

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, October 25, 1983

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

(Commissioner Larry Millison was not present at the opening of the meeting.)

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 18, 1983. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

GOVERNMENT LIASON FOR C&P TELEPHONE COMPANY

Present: Alfred Mattingly

Mr. Mattingly appeared before the Commissioners to advise them that he has assumed Mr. Foley Mattingly's position who recently retired as Government Liason for the C & P Telephone Company. He stated that he hopes to attend at least one meeting a month in the tri-county area in order to keep informed of what is happening locally. In closing, Mr. Mattingly offered his assistance to the County in any way possible.

The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Mattingly on his promotion and expressed the County's cooperation in his efforts.

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT CHECK

MR. NOAH W. CALLIS, JR.

Present: Noah W. Callis, Jr.
Gerda Manson, Personnel Officer

The Board of County Commissioners presented Mr. Callis with his first retirement check for his retirement from the fire department.

(Commissioner Millison entered meeting - 10:55 a.m.)

OCCUPANCY FEES
MOBILE HOME PARKS

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

Mr. Gerred appeared before the Commissioners to advise the Commissioners of the decrease in amount of fees owed by trailer parks since 1979. Mr. Gerred presented list of those trailer parks owing fees as of August 1979 and as of August 1983 and indicated that the amount had decreased significantly.

OCCUPANCY FEES (Continued)
MOBILE HOME PARKS

With regard to Southern Mobile Home Parks, Mr. Gerred advised that the owner has been notified on several occasions of arrearages and the fact that a 1983 license has not been obtained. Therefore, Mr. Gerred requested authorization from the Board to turn this matter over to the County Attorney to take whatever steps necessary to collect this money. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning

The County Administrator advised that as a result of a report by local and state health officials on October 4 relative to the referenced matter, an ad hoc committee was formed to review the report and prepare recommendations. The Committee, Edward V. Cox, Frank Gerred, and Larry Petty, offer the following for consideration by the Board:

1. That the Commissioners urged the immediate initiation of the testing of the four systems described by the Health Department;
2. Only failing systems should be considered for testing at this time. New construction will be considered later.
3. For the Valve System, Low Pressure Distribution System, and the Conventional System utilizing "Typar" Filter Cloth, the County will fund the costs beyond the normal cost for a replacement system.
4. For the Sun Drive System the County will negotiate a case-by-case agreement.
5. The State will fund all monitoring costs since the entire state will benefit from the test results, and since the testing is part of the responsibility of the State Task Force studying alternative systems. Monies exist in a State Failing System Fund.
6. Information from other areas of the state and nation will be used for reference.
7. Thus far 26 citizens have expressed an interest in participating in the testing. Of these most are interested in new construction. In order to afford participation to as many as possible, it is suggested that a series of public ads and an announced closing date for applications of November 15, 1983. Thereafter, selection of participants will be made first from those with failing systems, then from those planning new construction.
8. Testing will be monitored for no less than two years after which the Health Department will present the conclusions drawn from the study. It is presumed two "wet seasons" will be involved.
9. The County Attorney should be requested to give an opinion concerning the liability of the County relative to new construction and agreement requirements.

INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (Continued)

10. The Health Department will determine which system should be used by which set of circumstances; e.g. soil type, size of household, volume of effluent, metering, expansibility.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence with the ad hoc committee's recommendations and requested the County Administrator to prepare correspondence to the Health Department setting forth above.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) ST. MARY'S COUNTY NURSING HOME
CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Mr. Cox advised that the first review process by the Maryland Health Review Policy Commission and the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency for the Application for the Certificate of Need for the referenced project has been completed. Therefore, that portion of the contract with Housing and Health Services, Inc. has been fulfilled. In order to continue with the finalization of the Certificate of Need, Housing and Health Services, Inc has proposed a \$60. fee, plus expenses.

After discussion the Commissioners gave their concurrence to accept the proposed fee of \$60. per hour, plus expenses, from Housing and Health Services, Inc. for the finalization of the Certificate of Need for St. Mary's Nursing Home.

2) AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
NAS HOSPITAL, ST. MARY'S RESCUE SQUAD AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated October 17, 1983 from NAS's Medical Corps requesting an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding, dated April 26, 1978 among the Patuxent River Naval Air Station Hospital, St. Mary's County Fire Departments and Rescue Squads. Said Amendment would delete Line d.(2) in that the hospital does not have an orthopedic surgeon to perform this services.

3) LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO CAPT. HEISNER

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures addressed to Capt. R.I. Heisner expressing appreciation to Mr. Stew Speck of his staff for conducting a briefing on performance evaluation. its purpose, process, strengths, and uniqueness. The Commissioners agreed to forward said letter.

4) ROSECROFT ROAD

The County Administrator presented correspondence from St. Mary's City Commission requesting the County's consideration for the resurfacing and, where appropriate, the widening of Rosecroft Road from Route 5 through the public land of the historic area prior to Maryland Day 1984. Mr. Cox recommended that the letter be forwarded to the County Engineer so that he can work with St. Mary's City Commission on this matter. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

1) RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENTS
DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE PERMITS-J & T HOMES

Mr. Norris presented twelve Release and Assignment Agreements for specific driveway entrances for J & T Homes, all covered by Western Surety Company.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to accept the funds and release J & T Homes and Western Surety from their obligation to build driveways. Motion unanimously carried.

2) BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MEETING

In anticipation of this afternoon's meeting with the Department of Transportation, Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners certain areas of DOT's Program--signalization and signing, drainage, and geometric improvements.

PROCLAMATION NO. 83-81
"CHEMICAL PEOPLE WEEK"

Present: Valerie vonAllmen
Phebe Barth

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of November 2-9, 1983 as "Chemical People" Week for Drug Abuse Awareness in St. Mary's County.

HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL
ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: Ron Nelson, Director, Waste Management, Environmental Programs
(State Health Department)
Linda Smeyne, Public Relations, Environmental Programs, St. H.D.
Burch Patoka, Environmental Protection Agency
Representative of local Health Department
Representatives of County Government Agencies
Senator James Simpson
Senator Bernie Fowler
Delegates Bell, Parlett and Slade
Other interested citizens

Representatives of the State Health Department and the Environmental Protection Agency appeared before the Commissioners to brief them on what activities and precautions are taking place over the next several weeks with regard to the removal of the hazardous waste located in the vicinity of St. Andrews Church Road in California. The removal project has been approved by EPA for immediate action because of improperly disposed hazardous waste materials. Mr. Nelson explained that financing the removal is through an EPA Super Fund program, which is financed through a taxation of oil industries.

Mr. Patoka stated that EPA has signed a contract with Chemical Waste Management for the removal of the waste, which will be stored in airtight drums temporarily on the site and later removed to an approved area. The project is currently in the mobilization phase and actual excavation will begin next week.

It was noted that there will be a public meeting this evening in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 7:30 p.m., at which the State Health Department and EPA representatives will inform the citizens of what is taking place. The news media and community have been notified of the meeting. In addition a Rumor Control telephone number will be established and publicized.

HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL (Continued)
ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

In closing, Ms. Smeyne stated that as the removal project progresses, there will be another meeting with local officials and another public informational meeting with the community.

Commissioner Aud, on behalf of the Board, offered the support and assistance of the County in whatever necessary in the hazardous waste removal project.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(STATE REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION)

Present: Secretary Lowell K. Bridwell, Department of Transportation
M. Slade Caltrider, Administrator, State Highway Administration
Robert Olsen, Acting District Engineer, SHA
(Other DOT Representatives)
Senator James Simpson
Senator Bernie Fowler
Delegate J. Ernest Bell, II
Delegate John K. Parlett
Delegate John F. Slade, III
J. Wilmer Bowles, President, Leonardtown Commissioners
Ed Long, Leonardtown Commissioner
Fayrene Mattingly, Leonardtown Commissioner
Lanny Mummert, Leonardtown Administrator
Leonardtown Businessmen
Other interested citizens

Representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation appeared before the Commissioners to review the DOT's Six-Year Program, with the emphasis on St. Mary's County. Mr. Bridwell explained Volume 1 of the State Report on Transportation which review the Department's past accomplishments and updates the Transportation Plan.

In discussing transportation issues of local concern, Mr. Bridwell indicated that the contract for completion the final portion of the dualization of MD Route 235 was awarded last week and construction should begin around the beginning of March 1984, with completion anticipated to be in 18-24 months.

Other areas of concern expressed by those present for the staff of DOT to evaluate include:

- 1) MD Route 5 and Cedar Lane
- 2) Town Creek Drive and MD Rt. 235
- 3) Tanner's Creek (MD 5 and Camp Brown)
- 4) Md. Route 235 across from Esperanza Shopping Center (for possible crossover)
- 5) Md. Route 235 and Chancellor's Run and Maple Road
- 6) Bulkhead at St. George Island
- 7) Signs on Beltway for Patuxent River Naval Air Station.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Continued)
STATE REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION

In addition, Leonardtown Commissioner Bowles, Long and Mattingly, requested consideration by the Maryland Department of Transportation for a Leonardtown By-Pass to alleviate the traffic congestion that currently exists in Town. Commissioner Bowles stated that the by-pass would be in the best interest of SHA in the movement of traffic as well as in the best interest of Leonardtown. Leonardtown businessman Abell Longmore and Joseph Gough spoke in support of the by-pass. County Commissioner President George Aud also indicated the County's support of the project.

Mr. Bridwell advised that a Statement of Priority letter from the Board of County Commissioners is needed by the State before the project can be evaluated. He stated that once this is received, DOT will evaluate the situation after which the County will be apprised of the outcome.

In conclusion, the Commissioners thanked the Maryland Department of Transportation representatives for their report to St. Mary's County and requested to be kept informed of the status of the requested items.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:


George R. Aud, President