

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 1981

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

(Commissioner Millison was not present)

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Joseph E. Bell, II, County Attorney
Joseph E. Long, County Attorney's Office
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of possible litigation. The Session was held from 9:25 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.

(Commissioner Aud left meeting to attend a meeting in Annapolis.)

MOUND SYSTEM REPORT

Present: Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Hygiene

Mr. Raum appeared before the Commissioners to present his report on the Mound Sewage Disposal System which the Environmental Committee had been studying since 1976. He advised that various types of on-site sewage disposals systems were studied and that the mound system was proven to be the most successful for St. Mary's County at five different trial locations.

By way of illustration, Mr. Raum demonstrated the construction, operation and function of the mound system. He stated that two factors necessitated the mound system study; soil that will not absorb water quickly enough and soils that are impacted by high water table.

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After illustrating the working of the mound system, Mr. Raum advised that there were three drawbacks with the system:

1. The high cost of labor which must be done by hand.
2. The land must have continuity in soil type.
3. It will not work where the water table is less than two feet from the surface.

In closing, Mr. Raum requested input from the Commissioners as to notifying the public as to the availability of the mound system and that the Health Department is prepared to take applications. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Raum work with the County Administrator in preparing the appropriate public notice.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Raum for his role and commitment in the study of the mound system.

ALCOHOL FUEL PROJECT

Present: Dan Dawson
Henry Leskinen

The two referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present an up-to-date status report on the Alcohol Fuel Project for St. Mary's County. Over 1,000 flyers have been distributed announcing the Alcohol Fuel Symposium to be conducted January 24, 1981 at Leonardtown High School. Mr. Dawson advised who the guest speakers would be at the Symposium and discussed with the Commissioners the still demonstration he and Mr. Leskinen would be performing at the Symposium.

EXTRA WORK AUTHORIZATION COAST GUARD PROPERTY - ST. INIGOES

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett requested authorization from the Commissioners to approve payment in the amount of \$1,275 (Voucher No. 34809) to Adams Brothers Associates for extra drainage pipe work at the referenced property. The entire project is funded by a grant.

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

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FIFTH DISTRICT, HOLLYWOOD AND ST. INIGOES PARKS
BIDS ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
BIDS ON BLEACHERS

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented the bid tally sheets for the referenced projects and made recommendations to award the bids as follows:

Playground Equipment - Quality Industries - \$14,456.92
Ten Sets of Portable Bleachers (Galvanized) - Southern
Bleacher Co.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the awarding of the bids as recommended by the Director of Recreation and Parks. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ST. INIGOES COASTGUARD PROPERTY
BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP PROJECT

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised that there were several items that needed to be done in order to commence the construction of the boat launching ramp at St. Inigoes (engineering proposals, construction permit and design for spoils area) and recommended that the firm of J.R. McCrone be hired to do the engineering proposals.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept Mr. Baggett's recommendation. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 81-29
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment of the Commissioners' for approval as recommended by the Budget Officer as follows:

Increase Account No. 1114-2111(Travel-Training) by \$1,100;
decrease Account No. 1111-1111 (Salary-General)by like amount.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 81-03
AMENDMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Having conducted the appropriate hearing on October 7, 1980 on the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for St. Mary's County, Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 81-03, Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan for St. Mary's County. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were approved and signed by the Commissioners:

1. To State Juvenile Services Department re support of Tri-County Youth Services Bureau;
2. To Mr. and Mrs. William F. Young in response to concerns about road work in Spring Valley;
3. To Governor Hughes in support of Tri-County Center for Children and Adolescents (TRICCA);
4. To governor Hughes requesting continuation of Maryland Seafood Marketing Authority;
5. To Elizabeth K. Jackson in response to her concerns regarding educational needs of St. Mary's County's youth.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER
CHAIRMAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The County Administrator advised that the Voucher No. 34792 was held last week for clarification and was now in order for payment.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve payment of Voucher No. 34792 made payable to the Chairman of the Economic Development Commissioner for reimbursement for expenses for December 1980. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ZONING AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. Z81-01
RIDGE RURAL SERVICE CENTER
ZONE No. 79-280

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and sign Zoning Amendment Resolution No. z-81-01, Ridge Rural Service Center. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SENATE BILL 96
TAX CREDIT - TOBACCO BARNS

The County Administrator advised that a hearing is scheduled for January 20 in Annapolis on prefiled bills, one of which is Senate Bill 96 - Tax Credit for Tobacco Barns. Mr. Cox recommended that correspondence be prepared for that meeting advising that this bill is under review as to its financial impact on St. Mary's County. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and requested that Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer, attend the hearing and present the letter.

ETHICS LAW FOR STATE OF MARYLAND

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the State Ethics Commission regarding the requirement for local government to adopt an Ethics Law Ordinance similar to the State Law. He stated that it was to go into effect January 1 but has been delayed until July 1, 1981. A model Ordinance will be delivered to each County in the State and comments are to be returned to the Commission by February 6, 1981. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance on January 29.

With regard to the Ordinance, Mr. Cox made the following recommendations:

1. That correspondence be forwarded to the State Ethics Commission stating that the review period was too short for such an involved matter and requesting an extension for submission of comments.
2. That a review committee be appointed to review the draft of the local model Ordinance and to prepare the local Ordinance that is to be adopted by July 1, 1981.

Mr. Cox stated he would prepare a suggested list of members of the Committee for comment by the Commissioners at next week's meeting.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION

The County Administrator advised that there were two legislative items that needed the Commissioners' consideration:

1. Updating of Section 26-1A which pertains to Commissioner districts. He stated that the obsolete sections should be eliminated.

2. To submit legislation similar to Harford and Cecil County concerning the disturbance of peace by barking dogs and making it subject to the District Court process.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence that these items be included in the Legislative Package.

OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime payment by the Sheriff's Department for the period from December 6, 1980 and ending January 2, 1981 in the amount of \$569.84.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the request for payment. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MODERNIZATION TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

The Commissioners having approved the establishment of the Modernization Technical Coordinator position in the Housing Authority Office on October 14, the Personnel Officer submitted a memorandum dated January 13, requesting approval of the position description and salary, Grade 12, and the authority to begin the hiring process.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant approval as set forth above. All Commissioners voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meetings of December 23, 1980 and January 6, 1981. All Commissioners' voted in favor.

STATE WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to appoint Commissioner Aud as the County's representative to the State Water Quality Advisory Committee and Linda Bronsdon of the Office of Planning and Zoning as alternate. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND PRE- RELEASE UNIT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Commissioners unanimously concurred to submit the names of Dr. David Mossman and Mr. John Prevas as nominations for consideration to serve on the Citizen Advisory Board of the Southern Maryland Pre-Release Unit.

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COMMENDATION
JOSEPH GOODE

The Commissioners presented a Commendation to Mr. Joseph Goode for dedicated service to the community.

PROCLAMATION NO. 81-04
CELEBRATION OF YOUTH

Present: Valerie VonAllmen, Phebe Barth, Mr. and Mrs. John Early,
Norman Moore, Alfreda Mathis

The Commissioners presented Proclamation No. 81-04 proclaiming the week of January 11-17 as Celebration of Children Week.

STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Present: Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer
Dr. Joseph Bergman, Deputy Secretary
Dr. Ruth Singer, Director Local Health

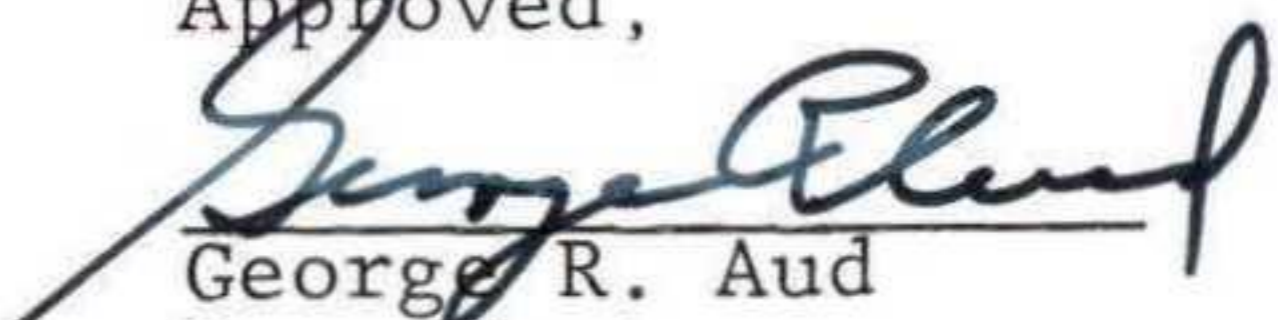
Dr. Marek appeared before the Commissioners to introduce Dr. Bergman and Dr. Singer from the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Areas of mutual concern were discussed including budgetary constraints for the upcoming fiscal year. Dr. Bergman expressed the desire that County government will continue to support the local Health Department with matching funds.

After discussion, Dr. Bergman advised the Commissioners to contact him if they had any problems or questions concerning health department matters.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for their visit to St. Mary's County and the desire for continued open communication between the two agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President