

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 19, 1982

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

(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting was called to order by President Aud at 9:27 a.m.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE - AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Present: Ms. Florence Lanham

Ms. Florence Lanham, County Chairperson for the Cooperative Extension Service introduced to the Board Mr. Dan Donnelly who will be working as an Agricultural Extension Agent in the Horticultural Department.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Present: Dr. David W. Hornbeck, State Superintendent
Dr. Richard M. Petre, Assistant Deputy State Superintendent
Dr. Larry Lorton, Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Mrs. Tina Lancaster, Member, State Board of Education

Dr. Hornbeck, State Superintendent of Schools, paid a courtesy visit to St. Mary's County and met with the Board of County Commissioners in order to learn of any principal issues with respect to education. Differing tax bases were discussed that would cause some counties to be unable to supply equal resources. It was suggested that technology courses such as in the computer field be made available to the high school students in our area in order that they be better qualified to find employment locally.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve payment of all vouchers as submitted by the Director of Finance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Arnold and carried.

EMERGENCY DISASTER DRILL/CALVERT CLIFFS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Thomas Oliver, Director of Civil Defense

The County Administrator and Director of Civil Defense commented to the Board on the incorrect and unfavorable statement made in a federal report regarding St. Mary's County's implementation of the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan.

The Board was in unanimous agreement that the County Administrator forward correspondence to Mr. Joseph Langer, Director of Maryland Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness Agency, as the state official principally responsible for the Plan, to clear the good name of St. Mary's County and restore the trust and confidence of its citizens.

COMPUTER EVALUATION COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Program Director
John B. Norris, County Engineer
Dr. William Marek, Health Department
Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. O'Dell presented the Computer Evaluation Committee's Final Report to the Board and entertained input from various departments who would benefit from the computer system. The system is being proposed for use by the County Government, St. Mary's Health Department, and possibly at a later date, the St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission. The objectives of the system are to facilitate the collection, manipulation and storage of current data and the analysis of various activities on a day to day basis of all departments using the system.

After a thorough discussion of all areas and purpose of the computer system, Mr. O'Dell requested approval of page two of the Final Report where the Committee recommended (1) Authorize Budget/Data Service Director to negotiate final prices and agreements with IBM to acquire System 34 with Commissioners signing all documents at a later date; (2) Authorize the establishment of a permanent computer management committee whose purpose will be to set annual objectives of the computer operation; (3) Agree in principal to the eventual hiring of a facility management firm whose duties will be to do software modification and enhancement and to participate in the computer management committee.

Commissioner Aud moved that the Recommendations on Page 2 be approved as presented in the Final Report. Commissioner Arnold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OFFICE ON AGING
GATEWAY I AND GATEWAY II

Present: Ms. Agnes McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator

The Senior Services Coordinator informed the Board that the Governor has released information regarding the Gateway I and Gateway II programs. For Gateway I, \$410,000 has been allocated for statewide funding of all counties based on need from informational referral. Gateway II has a \$350,000 statewide allocation for long term care and in-home services. Referral for need will be initiated through the Health Department, Social Services and Commission on Aging.

After review of prior grant funding allocations, the Board was in agreement to authorize the preparation of the grant fund application for consideration in the Gateway Programs.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH/ALCOHOLISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1981 ANNUAL EVALUATION REPORT

Present: Phebe Barth Dr. Joseph Miller
Elizabeth Raley Dr. William Marek
Dr. Richard Martin Mr. Bill Cummings

The Advisory Committee presented its annual evaluation report and discussed the needs in the areas of mental health and alcoholism in St. Mary's County. A satellite office has been opened in the Oakville area. Dr. Miller stated that the Committee is working hard to have resources transferred from Crownsville to the County. Mrs. Raley stated that the Mental Health priority is working with deinstitutionalized patients. The Committee feels that the County's priority should be having emergency facilities at St. Mary's Hospital including detox beds.

There was a unanimous agreement that the Board of County Commissioners would review the Evaluation Report and respond at a later date.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE
REDISTRICTING REPORT

Present: Fenner Boyd, Chairperson

Mrs. Boyd presented the Governor's Redistricting proposal and the Democratic Central Committee's proposal on redistricting and made the Board aware of the Maryland Constitutional and legal data concerning reapportionment. Mrs. Boyd's presentation included a map outlining the legislative districts and showing the split districts of St. Mary's County as proposed by the Governor, with the inclusion of Calvert County. Her presentation also made the Board aware that a proposal by the Central Committee showed St. Mary's, Calvert and Anne Arundel counties would not have to be split in order to meet the redistricting qualifications.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by the Board that a Public Hearing should be held to inform the public of the redistricting proposals.

The County Administrator was requested to initiate the Public Hearing and contact the County Attorney for legal advice to see what avenues there are for relief from the Governor's proposed plan.

SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

Present: John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer
John D. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer

The St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance Department was allocated \$100,000 for snow removal for FY 81-82. To date, \$40,000 has been expended of that amount. Because of the expense of using salt, sand and calcium have been used whenever feasible which have been found to be effective, also.

TALL TIMBERS BULKHEAD
PROJECT NO. SM 81-3-4

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented for approval a progress payment on a bill to Colliflower and Peterson regarding the Tall Timbers Bulkhead in the amount of \$2,592.00. There was unanimous agreement to approve payment of the bill.

MICROFILMING RECORDS
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Frank Gerred, Director of Planning and Zoning

A bid opening was held for processing Microfiche materials for the Office of Planning & Zoning. The Director of Planning and Zoning recommended the services of Micro Records Company, 3001 Vineyard Lane, Baltimore, Maryland, who bid at \$2,550.00 plus UPS charges for pick-up and delivery.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that the bid be awarded the Micro Records Company. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Letters of Gratitude

Letters of gratitude were forwarded for generous services during inclement weather to: Sheriff's Department, Maryland State Police, State Highway Administration, County Engineer, Recreation and Parks, Emergency Operations Center.

CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL (Cont'd.)

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Exercise/Calvert Cliffs

Because of an incorrect and unfavorable statement made by a federal official regarding the Exercise, correspondence was forwarded to Mr. Joseph Langer requesting he have St. Mary's County cleared of the defamation.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The County Administrator presented for the approval of the County Commissioners the upgrading of the Resident Maintenance Engineer position in the Office of the County Engineer. The upgrading is in accord with Manual of Personnel Policies and Procedures 0601 in that the State has upgraded the corresponding state job classification. The upgrading is a pay adjustment, not a promotion. Commissioner Arnold made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to upgrade the position of Resident Maintenance Engineer from Grade 16-6 to Grade 17-4. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR POSITION
OFFICE OF PURCHASING AND LOGISTIC SERVICES

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The County Administrator presented for approval the request to permanently fill the position of Telephone Operator, Grade 5, in the Office of Purchasing and Logistic Services. At this time the position is being filled temporarily. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the position of Telephone Operator Grade 5 be filled permanently upon resignation of the present employee. Motion carried.

WAIVER OF FEE
ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS

There was unanimous approval by the Board of County Commissioners that the building fee for the Association of Retarded Citizens be waived.

REZONING RESOLUTIONS
HENRY E. ZOLLENHOFFER - Z-82-1 (ZONE #81-0774)
VALLEY DRIVE ESTATES - Z-82-2 (ZONE #80-2649)

There was unanimous approval by the Board of County Commissioners that rezoning resolutions for Henry E. Zollenhoffer and Valley Drive Estates be adopted. (Commissioner Dean did not participate in the decision on Valley Drive Estates.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Subdivision of Land: Money in Lieu of Land Dedication for Park Sites

To clear up inconsistencies that exist in Res. 79-18, and Article 19, Chapter 127-1 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County which was enacted by the General Assembly in 1976, and Chapter 127-1B(3), the Board was in agreement that we request legislation be introduced in the 1982 session of the General Assembly amending Article 19, Chapter 127-1B(3) of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County, Maryland to read as follows:

"Adequate open spaces for traffic, recreation, light and air, by dedication or otherwise, and the dedication of public use or conveyance of areas designated for dedication under the provisions of zoning regulations relating to average lot

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS (Cont'd.)

size or planned community subdivisions and for the payment of a monetary fee, in lieu of dedication to enable the Commission to purchase, develop or maintain park sites for the use and benefit of the subdivisions in cases where dedication would be impractical. The monetary fee shall be established by resolution of the Commissioners on a per unit and/or lot basis."

Fences - Code of St. Mary's County, Chapter 43

Within the 1981 Legislative Package the Board of County Commissioners proposed the repeal of the fence requirement as adopted in Chapter 43 of the Code of St. Mary's County. It was learned that the wording was changed such that the law now only applies to farmers.

The Board was in unanimous agreement that the antiquated language should be omitted from the current law.

OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The Sheriff's Department overtime statement reflected being paid time and one-half for attending training classes. The Board was in unanimous agreement that the statement only be approved to pay the regular overtime; those attending training classes be compensated for by another means, namely compensatory time. The County Administrator was given the approval to make the adjustment in the statement.

PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

The length of travelling time for private school students was brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners due to reports that some students remained on buses approximately two hours, each way. The Board agreed to check into the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud, President