

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, May 17, 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 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve payment of bills a submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of May 10, 1983 as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

FY '83-'84 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services

As a follow up to last week's discussion and subsequent budget review, Mr. O'Dell submitted a memorandum dated May 13, 1983 setting forth proposed adjustments to Revenues and Operating and Capital Budgets. A copy of the memorandum is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

During discussion, Commissioner Millison reiterated the suggestion made last week regarding the possibility of reducing the real property tax rate by .04¢ - .02¢ in that this should not harm any of the projects that needed to be funded.

In conclusion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to instruct the Director of Budget & Data Services to prepare the proposed Approved Budget based on the recommendations set forth in the May 13 memorandum. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting in opposition. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
 Gerda Manson, Personnel Officer

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel. The Session was held from 10:15 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer  
 Dr. Joseph Miller, Mental Health Coordinator  
 Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Health  
 Carole Pinckey, Director, Community Care Programs

(The Commissioners unanimously agreed to recess as the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Health.)

As required by State Statute, the referenced representatives of the Health Department and the County Commissioners conducted the twice-yearly Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Marek began by updating the Commissioners on the various programs of the Health Department and presented a chart indicated participation statistics for 1982 such as: clinic visitation, medical assistance program, alcoholism program, mental health program and child health.



CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

Ms. Pinckney explained the services of the Child Health Clinic and the fact that in order to assess these services a study was conducted by Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. After review of the data received from the study an alternative service, a compact child health clinic, will be offered. (A copy of Ms. Pinckney's report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.)

ALCOHOLISM AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Dr. Miller reviewed the Alcoholism and Mental Health Programs citing caseload, treatment, funding and future plans. He noted that Jack Maddox has been appointed as the Alcoholism Clinical Coordinator and that Berlin Cummings will continue as Program Coordinator. Ms. Belinda Anderson will be designated as the Mental Health Program Coordinator.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Dr. Marek outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Environmental Health Division and advised that in order to be more efficient and effective to the public, certain reorganization will take place as of June 1, 1983. Part of the reorganization plan is a proposal to increase the field staff by three sanitarians and the addition of one clerical person. As a result of a management engineering audit, the reorganization will also include certain alterations in management philosophy.

Dr. Marek submitted a copy of a Supplemental Grant and Budget Request for the Commissioners' review and consideration.

In conclusion the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Health Department representatives for their informative presentations.

(The Commissioners unanimously agreed to adjourn as the Board of Health and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners.)

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES OFFICIALS

Present: Tee O'Connor, Executive Director, MACo  
John W. O'Rourke, President, MACo  
Esther Gelman, 1st Vice President, MACo  
J. Hugh Nichols, Secretary  
Joseph Curran, Jr., Lt. Governor

The referenced officials from Maryland Association of Counties and Lt. Governor Curran appeared before the Commissioners to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. Items discussed were: pension system, "911" System, Alternative on-site sewage disposal systems, seed oyster program, promotion of Maryland tobacco abroad, 350th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Maryland, preservation of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, adequate housing programs and Workmen's Compensation Poll.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the above individuals for their cooperation and assistance in these matters.



RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

Present: Dennis Flynn, Coordinator, RC&D Program  
Tim Frink, District Manager, Soil Conservation  
John Hall, Soil Conservation Service  
Marianne Chapman, Camp Director

The above referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to give a slide presentation of the programs and activities of the Natural Resources Camp located at the Elms Property. The first camp was held last year and this year's camp will be held June 19-25. Mr. Flynn expressed appreciation to the Board for the County's support of the Camp which has led to its success.

SITE PLAN #81-1438  
CHARLOTTE HALL LUMBER COMPANY  
(J. MERTIN JARBOE)

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

(Requesting temporary siteplan approval to replace a burned building. The property contains approximately 6.4 acres and is located on Rt. 5, in the Fifth Election District, on Tax Map 4, Block 4, Parcel 12, and is currently zoned C-2, Commercial, Extensive Highway Oriented).

Mr. Gerred presented the referenced Site Plan and advised that the Planning Commission approval has been received by the Planning Commission. The Commissioners unanimously concurred to grant approval of Site Plan #81-1438.

JOB PARTNERSHIP TRAINING ACT  
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean and unanimously carried, to make the following appointments to the Private Industry Council:

Business

Mr. Harold T. Herndon  
Mr. Kennedy Abell  
Mr. Abell Longmore

Education

Dr. Larry Lorton

Rehabilitation

Mr. Frank Combs

Labor

Mr. Kenneth Conklin

NAVY HOUSING RELOCATION PROJECT  
APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TYPIST

The County Administrator submitted a memorandum dated May 16, 1983 recommending that Janis Adams be appointed to the Clerk Typist position, Grade 5, for the Navy Housing Relocation Project, on a one-year contract, effective May 18, 1983.

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



REQUEST OF MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that Christina Jackson, Office Clerk I, Purchasing and Logistics, has requested a maternity leave of absence and a continuation of insurance coverage during her period of absence. Mr. Cox recommended the Commissioners approval of:

1. Leave of absence after use of available accumulated leave;
2. Continuation of insurance coverage to end of month in which she leaves under 90%-10% arrangement.
3. Continuation of insurance coverage beyond period of No. 2 under 100% arrangement at her expense.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to accept the recommendations as set forth above.

CORRESPONDENCE TO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signature addressed to Mr. Fred Eskew, Department of Natural Resources formally requesting release by the Board of Public Works of those funds allocated by the 1983 Maryland General Assembly for the construction of the St. Clements Island Visitors' Exhibit Center at Colton's Point. Also the letter designates Mr. John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks as county government project coordinator.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

MARYLAND TOBACCO FESTIVAL

The County Administrator presented for the Commissioners' review and signatures an invitation to be inserted in an agricultural publication to the Maryland Tobacco Festival in St. Mary's County August 6 and 7. The Commissioners agreed to sign same.

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION - BUDGETARY ISSUES

Present: J. Claude Jarboe  
Betty Robrecht  
Other members of the Taxpayers Assoc.

Representatives of the Taxpayers' Association appeared before the Commissioners to comment on several budgetary issues:

1. That the Commissioners reconsider reducing the real property tax rate by .04¢ as had been discussed last week;
2. Opposition to County employees' 4% cost-of-living increase; (The Commissioners advised that the amount has been reduced to 2%)
3. "Across-the-Board" increase for the Board of Education;
4. What economic development has been brought into the County?
5. That the budgetary figures be published ahead of the public hearings.

(Judith Spalding left meeting at this time and Margaret Nelson took the minutes of the remainder of the meeting - 2:25 p.m.)



Mr. Jarboe asked about the county bond debts. He also questioned whether the new hospital construction was having financial problems. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that they were not aware of any problems.

The prisoner services program was referred to. The Board stated that prisoners are now being utilized to perform county services in lieu of fewer days imprisoned.

A gentleman in the audience stated that he felt so few people attend the budget hearings because they don't understand the figures presented in the handout package and the timeframe of the hearings don't allow enough time to do so. He was informed that the figures are available in advance of the meeting and the Budget Director would explain them, if contacted.

#### 100 DAY CLUB

Deputy George Delozier was presented a 100-day Sick Leave Club Certificate by Commissioner Aud in recognition of the hours of accumulated sick leave.

#### COUNTY ENGINEER

Alternate Sewage System - Potomac River Museum - was described by the County Engineer for use at the Museum and requested that the County Attorney research the system. If found feasible, the sun-drive sewage system would be implemented for use. The Board gave unanimous agreement for the County Engineer to research the system and return the results upon completion.

Millstone Landing Road - Due to the collapse of a clay drainage pipe, construction repairs are presently underway on Millstone Landing Road. The County Engineer recommended continuation for completion of the project being the present construction is underway, with money allocated for the asphalt overlay to be used for the project completion. The Board was in unanimous agreement with the County Engineer's recommendation.

#### Surface Treatment Seal Coat Project Number SM 83-1-7

The County Engineer recommended Montgomery Construction of Baltimore Maryland, who was the lowest bidder, as the firm to complete the above referenced project. Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison to accept the County Engineer's recommendation. Three Commissioners were in favor of the recommendation. Commissioner Arnold was against. Commissioner Dean was absent. Motion carried.

\* See minutes of May 24, 1983.

#### Traffic Light Rt. 4 and Bellwood Lane

Upon recommendation by the County Engineer, there was unanimous agreement by the Board that a traffic light be erected at the intersection of Rt. 4 and Bellwood Lane at the cost of \$183.60 per year.

#### Grading Agreement Julius J. Finnacom

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the grading agreement as presented by the County Engineer in the amount of \$13,200 regarding the Sediment Control Plan of the site situated in Woodland Subdivision in the name of Julius F. Finnacom. Motion carried.



Construction & Drainage Easement

Arnim, Herman, Jerome, Shirma, Anne Marie & Jude Bruce

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the construction and drainage easement as presented by the County Engineer in order to effect and make contemplated improvements in the area of the above referenced Bruce family property on McIntosh Road. Motion carried.

Acquisition of Land/McIntosh Road

Because the County has been unable to acquire the title to a portion on land situated on McIntosh Road the County Engineer requested approval to relocate that portion of the road. The Commissioners were in unanimous approval of the County Engineer's recommendation.

Drainage Problem

George Adams Property, Park Hall, Maryland

Commissioner Sayre requested that the County Engineer check into the drainage problem as reported by Mr. George Adams in Park Hall. The County Engineer agreed to meet Commissioner Sayre and check into the situation.

County-Owned Mechanicsville Pond

At the request of Commissioner Arnold, the County Engineer agreed to check into the quantity of fill required to close the county-owned pond in Mechanicsville and report his findings at next week's Commissioner meeting.

George Payne/Consultant Inspector  
Salary Adjustment

There was unanimous approval by the Board to increase Mr. Payne's salary to \$14.00 per hour.

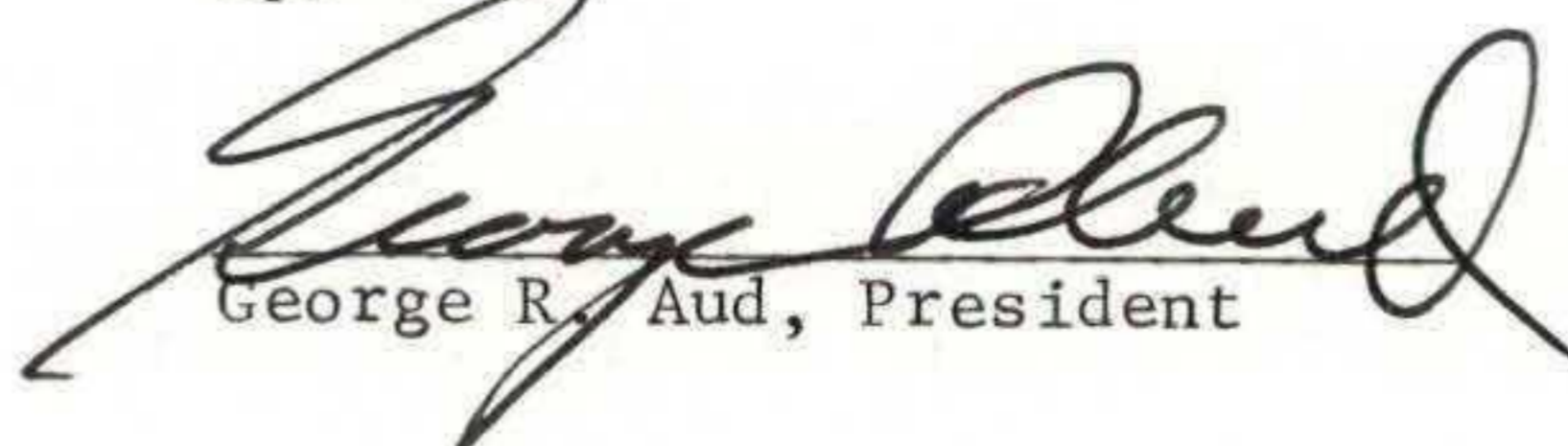
Permission Request to Burn Brush  
County-Owned Railroad Right-of-Way

The County Administrator was directed by the Board to send correspondence to the President of the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department stating the Board's approval of the request of Mrs. Cindy Dent to use the county-owned railroad right-of-way to burn brush near her residence in order to rid the area of snakes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved

  
George R. Aud, President