

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 1983

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President
Commissioner Larry Millison, Vice-President
Commissioner Richard D. Arnold
Commissioner David F. Sayre
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Ford L. Dean was not present due to illness.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 11, 1983. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) ADULT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM
SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER POSITION-1

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Department of Social Services is requesting approval for the referenced contract position be administered through the County's personnel system, effective July 1, 1984.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

2) GRANT APPLICATION
ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND-POTOMAC MUSEUM

The County Administrator presented the referenced Grant Application to be submitted to the Maryland Committee on the Humanities for the St. Clement's Island Potomac River Museum in the amount of \$5,639.45. The purpose of the grant is for an historical narrative program on the founding of Maryland entitled "From the Water's Edge."

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve submission of said Grant Application. Motion unanimously carried.

3) PERMANENT PART-TIME POSITIONS
OFFICE ON AGING - BUS DRIVERS

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated October 17, 1983 from the Personnel Officer advising that the Senior Services Coordinator is requesting that two bus drivers, Frank Abell and Michael Yates, be converted to permanent part-time status, effective October 1, 1983. Both employees are paid from Title III B Funds.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to approve the conversion of these two positions. Motion unanimously carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS ITEMS (Continued)

4) CARVER ANNEX PROPERTY

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated October 11, 1983 from the County Engineer setting forth estimated costs in the amount of \$4,524.24 for the seuring of the vacant building of the Carver Annex property. Mr. Cox stated that the firm of Risk Management Services has advised the County that an urgent liability situation exists at the Carver Annex property and that the structure should either be secured or demolished. In subsequent discussion, the County Commissioners agreed to withhold action on this matter until the County Engineer can develop costs for demolition after which the Commissioners will decide the dispostion of the property.

5) 1984 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE
(PROPOSED ITEMS)

The County Administrator submitted to the Commissioners the package of proposed legislative items submitted by various county departments and agencies. He stated that Legislators will be conducting the public hearing and requested the Commissioners to suggest a suitable date. The Commissioners will get back with a suggested date for the hearing.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

1) ACCEPTANCE OF FEE SIMPLE DEED
(NEW MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION)

The County Engineer presented a Deed dated August 16, 1983 by and betwen Willard Allen Harris, Sr. , and Ida Mae Harris and the Board of County Commissioners for that portion of Point Breeze Road, Seventh Elections District, that fronts the area for the construction of the new museum at Colton's Point.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to accept said Deed.

2) CERTIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION
ST. MARY'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The County Engineer presented the referenced Certificate of Substantial Completion for the additions and alterations to the St. Mary's Senior Citizen Center at the Governmental Center.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Certificate. Motion unanimously carried.

3) MCKAY'S COVE DREDGING PROJECT

The County Engineer presented correspondence dated September 29, 1983 from the Army Corps of Engineers requesting the President of the Board's signature on the permit for the dredging of McKay's Cove at Tall Timbers.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said permit. Motion unanimously carried.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS (Continued)

4) CAL-ACRES SUBDIVISION
REQUEST FOR WAIVER

The County Engineer presented correspondence dated October 13, 1983 from the President of Cal-Acres, Inc. requesting that the urban street requirement of the Road Ordinance be waived for Section II of Cal-Acres Subdivision so that it will be compatible with the rest of the road system in the subdivision. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to waive the urban street section as requested.

5) PROJECT NO. SM 84-4-3
ST. MARY'S COUNTY LIBRARY IN LEONARDTOWN

The County Engineer presented an Agreement by and between Young & Watson, Inc. and the Board of St. Mary's County Commissioners for the Library Casework and Equipment for the St. Mary's County Library in Leonardtown in the amount of \$43,550.

The Commissioners agreed to accept and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

6) INCREASE IN BUDGET AUTHORITY
ROOFING WORK - LIBRARY PROJECT

The County Engineer requested the Commissioners' approval that the Director of Budget & Data Services prepare the appropriate budgetary documents to increase the funds in the library project for the completion of the roofing in the amount of approximately \$10,000.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to grant this request. Motion unanimously carried.

7) ENFORCEMENT
SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE (H.B. 654)
ROAD ORDINANCE (H.B. 655)

Mr. Norris stated that House Bills 654 and 655 were passed by the Maryland Legislature last year and it was necessary now to schedule a public hearing to establish penalty fees. Mr. Norris proposed that the following schedule of fees be presented at the hearing:

\$200 -Failure to Obtain Permit
\$100 -Failure to adhere to conditions of permit
(Each day would constitute a separate offense.)

Mr. Norris will return to the Commissioners with a date and time for the public hearing.

8) CAPITAL PROJECT REVIEW

Mr. Norris distributed to the Commissioners the Project Status Report for the County Engineer's Office as of September 30, 1983 and reviewed and highlighted the status of certain projects within the categories of Highways, Engineering, Marine, Solid Waste General, and Maintenance.

PROCLAMATION NO. 83-78
"TRICK OR TREAT" FOR THE ANIMALS

Present: Betty Norris, Humane Society

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation recognizing "Trick or Treat" for the Animals as an appropriate activity for Halloween.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Present: Dr. Edward T. Lewis, President
Fred Lee

Dr. Lewis appeared before the Board to brief them on the achievements of St. Mary's College and to discuss the future plans. He reviewed the current enrollment and the plans for marketing St. Mary's College to increase future enrollment. Other areas discussed were S.A.T. score status, quality of faculty, recognitions, school facilities and future fundraising efforts.

Dr. Lewis informed the Commissioners that the College will be developing a five-year plan and will be looking at space utilization space capacity, building needs, cash needs and cash flow, residential housing and curriculum review.

In closing, Dr. Lewis advised the Commissioners that the College is interested in being involved in the community and he and his staff are making efforts in that direction.

The Commissioners thanked Dr. Lewis for his presentation and offered the cooperation of the County in whatever way possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. The Session was held from 10:50 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

PROMOTION OF MARYLAND TOBACCO

Present: Secretary Wayne Cawley, Dept. of Agriculture
Brad Powers, Dept. of Agriculture (Marketing and Development)
Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development
John Norris, County Engineer
Joseph E. Bell, II, Delegate
George Bradford Reeves
James K. Raley
Bernard Somerville
Rudolph Somerville
Winnifred Dixon
Martin Hayden
Ed Swecker, Cooperative Extension Service
Dan Donnally, Cooperative Extension Service

Secretary Cawley appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the promotion of Maryland Type 32 tobacco. He stated that Maryland tobacco has a uniqueness all its own and should be promoted in the foreign markets in Europe. In this effort, Mr. Powers suggested that a Tobacco Trade Team be established, composed of an International Marketing Specialist, a representative of the University of Maryland, and farmers. The objective of the Team would be to visit those countries in Europe to talk about Maryland Type 32 Tobacco and determine needs and problems. He suggested that the assistance of his office and the Foreign Agriculture Service be used to find out what other markets that can be opened that demand a type of tobacco similar to Maryland's.

PROMOTION OF MARYLAND TOBACCO (Continued)

Secretary Cawley stated that his office can assist in the efforts to promote the Maryland tobacco industry; however, he strongly urged tobacco growers to organize themselves and to initiate their own efforts of promotion and lobbying in that he believed state and federal government efforts and tobacco industry efforts are not sufficient to accomplish the goal.

Commissioner Millison and others encouraged the Secretary to work within the state system so that efforts to promote tobacco can be equal to state efforts to promote other industries and to make the promotion of tobacco part of its overall economic development program.

Secretary Cawley pledged his Department to do everything possible to assist the tobacco industry and thanked the Commissioners and others in attendance for their kind invitation and welcomed discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved:


George R. Aud, President