

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 1980

Present: 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

(Commissioner Aud was not present due to illness.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

ST. MARY'S EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Gene Pellillo, past Vice-President of the Employee's Association, introduced the new officers of the Association to the Commissioners as follows:

President	- Peggy Childs
1st Vice-President	- Debbie Parsons
2nd Vice-President	- Anita Meredith
Recording Secretary	- Tricia Russell
Corresponding Secretary	- Bonnie Manning
Treasurer	- Mary Lou Norris

ALCOHOL FUEL PROJECT

Present: Jack Witten

Mr. Witten appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of the referenced project and stated that an engine of a county vehicle is being modified to run on alcohol fuel. He discussed the progress of the project and the publicity generated and mentioned that he was working with the college to try to recruit an intern. Due to the fact that Dan Dawson will be going back to school in September, Mr. Witten inquired of the possibility of hiring Rick White from the College, who is knowledgeable in technical and mechanical aspects of engines, at the same salary rate and hours as Mr. Dawson.

Further, Mr. Witten discussed with the Commissioners the difficulties encountered with Economic Development Administration and the Energy Office in trying to obtain the \$150,000 grant.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of establishing a reasonable timetable and Mr. Witten suggested that perhaps if the grant is not forthcoming that the County could appropriate the funds which would be amortized in savings of fuel costs over

a matter of time. Also discussed was the possibility of stimulating interest in the private sector of the community to raise the necessary funds.

The Commissioners advised that they would respond at a later date with regard to the above.

#### RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER'S REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Raley presented his twice-monthly report to the Commissioners on various road and drainage situations and obtained additional input as to additional areas of concern. In addition, Mr. Raley presented a letter to the Commissioners requesting the County to appropriate funds for an additional Road Maintenance Supervisor and six Highway Workers I, plus one truck.

The Commissioners advised that they would request the Budget Officer to review this request and consider it at the time of budget review.

#### OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Sheriff Joseph Lee Somerville

Sheriff Somerville distributed to the Commissioners a statement of expenditures relative to overtime for his department during the current fiscal year. He stated that in addition to the hours of overtime paid Compensatory Time has been granted; however, the Budget Officer has informed him that only approximately \$100 remains in the budget for the remainder of the Fiscal Year for overtime. The Sheriff stated that there were two occurrences which created a considerable amount of unexpected overtime - a jail break and the barn burnings in the Seventh District. Therefore, Sheriff Somerville requested an additional \$2,000 be placed in his budget for the remaining fiscal year.

The Commissioners advised that they would take this matter under advisement and make a decision at next week's meeting.

FAIRGROUNDS TASK FORCE

Present: James R. Owens, Fair Board  
Elwood Cusic, Fair Board  
Cuthbert Fenwick, Chamber of Commerce  
Carol Kenney, Chamber of Commerce  
Robert T. Jarboe, Farm Bureau  
R. Johns Dixon, Farm Bureau  
"Buck" Briscoe, EDC  
Tom Ostertag, Rotary Club  
Mike Marlay, Rotary Club  
Robert T. Brown, Waterman's Association

At the request of the Commissioners, the newly appointed members of the Fairgrounds Task Force appeared before the Commissioners to discuss their purpose and goals.

Commissioner Dean explained that the purpose of this meeting was to bring together the different groups that use the Fairgrounds to discuss the renewal and continuance of the lease for the grounds and to develop recommendations as to the long term maintenance and use of the fairgrounds. A paper setting forth the purpose and objectives of the Task Force was distributed and the Commissioners requested the members to meet in another room in order to get organized and to discuss their plan of action.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80  
GIRL SCOUT WEEK

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 9 through 15 as Girl Scout Week in St. Mary's County.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Matt Kaye, WKIK  
Rick Boyd, Enterprise  
Marion Miles, Beacon

The regular monthly press conference was held at this time. A tape of the conference is on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

APPROVAL OF ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

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

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

Present: Robert T. Brown, President, Waterman's Association

On behalf of the St. Mary's County Waterman's Association, Mr. Brown appeared before the Commissioners to request a letter from the Board recommending that the Potomac River Fisheries Commission members be replaced by watermen out of Charles and St. Mary's County which he felt would be in the best interest for the people of the two counties. He stated that the Waterman's Association was recommending the replacement of all Commission members with the exception of one.

The Commissioners advised that they would give consideration for the drafting of such a letter, but would wait until after the Potomac River Fisheries Commission meeting on Friday concerning the oyster seeding area.

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
H.B. 1559 - BUDGET CATEGORY CHANGES

Present: Marvin Joy, Superintendent of Schools  
Henry Kanowicz, Director of Business Administration  
Dorothy Harper, Board of Education member

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request that they withdraw their proposed legislation, H.B. 1559 - Board of Education Budgetary Category Changes. Mr. Joy, Mrs. Harper and Mr. Kanowicz presented the Commissioners with testimony they had presented to the Ways and Means Committee in Annapolis on February 28, 1980, setting forth the Board of Education's reasons for opposing such legislation. A copy of their testimony is on file in the Commissioner's Office.

The Commissioners thanked them for their presentation and advised that they would respond to this request by next week when the full Board is present.

TAXPAYER'S ASSOCIATION - HOUSE BILL 1559

Present: Claude Jarboe  
Webster Bell

Mr. Jarboe advised the Commissioners that the Taxpayer's Association is in full support of House Bill 1559 and did not want the Commissioners to withdraw this Bill.

MILLSTONE LANDING ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the public meeting on the referenced road was held to present the plans to the property owners and the Commissioners must make a decision within ten days whether to conduct a formal public hearing. He stated that since there was no request for such a hearing by the property owners, that it was his recommendation that a hearing not be held. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and Mr. Norris advised that he would begin the right-of-way acquisition for Millstone Landing Road.

GOLDEN BEACH TAXING DISTRICT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that the public meeting was held for the referenced Special Taxing District for the reconstruction of sub-standard roads. He stated that the property owners made a number of requests and inquired whether the Commissioners would set a fixed dollar amount for the assessment.

Commissioner Dean presented a proposed letter to the property owners addressed to Mr. Bradley Dorff regarding the maximum amount of annual assessment and moved, that said letter be signed and forwarded, seconded by Commissioner Arnold. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MATTAPANY ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that proposals were received to do the survey work for Mattapany Road and the lowest bid was from D.H. Steffens in the amount of \$6,910.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the bid from D.H. Steffens in the amount of \$6,910. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

REVISED PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT  
HELEN FARMETTES, SECTIONS A AND B

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the revised Public Works Agreement by and between Israel Z. and Ezra Swarey and St. Mary's County

guaranteeing the construction of roads in Helen Farnettes, Sections A and B.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept said Public Works Agreement and authorize Commissioner Vice-President Millison to sign same. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COSTS  
RENTAL CONTRACTS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an analysis of the past year's rental contract construction program showing the savings that the County had generated which were estimated to be in excess of \$400,000, and he further related the costs the County has incurred in the rental of various pieces of equipment and manpower. He further showed out these dollars compared to the County's purchase of equipment and utilization of our own manpower.

SENATE BILL NO. 920  
POWER PLANT SITING PROGRAM - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Present: Marianne Chapman

Mrs. Chapman appeared before the Commissioners to request the Commissioners to draft a letter of endorsement of the referenced bill which provides that when land is purchased for power plant sites that it be used for environmental education in the interim.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize the County Administrator to draft a letter as requested by Mrs. Chapman endorsing said bill. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

1980 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The County Administrator presented to the Commissioners the Legislative proposals in printed form which are to be reviewed for accuracy and intent. The Commissioners agreed to review the printed bills and stated that would make a decision on each bill at next week's meeting.

MAXI-VAN FOR SIERRA HOUSE

The County Administrator presented the bid tally sheet for the purchase of the maxi-van for Sierra House and the Commissioners requested that the projects be rebid in order to attract more local bidders.

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT GRANT

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Award for the referenced grant which allows for two additional deputies in the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Notification of Grant Award. All Commissioners present voted in favor. Further, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize the hiring of the two additional patrolmen as provided for in the grant. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MAINTENANCE FOREMAN POSITION  
RECREATION AND PARKS

Due to the resignation of Robert D. Goode, the Personnel Officer, by memorandum dated February 29, 1980, requested authorization to fill the vacated Recreation and Parks Maintenance Foreman position, Grade 8.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize the filling of this vacancy. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NOS. 80-36, 80-37, 80-38

On behalf of the Budget Officer, the County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments:

No. 80-36 - Increase Account No. 1232-61720 (McIntosh Bridge) in the amount of \$46,863; decrease Account No. 1232-63720 (Cloverhill-McIntosh Road) by like amount.

No. 80-37 - Increase Account No. 1021-2531 (Juvenile Master) by \$500; decrease Account No. 1021-1111 (Salary) by like amount.

No. 80-38 - Increase Account No. 1832-64020 (Henderson Park) by \$1,640; decrease Account No. 1832-63420 (Hard Surfacing) by like amount.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the referenced budget amendments. All Commissioners voted in favor.

AUDIT OF COUNTY FINANCES  
WOODEN & BENSON

The County Administrator presented a proposal dated February 11, 1980, from the firm of Wooden & Benson to conduct an examination of the financial statements of St. Mary's County in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. The County Administrator stated that although he was not present today, Commissioner President Aud had indicated approval of this proposal.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Wooden & Benson to perform the annual audit of St. Mary's County. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

AIR INSTALLATION COMPATIBLE USE ZONE (AICUZ)

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning  
Al Bingman, Public Works, NAS

Mr. Gerred appeared before the Commissioners to review the AICUZ drawings prior to the public meeting on March 11. The Commissioners approved the drawings to be presented as submitted by Mr. Gerred.

Mr. Gerred advised the Commissioners that in the Cedar Cove Agreement that any changes in the AICUZ "footprint" would not be depicted in any Planning or Zoning documents that would adversely affect Cedar Cove and inquired if the Commissioners were of the opinion that the Southgate Supplemental Agreement required altering of the "footprint". It was the concensus of the Board that it did not.

With regard to Cedar Cove, Commissioner Dean stated that if the AICUZ as presented by Mr. Gerred is being presented to the public on March 11, then apparently the Board is not willing to move the Accident Potential Zone (APZ) off of the Cedar Cove property. The Commissioners were in agreement with this decision, and Commissioner Dean stated he would draft the appropriate letter setting forth this decision.



TEXT CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Having conducted a public hearing on certain text changes to the Zoning Ordinance on February 19, 1980, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to direct the County Attorney to draft the appropriate Resolution, approving the text changes with respect to deleting floor ratio requirement in the Commercial Zone and the professional office requirement. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

With regard to the concept plan requirement, the Commissioners agreed to hold a decision in abeyance until a later date.

BUDGETARY REQUEST DATA

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

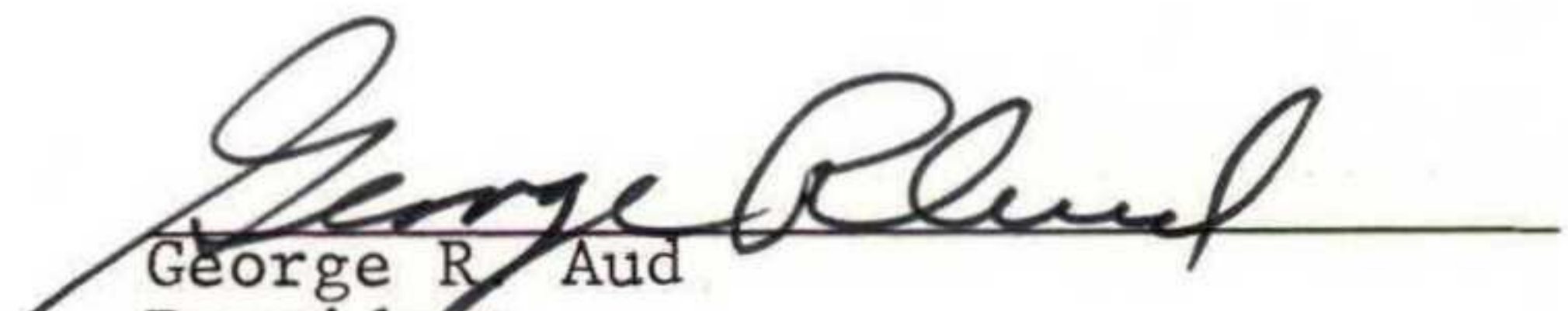
Prior to the public informational meeting to be held this evening at Leonardtown Middle School, Mr. O'Dell reviewed with the Commissioners the Budgetary Request Data of the various departments and agencies of county government.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. The Session was held from 4:40 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President