

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, March 1, 1983

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. Spalding, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve payment of the vouchers as submitted by the Director of Finance. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 22, 1983. Motion unanimously carried.

HOUSE BILL 1021SHERIFF - COLLECTION OF FEES

Present: Sheriff Wayne Pettit

Sheriff Pettit appeared before the Commissioners to request their support of House Bill 1021 which allows a graduated increase for the fees for the service of civil process papers. He stated that the State's Sheriff's Association is supportive of the proposed increase in fees, inasmuch as it has not been increased since 1957 when the civil process was established.

The Commissioners concurred in granting their support of the proposed legislation and agreed to have correspondence prepared and forwarded to our legislative delegation to that effect.

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE NO. 2

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation & Parks
 Leslie Vandivere, Chairperson, Recreation & Parks

Mrs. Vandivere explained that the purpose of this meeting is as a result of a recent article that appeared in the Washington Post regarding the St. Mary's River Watershed Project - Site No. 2 which stated that there was no local support of the project. She stated that she had testified on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Board in favor of this project, and Mr. Baggett stated that he had advised the State of community support on several occasions. The article further referred to the fact that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has filed suit based on environmental concerns and now the project is in jeopardy of losing state and federal funds.

There was discussion concerning the Army Corps of Engineers' approval of the issuance of the permit and because of the suit, the permit has been delayed in order to give state officials time to further review this project.

Because of the potential loss of these funds, the Commissioners agreed to draft correspondence to the Governor reaffirming their support of the project and suggested that the Recreation and Parks Board do the same.

In closing, Mrs. Vandivere offered the support of the Recreation and Parks Board in any way possible to insure the completion of the watershed project.

"PRIDE IN TOBACCO" FESTIVAL

Commissioner Arnold presented a short film strip prepared by the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of the St. Mary's County "Pride in Tobacco" Festival held last summer. He stated that plans are underway for the 1983 Festival which is anticipated to be even more successful than last year.

INDUSTRIAL SITE PLAN NO. 83-0188
LARRY L. JAMES

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning

(Request for placement of a mobile home on a lot zoned PDIP, Tax Map 52, Block 1, Parcel 180.)

Mr. Gerred presented the referenced site plan and advised that it is adjacent to South Hampton and is inappropriately zoned PDIP. The project does not exceed the density limits of AICUZ. Mr. Gerred advised that it was staff's recommendation to approve the referenced site plan.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY

Present: J.O.K. Walsh, Director, Chesapeake Country
David Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
William Curtis, Chairman, Economic Development Commission

Mr. Walsh explained that the purpose of this meeting is to brief the Commissioners on the activities of Chesapeake Country and to explain what assistance is available to participating counties. He stated that marketing is done by three means: direct mail, advertising, and personal contact.

Chesapeake Country works in cooperation with the Economic Development Coordinators in each of the member counties and referrals and inquiries for information are directed to them. Mr. Walsh stated that if Southern Maryland forms its own Private Industry Council, Chesapeake Country would still provide assistance to the counties.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Walsh for his presentation and offered the cooperation of the County in his efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-03
INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS -
THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

Present: David W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan presented the referenced Resolution amending Resolution No. 82-26 which authorized the execution of an agreement pertaining to the financing of a facilities for use by the Machinists. The amendment was prompted by the fact that the facility is being financed by FDIC-insured Certificates of Deposit as security for the bonds.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and sign said Resolution. Motion unanimously carried.

PITTSBURGH EXHIBITION
(WEST PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMEN SHOW)

Present: David Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Mr. Morgan briefed the Commissioners on his trip to Pittsburgh to attend the referenced Sportsmen Show to promote the travel industry in St. Mary's County. He stated that it was a very successful venture and expressed his appreciation to the various organizations who provided assistance.

ENTERPRISE ZONES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Present: David Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
William Curtis, Chairman, Economic Development Commission

Mr. Curtis reported to the Commissioners that the members of the Economic Development Commission have voted to support the County's efforts in investigating whether St. Mary's County should apply for an Enterprise Zone to the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Department of ECD designates areas for the Enterprise Zone for new and existing businesses in the area.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

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

Mr. Raley appeared before the Commissioners to review the county's road maintenance account. He stated that \$69,000 was spent for the four snowstorms this season and there is a balance of \$298,814.38. He advised that it would take that amount for normal maintenance, road patching, etc. Mr. Raley advised that surface treatment of the roads would take additional funds in the amount of approximately \$100,000. He stated that he would like a decision by April 1 on this request.

Later in the meeting Mr. Norris presented the Asphalt Overlay Treatment program which the Commissioners had previously funded and advised that they would be able to allocate \$75,000. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Construction and Drainage Easement by and between Arnim R.C. Bruce, Herman Oscar, Augustine Bruce, Jerome Herbert Ruthven Bruce, Shirma Bruce, Anne Marie Antoinette Bruce, and Jude Bruce and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence in approving and authorizing Commissioner President Aud to sign said Easement.

AGREEMENT
CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN LEXINGTON PARK

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Agreement by and between State Highway Administration and St. Mary's County for the construction of a storm drainage system in Lexington Park.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

HELEN FARMETTES
HELEN ESTATES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that he and County Attorney Weiner have discussed Helen Farmettes and Helen Estates and agreed that although the roads may be completed by the developer, the process for the paperwork for calling of the bond should begin. This may give the developer the impetus to complete the work. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

"CHILDREN MAY BE AT PLAY SIGNS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that Delegate Bell has forwarded correspondence advising that Baltimore County provides "Children at Play" signs free of charge to be installed on private property. He stated that there were three options: (1) let the residents install the signs outside of the right-of-way - 25 feet; (2) let the residents install them in the right-of-way, or (3) the County would install the signs. He stated that he was of the opinion that the installation of signs should be the County's responsibility.

The Commissioners concurred and directed Mr. Norris to contact Delegate Bell to have a bill drafted as originally requested giving the County authority for the installation of the signs, but giving flexibility as to wording.

SURFACE TREATMENT PROGRAM - FY '84
SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM - FY '84

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Surface Treatment Program at a cost of approximately \$300,000 of work for 50 miles of road and an additional \$70,000 for preparation and the Slurry Seal Program at a cost of approximately \$100,000. He requested authority to bid these two projects. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM FY '84

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Asphalt Overlay Program for FY '84 at a cost of approximately \$600,000 for 7.57 miles of road. The Commissioners will give consideration to this request during FY '84 budget review.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that Department of Housing and Urban Development will be meeting with county officials on Friday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting is to get answers as to why St. Mary's County did not meet the program requirements for the Small Cities Program.

COUNTY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated February 17, 1983 setting forth a proposal for the reorganization of county government resources into a County Department of Economic and Community Development. Offices included in the reorganization are: Economic Development Office, Economic Development Commission, Housing Office and related activities and special projects.

The Commissioners advised that they would review this proposal and make a decision at next week's meeting.

HOUSE BILL 477
ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND EXTENSION
POWER PLANT SITING PROGRAM

The County Administrator advised that the referenced bill is a reconsideration of the power plant siting program and would affect the Elms property in St. Mary's County (a proposed location for a future plant.) Mrs. Marianne Chapman of the County's Environmental Education Program, is prepared to appear before the House of Delegates Environmental Matters Committee to express support of the Power Plant Siting Program and is requesting the Commissioners' support.

Commissioner Millison stated he recognized the need for power plant sites but was not in favor of the State taking land off the tax rolls.

Commissioner Dean suggested that the County Administrator prepare correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures and that those who wished to do so could sign it.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to appoint Albertine Lancaster to the St. Mary's Council on Children and Youth to fill unexpired term ending December 31, 1983 and to fill a complete term expiring December 31, 1986. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to appoint Rev. Michael G. Cole to the Mental Health/Alcoholism Advisory Council for a term to expire June 30, 1984. Motion unanimously carried.

1983 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The County Administrator advised three additional printed proposed bills have been submitted and require the Commissioners' comments:

Item No. 1 - HB 1216 - TRICCA

The Commissioners recommended support of the bill as submitted.

Item No. 29 - HB 661 - Increase Marriage License Fee

The Commissioners recommended support of the bill as submitted.

Item No. 31 - HB 1076 - Building Authority

The County Administrator advised that the County's bonding consultant Piper & Marbury is in the process of reviewing the bill and will submit their comments to our legislative delegation. The Commissioners' comments should be delayed until comments are received. The Commissioners concurred in this recommendation.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments for the Commissioners' review and approval as recommended by the Director of Budget and Data Services.

No. 83-41 - Housing Authority

Purpose: To adjust certain amounts based on revised requirements of Housing Authority savings brought about by non-use of local funds to plumb septic tanks.

No. 83-40 - County Engineer

Purpose: To increase funding for Lexington Park Storm Drainage relevant to costs to be incurred by Wilson T. Ballard Company; in addition, to provide funds for an evaluation of the downstream effects on the release of the storm drainage system. Estimated funding lapse in DC&D project.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to provide the referenced Budget Amendments. Motion unanimously carried.

No. 83-42 - County Engineer

Purpose: Request by County Engineer to adjust specific object code budget amounts consistent with contemplated outlays.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the referenced Budget Amendment. Motion unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

CLERK STENOGRAPHER - OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

By memorandum dated February 28, 1983, the Personnel Officer recommended the appointment of Tanya Butler to the Clerk Stenographer position, Grade 6, in the Office of County Administrator, effective March 14, 1983.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept this recommendation. Motion unanimously carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT

WORD PROCESSING SYSTEM - STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The County Administrator presented a three-year Lease Agreement with Scott A. Alexander for a word processing/computer system for the State's Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Lease Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE NO. 83-02

Having conducted a public hearing on January 18 on the adoption of the amendments to the Sedimentation Control Ordinance, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve said Ordinance amendment as follows:

"A grading permit should be required for any surface mining operation and the affected land covered by a surfacing mining permit issued by the State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, Title 7, Subtitle 6A."

Motion unanimously carried.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. R-83-1
RENAMING OF PORTIONS OF EVERGREEN PARK DRIVE

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the referenced Road Resolution renaming of certain portion of the circle on Evergreen Park Drive as follows:

- 1) the north side of circle on Evergreen Park Drive for approximately 1,161 feet to be renamed Spring Lake Drive;
- 2) the south side of circle on Evergreen Park Drive for approximately 476 to be renamed Bayside Drive.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve and sign Road Resolution No. R-83-1. Motion unanimously carried.

POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK FACILITIES PLAN

In response to last week's discussion and motion regarding the above, the County Administrator reviewed with the Commissioners proposed amendments to the Point Lookout Facilities Plan allowing for the possibility of addressing the sewage treatment problems in the First District. The Commissioners gave their concurrence with the proposed amendments and agreed to sign and forward correspondence to Mr. Richard Sellars, Water Management Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, requesting him to proceed to secure approval of the Facilities Plan so that available funding can be utilized to service the Boys' Camp.

PROCLAMATION NO. 83-14
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON WEEK

Present: Arthur Garden
Charles Page
Robert O'Donnell

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of March 13-10, 1983 as Tall Cedars of Lebanon Week in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 83-10
GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Present: Girl Scout Representatives and Leaders

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of March 6-12, 1983 as Girl Scout Week in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 83-15
WOMEN IN HISTORY WEEK

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of March 8-15, 1983 as Women in History Week in St. Mary's County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator

At the request of Mr. Mitchell, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud and unanimously carried, to go into Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of land acquisition. The Session was held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The County Administrator advised that the Social Services Board has submitted a procedure for the selection of members to their Board and requests the Commissioners' concurrence. Vacancies would be advertised throughout the community, followed by screening and interviews. Recommendations would then be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence with this procedure.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION
INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Glenn Gass, outgoing President of the Employees' Association, introduced new officers as follows:

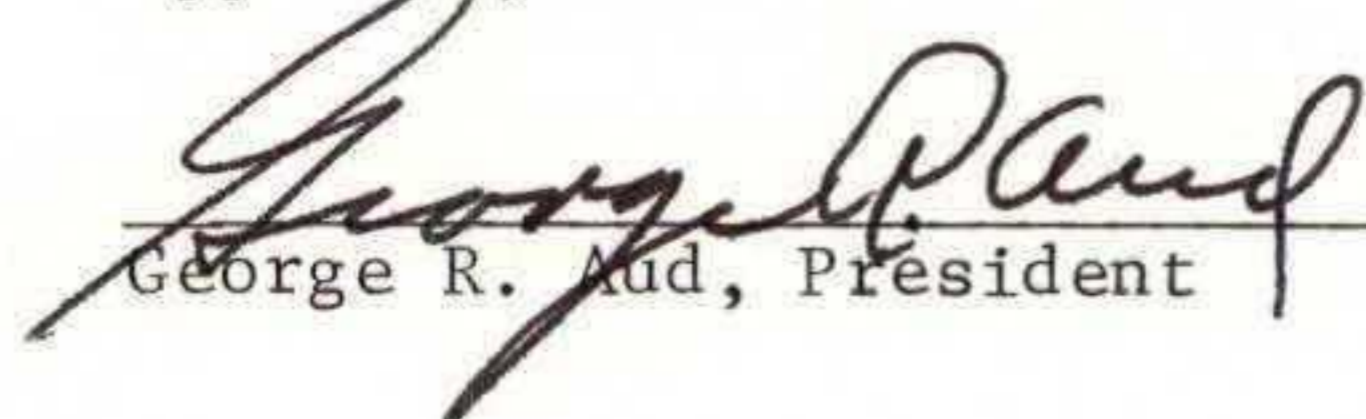
Walter Wise - President
Anita Meridith - First Vice President
Rose Thompson - Second Vice President
Karen Settle - Corresponding Secretary
Cecelia Adams - Recording Secretary
Tinka Buckler - Treasurer

The Commissioners expressed their cooperation in having a continuing a good working relationship with employees, and offered their assistance in any way possible.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud, President