr. to the position of Maintenance Foreman, in the Office of Recreation and Parks, Grade 8, effective February 25, 1980. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept this recommendation. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CUTTING OF GRASS - RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
(WILDEWOOD SIDE)

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Metropolitan Commission requesting permission to have Paragon Builders, Inc., cut grass and small shrubs along the railroad right-of-way from Old Rolling Road to 1,000 feet west of St. Andrews Church Road on the Wildewood side of the railroad right-of-way. Approval by the Commissioners would be subject to approval by Southern Maryland Electric.


The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commissioners approved the minutes of their meetings of January 29, 1980 and February 4, 1980 as submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President