

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 1980

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

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

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Jr., Resident Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Raley appeared before the Commissioners to present his twice-monthly status report on various road and drainage problems in the County and received additional input from the Commissioners on other areas of concern.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD

The County Administrator presented a Notification of Grant Award for Title IV-A Grant for the Commission on Aging in the amount of \$650.

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

RESOLUTION R-80-22
LYARD ROAD

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented Road Resolution No. R-80-22 posting Lyard Road at 25 miles per hour at its intersection with Snow Hill Road.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 80-47
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR GOLDEN BEACH

Having conducted a public hearing on May 6, 1980 for the establishment of a special taxing district for road improvements in

Golden Beach Subdivision, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to sign Ordinance No. 80-47 establishing said taxing district. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-44
HOME OWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
THE WINSTON CORPORATION

The County Administrator presented Resolution No. 80-44 endorsing The Winston Corporation's participation in the Home Ownership Development Program for families with limited income in the Hidden River Subdivision.

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

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 80-4-1153
ASSESSMENT OF LARVAL STOCK IN POTOMAC ESTUARY

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with the comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

WASTEWATER OPERATOR TRAINEE POSITION
METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Metropolitan Commission requesting the Commissioners' approval for the creation of a Wastewater Operator Trainee position for the new St. Clement's Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant. State and Federal Regulations require that a licensed operator be on the site at 50% completion of the construction phase.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to grant approval for the creation of the position as set forth above. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROPOSED LEASE FOR OCEAN HALL PROPERTY

The County Attorney submitted a suggested proposed lease by and between St. Mary's County and Mr. James Boyd relative to the construction of a fence along the Ocean Hall property. The County is to participate in any costs for maintenance and repairs to the proposed fence due to vandalism.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to enter into said lease.

ESTABLISHMENT OF OYSTER SEED AREA
CORRESPONDENCE TO POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures to the Potomac River Fisheries Commission clarifying a misunderstanding in the Commissioners' correspondence dated March 18 relative to the County's request for the establishment of an oyster seed area.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER
CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures to the Chairman of the Tourist Task Force of the Chamber of Commerce relative to the Chamber's decision not to participate in the Tourist Information Center this season. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD
HEWITT'S CIRCLE

The County Administrator advised that when St. Andrews Church Road was reconstructed there was a portion of the old road left in use and un-named. He stated that there has been a request by some of the residents on this portion of the road to name it "Hewitt's Circle."

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to request the County Engineer to prepare the appropriate Road Resolution naming the un-named portion Hewitt's Circle. All Commissioners voted in favor.

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT - STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

With regard to previous discussion regarding the referenced grant, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the Victim/Witness Assistance Grant which will allow for one and one-half employees. Three Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioners Arnold and Millison voting against.

YOUNG AMERICAN MEDALS FOR BRAVERY

Present: Phebe Barth, Youth Services Coordinator

Mrs. Barth stated that she has received a letter from the Governor requesting nominations from St. Mary's County for the Young American Medals for Bravery. She stated that she has made inquiries throughout the County from various organizations and has received the names of two individuals. The Commissioners agreed to forward these two names to the Governor and if other nominations are received that they also be submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of May 6, 1980 as corrected. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of May 13, 1980 as submitted. All Commissioners voted in favor.

IMPROVEMENT OF VILLA ROAD

Present: Capt. Kirby, NESEA
Michael Reich, NESEA
John Norris, County Engineer

Capt. Kirby appeared before the Commissioners to request their consideration for the improvement of Villa Road. In order to demonstrate the necessity of these improvements, he gave a slide presentation depicting the inadequacy of Villa Road because of the narrowness and dangerous curves. He stated that Villa Road is the main thoroughfare to Webster Field and is inadequate now because of the expansion of Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Activity (NESEA) at Webster Field. Capt. Kirby cited several incidents of accidents that have occurred.

Discussion ensued as to the extent of improvements and Mr. Norris advised that it would require 22 feet of asphalt with 8 foot shoulders. He stated that the County does not have the right-of-way for the widening of Villa Road, and the Commissioners informed Capt. Kirby that this project was in the Capital Budget for 1982.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to favorably consider appropriating an additional \$15,000 for the design and right-of-way acquisition of Villa Road. In addition, Commissioner Aud requested the County Engineer to determine if any temporary maintenance is needed and if so to have this work done.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER - COUNTY ENGINEER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented Voucher No. 031344 payable to Raymond Woodburn for the following projects: SM 80-1-4 (Rental Contract for County Roads); SM 76-7-1 (Spring Valley Project); SM 78-1-8 (St. John's Road); and SM 80-1-5 (Asphalt Project).

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

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NORRIS ROAD/CAMP CASOMA ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources requesting the County to donate a portion of Norris Road that falls within the Watershed Project. Mr. Norris recommended that the County indicate its willingness to this request if the State would construct the necessary turn around. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

With regard to Camp Casoma Road, Department of Natural Resources has requested that the County widen the road toward the lake at the Watershed Project. Mr. Norris recommended that the County should indicate that we will give the State a permit to widen the road if it is a right-of-way problem they are having. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

LEONARDTOWN BYPASS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners correspondence from the Department of Transportation advising of a meeting on June 6 relative to the bypass in Leonardtown and requesting the Commissioners' position on the matter.

The Commissioners agreed to request comments from the Leonardtown Commissioners prior to responding to the State.

ALCOHOL FUEL PROGRAM

The Commissioners discussed the conclusion of Phase I of the Alcohol Fuel Program which was begun in September 1979 with the stated goals of producing a product that would power a vehicle and to construct a product producing facility and to modify a vehicle to use the product. The Commissioners agreed that the established goals had been attained and that in the near future a public meeting/demonstration should be conducted to conclude Phase I in order to distribute all the information and technical knowledge that has been developed.

The Commissioners also discussed the alternatives for the future of the Alcohol Fuel Program which is categorized as Phase II. Grant efforts with the Federal and State governments have thus far proven nonproductive. These grants are to provide funds for the construction and operation of a demonstration facility which would also effect costs savings in the operation of county government. Reasons for the non-receipt of grant funds were discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of the Board of Education assuming the leadership and management role for Phase II. Involved in this alternative would be county financing of the construction and operation of this facility, employing personnel and resources of the public school system. Subject to more detailed development of costs, the Commissioners authorized the Alcohol Fuel Program staff to meet with the Board of Education to discuss and to define this alternative in greater detail.

PUBLIC HEARING
AREA AGENCY PLAN - COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator
Commission on Aging Members
Mr. and Mrs. Marjoram

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the Area Plan for Programs on Aging under Title III of the Older Americans Act

of 1965, as amended for St. Mary's County as Area VIII.

The Notice of Public Hearing was read and Mrs. McGaharn reviewed the Plan item by item.

The Commissioners inquired if anyone present wished to speak for or against the Plan; hearing none, the public hearing was closed. The record will remain open for at least a week prior to a final decision by the Commissioners. A tape of the hearing is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

FY 1980-81 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. O'Dell reviewed with the Commissioners modifications to the recommended budget:

A. The Commissioners reviewed increases in revenue caused by State and/or Federal actions since the approval of the recommended budget.

B. The Commissioners reviewed additional fund needs caused by presentations and/or new information since the publication of the recommended budget.

1. \$15,000 - Design and right-of-way acquisition for Villa Road; all Commissioners voted in favor.
2. \$2,020 - St. Mary's Art Association; all Commissioners voted in favor.
3. \$1,400 - Treasurer's Office - part time help; all Commissioners voted in favor.
4. \$11,000 - Walden Counseling Center for new facility; all Commissioners voted in favor.
5. \$4,500 - Sheriff's Department - radio tower extension; all Commissioners voted in favor.
6. \$20,000 - Sheriff's Department for narcotics deputy; three Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioners Millison and Arnold voting against.
7. \$4,000 - Board of Library Trustees; all Commissioners present voted in favor. (Commissioner Aud left the meeting.)
8. \$24,400 - Environmental Education Program at Elm's Property. The Commissioners agreed to place this item in the budget

with the option to remove it, if after discussion with the Superintendent of Schools, it does not appear warranted. (Commissioner Aud was not present.)

9. \$216,000 - (federal match) McIntosh Bridge. The Commissioners agreed to place this item in the budget with the option to remove if it appears not to be warranted after discussion with the County Engineer. (Commissioner Aud was not present.)

Also discussed but not approved were the following:

10. Groundwater study - Four Commissioners voted against, with Commissioner Dean voting in favor.
11. Economic Development Coordinator - Three Commissioners voted against with Commissioner Dean voting in favor. (Commissioner Aud was not present.)

Mr. O'Dell will incorporate the changes into the recommended budget and present the budget for approval at next week's meeting.

LETTER TO BOARD OF EDUCATION - FY 1980-81 BUDGET

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

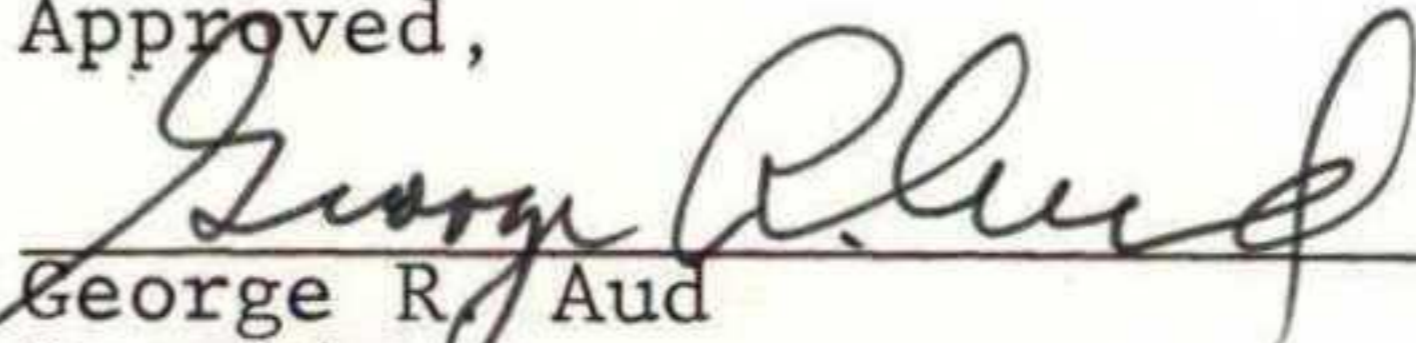
Mr. O'Dell advised that he will prepare a draft letter for the Commissioners' review and signature to the Board of Education relative to their appropriated funds in the budget. He stated that he will place the draft in their boxes and requested that the Commissioners give their comments to him on Tuesday in order for the letter to be prepared in final form and forwarded.

COPPAGE PROPERTY SURVEY - WATERSHED SITE

The County Attorney presented draft correspondence addressed to James Kenney, attorney for the Coppage heirs, regarding the survey of the property done by Mr. Albert Focer of Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill. The Commissioners gave their concurrence that the County Attorney sign and forward said letter which states that the County Commissioners will abide by the work of the surveyor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President