

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 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 9:20 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 Commissioners' meeting of July 29, 1980 as corrected. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of August 5, 1980 as corrected. All Commissioners' voted in favor.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of August 12, 1980 as corrected. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator  
Elmer Brown  
Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

Mr. Mitchell began by introducing Mr. Elmer Brown to the Commissioners as the newly appointed manager of the Tubman-Douglas project through an Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) Agreement for a one-year period.

Mr. Mitchell went on to explain the progress of the Tubman-Douglas project and its future plans. He stated that the Housing Authority would like authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to seek office space in the Lexington Park area in that one of the houses at Tubman-Douglas is currently being used as an office but is not satisfactory for a variety of reasons which he explained. He stated that funds are in the budget for Section 8, and the Community Development Block Grant Program. The purpose of this request is so that the functions of the Housing Authority and the Tubman-Douglas project can be distinguished.

The Commissioners granted this authority and requested that they work with the Director of Purchasing and Logistics and advertise and solicit proposals for buildings preferably in the Lexington Park area and return to the Commissioners with a recommendation.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Present: Charles Walsh, Director, Summer Youth Employment Program

Mr. Walsh appeared before the Commissioners to request authorization for extension of the Summer Youth Employment Program at the following locations: St. Clements Island-Potomac Museum, Old Mill, and Recreation and Parks for a total of \$1,915.80. He stated that funds are available in the budget for this extension. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Raley presented a progress report on various road, drainage and sign projects and received additional input from the Commissioners as to other areas of concern.

CORRESPONDENCE TO DAVID LANCASTER

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to David Lancaster responding to his assertion of damages to his automobile because of the construction of Mattapany Road. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter to Mr. Lancaster stating that the county has no legal financial responsibility for the damages to his car.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 81-7-116  
GREENVIEW VILLAGE TOWNHOUSES VA FEASIBILITY

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. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 81-8-149  
COASTAL ENERGY IMPACT PROGRAM

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. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RESOLUTION NO. 80-66  
ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF GIDDINGS ROAD

The County Administrator presented Resolution No. 80-66 prepared by the County Attorney whereby the County shall abandon an 18 foot portion of Giddings Road, located in Andover Estates, Second Election District. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and sign said Resolution. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MAINTENANCE LABORER POSITION  
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

By memorandum dated August 19, 1980, the Personnel Officer requested authority to hire William D. Abell to the position of Maintenance Laborer, Grade 5, Office of Recreation and Parks, effective August 27, 1980. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to appoint Mr. William D. Abell to the referenced position. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR 1981

The County Administrator presented correspondence to be signed by the Commissioners to the various agencies, Boards, Committees and Commissions relative to the submission of legislative proposals for the 1981 Legislative Session. It was agreed that a public hearing would be held October 30, 1980, 7:30 p.m. at Leonardtown Middle School to present the proposals to the public. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said correspondence.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD  
STATE'S ATTORNEY'S A.I.D.E. PROGRAM FOR VICTIM AND WITNESSES

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Award dated August 19, 1980 from the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice for the State's Attorney's A.I.D.E. Program for Victim and Witnesses. He stated that the total project cost is \$3,000 (County's share -\$240), and that this is for previously requested funds for the partition and telephone costs.

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

OYSTER FESTIVAL  
REQUEST FOR COUNTY ASSISTANCE

The County Administrator advised that the Oyster Festival Committee is requesting the County's assistance by way of labor force and equipment during the Oyster Festival in October. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU, INC.

The County Administrator stated that certain expenditures were authorized in the 1979-1980 budget for improvements to the Head Master's House at Charlotte Hall to accommodate the Youth Services Bureau, Inc.; however, the parking area and grading was not done. He stated that reauthorization is needed for this fiscal year for this work to be done. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RAPE CRISIS CENTER

Present: Dotty Barclift, Chairperson, Commission for Women  
(on behalf of Judy McCue)  
Trooper Smith, Maryland State Police  
Trooper George Taylor, Maryland State Police

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners in order to hear the Commissioners' decision with regard to the grant proposal for the Rape Crisis Center as presented by Judy McCue of the Commission for Women at the Commissioners' August 12 meeting, and further to express their support of the program.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the County would provide an amount not to exceed \$2500 as matching funds and further agreed to administer the grant. The Commissioners directed that Judy McCue work with the Budget Officer in preparation of the grant documents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred requested authorization to extend the deadline for the Community Development Block Grant contract for Kiddie Consultants for the Wastewater Treatment Feasibility Study from September 9 to September 12. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

REZONING DECISION DISCUSSION  
CASE NO. ZA 79-280  
RIDGE COMMUNITY (RSC)

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

Having conducted a public hearing on August 5, 1980 on the referenced application for comprehensive rezoning of the Ridge Community to a Rural Service Center, the Commissioners commenced discussion. Mr. Gerred indicated that his office has received two additional requests to be included in the comprehensive rezoning of Ridge: Edward Mayer and Peter Albertson.

Commissioner Dean stated that the RSC should be established because there currently exists little or no commercial business in the First District and the Ridge Community has been the commercial center for that area. Therefore, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to request the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate Zoning Amendment documents granting this rezoning. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Gerred to be sure to notify all adjoining owners of the two additional requests.

ENERGY CONSERVATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Present: Otis Wood  
Tom Oliver  
Dave Morgan  
Paul Raley  
Stewart White  
Pat White  
Paula Willoughby

The referenced members of the Energy Conservation Coordinating Committee appeared before the Commissioners to present an up-to-date report on the accomplishments of the Committee and to present their recommendations which is on file in the Commissioners' Office. Each of the members spoke on the energy saving measures that have been taken throughout County Government and the public schools and the cost-saving factors.

Mr. Wood reviewed the list of recommendations and the Commissioners gave their concurrence with the concept of the recommendations, requested the Committee to remain intact and to develop more specific recommendations in each category.

PURCHASE OF CRIME LAB VAN  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Sheriff Joseph Lee Somerville  
Lt. Pellillo  
George DeLozier  
Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

The Sheriff presented the price quotations for the purchase of a Crime Lab Van for the Sheriff's Department and recommended awarding the bid to Fargo International in the amount of \$17,000 which includes the cost of conversion of St. Mary's County equipment onto a new van. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

SERVICE AWARDS TO COUNTY EMPLOYMENTS

The Commissioners presented a 25-Year Pin to Virginia Johnson of the Treasurer's Office for 25 years of service to the County. The following individuals received 15-year Service Award Pins: Al Barthelme, Kay D'Esposito, Walter Downs, Mary Lou Norris, Paul Raley, Lelia Rogers and Otis Wood.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-64  
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Present: June Hall  
Sister Sarah Ann

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming September 8, 1980 as International Literacy Day.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-67  
TOOTSIE ROLL DAY

Present: James Mora  
Richard Effler

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming October as Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Days for Mentally Retarded Citizens.

LETTER OF WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP HICKEY

Present: James Mora  
Richard Effler  
Father Smola

Father Smola, James Mora and Richard Effler accepted on behalf of the Archbishop James Hickey of Washington, D.C. a letter of welcome and a County seal commemorating his visit to St. Mary's County on September 7.

PUBLIC HEARING  
AMENDMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN  
BY AMENDING AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Present: Austin White, Airport Commission Member  
F. Elliot Burch Sr, " " "  
Thomas A. McGuire, " " "  
Thomas Bourne, Bourne Gibson and Shama  
Joseph A. Waldschmidt, adjacent property owner  
Edmund Wettengel, Developer, Wildewood  
Tom Bucanan, FAA  
Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning  
Anita Meredith, Recording Secretary

The Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing to amend the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Land Use Plan by amending the Airport Master Plan in order to facilitate upgrading the Airport facilities.

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

ST. MARY'S COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

Present: Peter Lambert, Hospital Administrator  
Paul Hampton, Chairman, Hospital Board  
Bernard Beavins, Member " "  
Edward Long, " " "  
Ted Newkirk, " " "

The Commissioners presented a letter to the Hospital Board expressing the County's endorsement for the financing of improvements of the St. Mary's Hospital facilities as outlined in H.B. 1568. The Board members thanked the Commissioners for their endorsement and advised that the Hospital Board is doing what is best for the patients of St. Mary's County. Mr. Beavin stated that they will be returning to the Commissioners with the bond issue or other financing mechanisms.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OVERTIME REQUEST

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime from the Sheriff's Department for the period beginning July 19 and ending August 15, 1980 in the following amounts: \$433.55 for regular deputies and \$311.87 for CID deputies. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the overtime as requested. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT  
WIDOW WOODS SUBDIVISION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Public Works Agreement by and between Benjamin H. Burroughs, Jr. and St. Mary's County guaranteeing the completion of the roads in Widow Woods Subdivision by November 1, 1980. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Public Works Agreement. All Commissioners voted in favor.



PERSONNEL ACTION  
PLANNING TECHNICIAN POSITION  
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

By memorandum dated August 26, 1980, the Personnel Officer requested authorization to appoint Laura Clarke to the position of Planning Technician, Grade 8, in the Office of Planning and Zoning, effective September 1, 1980. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to appoint Laura Clarke as recommended above. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison voting against stating he was not in favor of expanding the Planning Office as he did not feel a need was demonstrated. Motion carried.

SLUDGE TRANSFER PROPOSAL

Commissioner Sayre stated that several citizens have expressed concern to him about the report of a proposal to transfer sludge from the District of Columbia to St. Mary's County and recommended that a public meeting be held with representatives of the various agencies who have the knowledge of what is proposed. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to prepare correspondence to the Governor to request that all permit requests relative to all state related activities concerning this proposal be suspended until the meeting is held.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss the details of public meeting at next week's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President