

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 1982

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  
Margaret Nelson, Recording Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud to approve the minutes of ~~April~~<sup>May</sup> 4, 1982 as corrected. Motion was unanimously carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the following appointments:

Human Relations Commission

Edward Campbell, term to expire June 30, 1984  
Pere Joseph Jarboe, term to expire June 30, 1984  
Rev. Charles Daugherty, term to expire June 30, 1984

Walden Advisory Commission

Patty Runco, term to expire December 31, 1984  
Mary Novotny, term to expire December 31, 1985

St. Mary's Council on Children and Youth

Ann Cline, Leonardtown High School Rep., term to expire June 30, 1983  
Harriet McNee, term to expire June 30, 1983

Soil Conservation Service

John Sivak, term to expire June 30, 1983

CETA Audit

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, authorizing President Aud to sign the letters of concurrence and assurance to the accountants auditing the CETA program. Motion was unanimously carried.

Recreation and Parks  
Clerk-Stenographer Position

The Department of Recreation and Parks requested approval for authority to fill the position of G-6, Clerk-Stenographer. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the request. Motion was unanimously carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL (Cont'd.)

Shift Pay Differential

At the recommendation of the County Attorney the following was presented for Commissioner approval of authorization for settlement and implementation of payment regarding shift pay differential.

1. Shift pay differential equal to Communications Clerks retroactive to November 1, 1980.
2. Interest payable at 10% on amount from November 1, 1980 to present date.
3. Equal shift pay differential between deputies and communications clerks from now on.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the points enumerated in the County Attorney's letter dated April 14, 1982. Motion was unanimously approved.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator  
David Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

The Public Housing Coordinator updated the Board of County Commissioners on the housing development activities and requested any recommendations by the Board. He stated that proposals are being reviewed for Tubman Douglas and the Farmers Home funding for townhouses at Valley Drive.

The Economic Development Coordinator discussed the Market Survey that he has implemented to collect data on the housing needs in St. Mary's County. He plans to interview corporate officers and employees requesting their input.

A draft letter was presented for Commissioner approval that would be forwarded to all Defense contractors and others in St. Mary's County requesting their input on the projected housing needs.

Commissioner Millison expressed the need for alternatives of sewage disposal to alleviate the difficulty of home ownership due to excessive costs due to sewage disposal.

Commissioner Dean motioned, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize President Aud to sign the Housing Market Survey as presented by Messrs. Mitchell and Morgan. Motion was unanimously approved.

FY 1982-83 BUDGETARY DISCUSSION

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Director, Budget and Data Services

The Director of Budget and Data Services presented the final budget figures for Commissioner approval on May 18, 1982. General Fund - \$24,731,057. The initial request of funds for T-hangars was excluded due to the construction being proposed by private sector. \$1,000,000 was added for Highway Maintenance. \$40,000 was put into reserve; of that amount \$25,000 would be used as matching funds for State and Federal grants that may be forthcoming during FY 83. The remaining \$15,000 would be reserved for possible use regarding employee hospitalization. Bond participation of \$16,406,225 would make the final total of General Fund \$41,137,282.

There was unanimous approval for the Director of Budget and Data Services to complete the recommended budget for final approval.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Present: Lieutenant Governor Sam Bogley  
Althea O'Connor, Executive Director, MACo, Inc.

The Lt. Governor and Executive Director of Maryland Association of Counties discussed legislative issues that involved the St. Mary's County area during the year. Some of those issues concerned: Fees set by local governments for storm water management; farmers receiving more money for water quality control; the broadening of civil zoning violations; tax differential for municipalities.

Bills expected to go before the Governor included: Removal of signs; emergency vehicle liability; grants to local governments and franchising.

Ms. O'Connor stated that MACo would keep check on general revenue sharing, and the equalization of federal education funding.

Commissioner Dean addressed the equalization standards for both the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland regarding the effluent discharge into ground water. He felt that one standard should be applied to both areas and called attention to the statute in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Executive Director of MACo agreed to check into the situation and the County Administrator was directed to forward a letter to her attention citing those differences in standards in St. Mary's vs. other Maryland counties.

Commissioner Millison added that public officials should receive persuasive input from the public in making major decisions and not be allowed to make those decisions entirely on their own.

Lieutenant Bogley encouraged continued support from St. Mary's County regarding any legislative issues.

AREA AGENCY PLAN

Present : Agnes McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator

The Senior Services Coordinator presented to the Board a request for the County to pick up the salary expense of two positions in the Office on Aging. She stated that those positions could not be incorporated under the grant unless other services were curtailed or other funds were used.

After a lengthy discussion clarification was requested. Commissioner Dean stated that he would need answers to the following questions before he would be able to make a decision on Ms. McGaharn's request: (1) What is the current budget authority? (2) What is the total amount of supplemental funds made available to Office on Aging? (3) How will they be spent?

The Senior Services Coordinator was directed by President Aud to meet with the County Administrator and Director of Budget and Data Services and return to the Board with a final conclusion as to the authorized distribution of funds for the Office on Aging.

PROCLAMATION NO. P82-25  
SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Present: Jimmy Beavan

Commissioner Millison presented the Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 9-15, 1982 as Soil Stewardship Week.

COMMENDATION  
LEONARD HALL JUNIOR NAVAL ACADEMY

Present: Thomas Crowder  
Amy Keller  
Gregg McFadden  
Mark Woodburn

Kenneth Moon  
Branna Norris  
Tom Galligan

COMMENDATION (Cont'd.)

The Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy was presented a certificate of commendation by Commissioner Arnold congratulating the school on their having been chosen to participate in the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 27, 1982.

HOSPITAL BOND ISSUE

Present: Ed Clarke, Piper & Marbury  
Sam Ketterman, Alex Brown & Sons  
Ted Weiner, Assistant County Attorney  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Director of Budget and Data Services

Mr. Ed Clarke of Piper and Marbury and Mr. Sam Ketterman of Alex Brown and Sons presented general information to the Board regarding the financing of the St. Mary's Hospital Bonds.

Areas discussed were the feasibility study, mortgage and loan agreements.

A draft letter was presented, addressed to the Health Services Review Commission, relating to the financing of proposed improvements of St. Mary's Hospital and explained that the mortgage and loan agreements would provide the County with a degree of security it needs in order to lend its credit to the Hospital. Its intent was to clarify the undertaking of the proposal by the County regarding issuance of bonds on behalf of St. Mary's Hospital. The letter will be presented in final form for Commissioner approval on May 18, 1982.

APPLICATION FOR MILA LOAN - ST. MARY'S PRESS

Present: David Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

There was unanimous agreement by the Board of County Commissioners approving a Letter of Understanding setting forth conditions and authorizing McGregor and Werner to award the contract and proceed with construction of the contemplated and approved improvements to the existing structure of St. Mary's Press thus avoiding the delay until formal documents are completed and executed.

DAY CARE CENTERS

Present: Joseph Carter, Director of Social Services  
John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

The Director of Social Services and the Director of Recreation and Parks updated the Commissioners on the expansion of the present Day Care Center program, providing services that otherwise would not be available at no cost to the County. The Centers are proposed to be located at Elementary Schools. Because of Day Care Centers having to be closed through Social Services, the Department of Recreation and Parks has proposed to undertake the programs, continuing those services that otherwise would have to be maintained at users' costs.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the proposal as was presented by Mr. Carter and Mr. Baggett.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - CIVIL DEFENSE

The County Administrator presented for Commissioner approval at the recommendation of the Personnel Officer, a request to fill the position of Deputy Director, Civil Defense, G-12. Mr. Thomas J. Brien was recommended to the position under a one-year contract effective May 24, 1982.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the recommended request. Motion was unanimously carried.

BOCA BASIC ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

Present: Frank Gerred, Director of Planning and Zoning

The Director of Planning & Zoning presented the BOCA Basic Energy Conservation Code booklet for Commissioner review that has been adopted by the State noting that the enacted law requires all newly constructed buildings to be built in conformance to the energy code effective 7/1/82.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 15, 1982 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Conference Room, after which time the Board of County Commissioners will make a final decision on the adoption of the Code for St. Mary's County.

ITEMS DIRECTED FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ATTENTION

Hertzler Request to Purchase Property

Mr. Hertzler, who holds a 99-year lease on a portion of Charlotte Hall School property has expressed an interest to purchase that property. The County Administrator was directed to contact the County Attorney for legal recommendations regarding Mr. Hertzler's request.

Deep Creek

The County Administrator was directed to contact Mr. James Roach and advise him of the status of the widening of Deep Creek located in the 8th District.

Golden Beach Covenant Violations

The County Administrator was directed to contact the County Attorney requesting his legal opinion of the recourse available to the Golden Beach residents who filed a petition regarding animals located in that area with respect to covenant violations.

Adjudicatory Hearing - Zeckiah Swamp

The County Administrator was directed to contact the Charles County Administrator regarding the date for an adjudicatory Hearing with the Department of Natural Resources scheduled concerning Zeckiah Swamp.

County Employees' Petition

The County Administrator was directed to prepare a letter to the county employees stipulating the pay scale and general administration in regard to their petitioned request for a salary increase in FY 83 and make them aware of the intent to continue under the present policy of comparability to the State.

Greenview Knolls Concept Plan

The County Administrator was asked the status of the Greenview Knolls Concept Plan and responded that the Director of Planning and Zoning would present his findings to the Board during the next Commissioner Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President