

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, August 24, 1982

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 at the opening of the meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the County Commissioners' meeting of August 17, 1982 as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Later in the meeting, after Commissioner Millison's arrival and upon review of vouchers, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve payment of the bills (under the previous voucher system and the computer printout system) as submitted by the Director of Finance, with the exception of Voucher No. 00439 payable to The Belvedere. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve payment of Voucher No. 00439 payable to The Belvedere. Motion carried, with Commissioner Millison abstaining.

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT  
SITE #2

The County Administrator reminded the Commissioners of the public hearing being held by the Army Corps of Engineers on the referenced project on September 7 and advised that county staff is in the process of preparing a presentation for that meeting. Mr. Cox went on to explain what departments and agencies will be making presentations as well as citizens in the Great Mills area who will benefit from the project by protection of their property and the cessation of flooding. Department of Natural Resources will be making the major presentation and as expressed by the Commissioners previously, the County will be supportive of that presentation by our components.

SEWAGE SLUDGE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING

The County Administrator reviewed correspondence dated August 23, 1982 from the Department of Legislative Reference extending an invitation to attend the referenced meeting for the purpose of receiving testimony from local officials. Mr. Cox, therefore, recommended that Walter Raum as Director of Environmental Hygiene and the Chairman of the Environmental Committee be requested to attend on behalf of the County.

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Later in the meeting, the Commissioners made this request of Mr. Raum when he was present on another matter. Mr. Raum advised that he would attend the Sewage Sludge Meeting in Annapolis on August 31 on behalf of the County.

CORRESPONDENCE TO R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO

As requested at last week's meeting, the County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures expressing the Commissioners' gratitude for the assistance by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company personnel in the County's recently completed "Pride in Tobacco" Festival.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said correspondence.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS ORDINANCE

The County Administrator advised that correspondence had been received from the State Ethics Commission raising certain points relative to the County's recently adopted Public Ethics Ordinance. He stated that these points were reviewed by the Ethics Committee, and, therefore presented correspondence for Commissioner President Aud's signature requesting review of a letter dated August 23, 1982 from Joseph E. Bell, County Attorney. Once a reply is received from the State Ethics Commission, the Commissioners will recommend revisions to the County's Ordinance which will be addressed at a required public hearing.

The Commissioners gave authorization for Commissioner President Aud to sign said letter.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 83-07  
HOUSING AUTHORITY

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment for the proper recording costs in the proper accounts for purchase and maintenance of equipment.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Amendment. Motion unanimously carried.

INCREASE IN MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

The County Administrator advised that it has been the policy of the County to follow the State's rate for mileage reimbursement for official travel. As of July 1, 1982 the State has increased this reimbursement from .18¢ per mile to .19¢ per mile. Effective 7-1-82. Motion unanimously carried.

FY '83 GRANT APPLICATION  
SIERRA HOUSE

The County Administrator presented a Grant Application for FY '82 for the operation of the Sierra House-Southern Maryland Drug Abuse Program to be submitted to the Drug Abuse Administration.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve and sign said Grant Application. Motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-20  
METROPOLITAN COMMISSION  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - SUPPLEMENT - 1982

The County Administrator advised that when Resolution No. 82-15, Metropolitan Commission Bond Anticipation Notes, dated June 29, 1982 was adopted, several projects were inadvertently omitted. Therefore, a Supplemental Resolution has been prepared including those projects.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and sign Resolution No. 82-20. Motion unanimously carried.

(Commissioner Millison entered the meeting.)

RENEGOTIATED BIDS ON 1983 DUMP TRUCK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

As recommended by the Commissioners at their August 10, 1982 meeting, Mr. Baggett presented renegotiated bids for the purchase of a 1983 Dump Truck. Bids were as follows:

Fenwick Ford	- \$12,748
Bell Motor Co.	- \$12,180

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Baggett, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the bid from Bell Motor Company, the lowest bidder. Motion unanimously carried.

WELL PERMIT FEES

Present: Dr. William Marek, Health Officer  
Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Hygiene

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the Commissioners sit as the Board of Health to discuss the referenced matter. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Raum stated that the purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the Commissioners with H.B. 1275 which permits County Boards of Health to collect a well permit fee in certain cases. He stated that the Health Department has been involved in the mandated sampling of all new wells, chemical and bacteriological samples. This bill is an attempt to offset costs to the local Environmental Health Officers, and a decision is needed by the local Board of Health whether to charge a fee and if so, at what amount. From July 1, 1982 to July 1, 1983 \$20 is the maximum that can be charged and after July 1, 1983 a maximum of \$40 can be charged.

Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of charging such a fee, whether the general taxpayer should bear the cost or the user of the service.

After discussion, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that effective July 1, 1983 that there be a well permit fee charge of \$20 for inspection of new wells. The vote was three to two, with Commissioners Millison and Arnold voting against. Commissioner Millison stated that he was of the opinion that the wells should be tested, but that no fee be charged. Motion carried.

The Commissioners adjourned at the Board of Health.

GOOSE AND DUCK HUNTING SEASONS

Present: Delegate John William Quade

Delegate Quade appeared before the Commissioners to request the County's support in the change of the Goose and Duck Hunting Seasons. He stated that he has received comments from various organizations with regard to this. Delegate Quade pointed out that the Goose Hunting Season in other eastern shore states is 90 days and Maryland is 70 days. A public hearing will be held in Annapolis on Saturday, August 28 to receive comments to be forwarded to the Department of Interior.

Further, Delegate Quade mentioned that it has been suggested that the Duck Hunting Season be moved to January 9 from mid-December to coincide with the colder weather.

Delegate Quade requested the Commissioners to prepare a letter of support to the Department of Wildlife addressing these two subjects. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS  
SENIOR SERVICES ACTIVITY CENTER

Present: Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator  
John Norris, County Engineer

Mrs. McGaharn and Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners the architectural plans for the additional building for the Senior Services Activity Center. Mr. Norris indicated that bids are being advertised and will be opened on September 10.

After review, the Commissioners gave their concurrence authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the Title Sheet to the referenced plans.

ADDENDUMS TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENTS  
WILDEWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, PLAT 5  
WILDEWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, PLAT 6

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Addendums to Public Works Agreement by and between Paragon Builders, Inc. and St. Mary's County, extending the deadline for the completion of roads in Wildewood Subdivision Section One, Plats 5 and 6.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to approve said Addendums, with Commissioner Dean abstaining.

ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT  
PINE HILL INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1, LOT 1

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Addendum to the Public Works Agreement by and between Pine Hill Corporation and St. Mary's County extending the deadline for the completion of roads in Pine Hill Industrial Subdivision, Section 1, Lot 1, Eight Election District.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to approve and sign said Addendum.

HELEN ESTATES  
COMPLETION OF ROADS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris, advised the Commissioners that a petition was received for the completion of the roads in Helen Estates Subdivision requesting the status of the completion of the road system. The deadline for completion of this project according to the Addendum to the Public Works Agreement is October 1.

Mr. Norris stated that he met with Mr. Swarey, the developer, who advised that he planned to begin construction by September and would have the roads completed by October 1. The Helen Estates project began in 1977 and four extensions have been granted. Mr. Swarey advised that he does not intend to request an additional extension.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to prepare appropriate correspondence to the residents of Helen Estates and attach a copy of Mr. Swarey's response stating he will complete the work by October 1.

HELEN FARMETTES  
COMPLETION OF ROADS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

For the Commissioners' information, Mr. Norris advised that the Public Works Agreement for Helen Farmettes expires on October 1, 1982. He stated that he has requested Mr. Swarey to address the completion of the roads in a letter.

FENWICK MANOR SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the \$28,000 from the Letter of Credit has been received by the County and work will commence this week.

BUSHWOOD WHARF DREDGING PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval addressed to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting that the County be granted a permit to make the following improvements to the existing public recreational facility at Bushwood Wharf:

1. Add three lady's landings on the existing public pier;
2. Extending the existing boat ramp 60 feet;
3. Construct 120 ft. timber bulkhead.

Mr. Norris indicated to the Commissioners that the County has received a \$25,000 grant for this project from the State.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

ST. GEORGE'S CREEK

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris brought the Commissioners up to date with regard to the St. George's Creek dredging project stating that he had been advised that the earliest the Army Corps of Engineers can begin the dredging is the Spring of 1983. Mr. Norris stated that the County is ready to begin its portion of the work and would like it to coincide with the Army Corps of Engineers'. Therefore, he suggested that he be authorized to contact COE to request them to change their schedule so that the work can begin with the time frame of the "dredging window."

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CHANGE OF TYPE OF ROADSIGNS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris reported to the Commissioners that he is in the process of changing the type of street name signs in the County. The new sign is sturdier than the pressed aluminum signs and can be purchased locally.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PROCLAMATION NO. 82-42  
CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN MONTH - SEPTEMBER

Present: Jimmie Mora, Clean-Up Campaign Coordinator  
Dennis Scott, Director, Tri-County Group Home  
Residents of Loretta House

Mr. Mora brought the Commissioners up to date as to the progress of the Clean-Up Campaign and reported on the future plans of the Committee; i.e. signs, litter bags, etc. He stated that currently the Committee is working on an Awards project to recognize those individuals who are helping in the clean-up effort.

Dennis Scott and residents of Loretta House were introduced to the Commissioners and mention was made of their efforts in cleaning up some of the roads in the County.

At this point the Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating September as Clean-up Campaign Month in St. Mary's County.

MARYLAND COOPERATIVE MORTGAGE BOND ISSUE

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator  
Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services

Mr. Mitchell appeared before the Commissioners to present an updated report on the referenced Program and to request the Commissioners' support. He advised that the Department of Economic and Community Development has announced that eight counties including St. Mary's County have expressed interest in participating in the Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. Mr. Mitchell went on to explain the restrictions of the program and the fact that St. Mary's County would have to advance \$40,075 which will be repaid back to the county in 5-10 years. St. Mary's County would be entitled to the issuance of \$1,145,000 in revenue bonds. A copy of the particulars of the program are set forth in a paper dated August 24, and is on file in the Commissioners Office.

Mr. Mitchell advised that in order to participate in the program, the County must complete and submit a financial participation agreement to the State by September 10 along with the check for \$40,075. The County Attorney is presently reviewing this agreement.

During discussion with the Commissioners, Mr. O'Dell stated he saw no problem with the County committing those funds if we could get assurances that the payback would be within a reasonable amount of time (three to five years). In addition to resolving this question, the Commissioners requested Mr. Mitchell to determine for what purpose the \$40,000 will be used.

The Commissioners agreed to make a decision as to their commitment at next week's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-21  
INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND - WILLIAM REEVES MATTINGLY

Present: Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan presented the incumbent Resolution for the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds for William Reeves Mattingly for the Commissioners' review and approval.

After review, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve and sign Resolution No. 82-21 as set forth above. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE TO BETTY WILSON  
AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Present: Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval addressed to Betty Wilson thanking her for her efforts in bringing the American Wind Symphony Orchestra to St. Mary's County and advising of the County's contribution of \$1500. The Commissioners authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign said letter.

CLOSING DOCUMENTS  
MCGREGOR-WERNER  
MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL LAND ACT

Present: Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan advised the Commissioners that the County Attorney has made certain revisions to the closing documents for the referenced project.

The Commissioners agreed that the documents be properly executed and mailed to the Department of Economic and Community Development.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING ANALYSIS

Present: Dave W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan requested approval by the Commissioners to solicit proposals for an economic developing marketing analysis. St. Mary's County would be examined by a professional consulting firm to assist in developing a strategy in continuing our efforts in this direction. Mr. Morgan stated that if approved by the Commissioners, the County could apply for a grant from the Department of

Economic and Community Development on a 50-50 matching basis in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

The Commissioners deferred a decision on this matter until next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel. The Session was held from 1:35 to 2:10 p.m.

RESTITUTION PROGRAM

Present: Marty Thresher, Director, TIME Program  
Anne Arundel County  
Interested parties from appropriate agencies

Because of previous interest expressed by the Commissioners, Ms. Thresher appeared before the Board and other interested parties to give an overview of the Restitution Program currently in effect in Anne Arundel County which has proved to be successful. Ms. Thresher explained that she works with the local business community to provide temporary jobs to enable juvenile offenders to earn money to pay restitution. Two-thirds of their paycheck is returned to Juvenile Court for payment to the victim.

In order to get the program underway, Ms. Thresher stated that a Task Force was established made up of affected agencies; i.e., Juvenile Services, Criminal Justice Coordinator, State's Attorney, Juvenile Court and Master, Circuit Court and Youth Services Agency. This Task Force developed goals and policies for the program and were of the opinion that there was a great need for community effort and participation. The Task Force operates under her directorship and she stated that she is the only paid staff member of the Program.

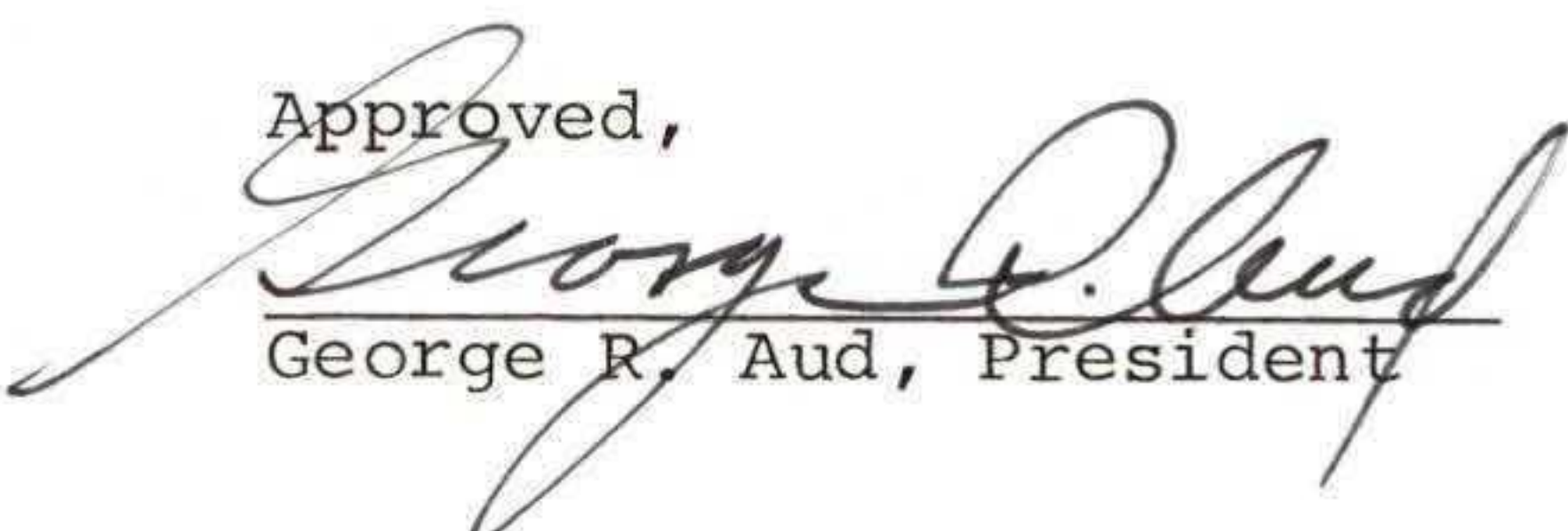
Ms. Thresher pointed out that the reasons that the program has been so unsuccessful are: the accountability factor, that it is practical and cost effective and it is what the victims of crime want.

After a question and answer period, the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Ms. Thresher for her informative presentation.

The County Administrator suggested that a meeting be arranged with all interested parties to discuss the possibility of such a program for St. Mary's County and invited Ms. Thresher to attend to provide her input.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President