

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 3, 1984

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. Spalding, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Larry Millison was not present.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

- 1) BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 84-37
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PURCHASING AND LOGISTICS

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Budget & Data Services with the following Justification: To acquire specific equipment to maximize use of secretarial workload and needed items for expended staff of department savings in decrease accounts based on non-use at Tubman-Douglass development plus reduced travel during FY '84.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and sign said Budget Amendment. Motion unanimously carried.

- 2) HELIPORT - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

The County Administrator advised that correspondence dated March 23 was received from the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster Preparedness recommending the transfer of all the heliport equipment, currently owned and maintained by the County, to St. Mary's Hospital.

After discussion, the Commissioners gave their concurrence.

- 3) CORRESPONDENCE

The County Administrator presented the following items of correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval:

- a) To the Chairman of the Airport Commission responding to the issues presented by them at the Commissioners February 14 meeting.

- b) To the general citizenry of St. Mary's County expressing the Board of County Commissioners' appreciation for participation on the 350th Anniversary celebration for Maryland Day.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said correspondence.

INNOVATIVE ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Present: Robin Guyther, Planner, Office of Planning & Zoning
Joseph O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated April 3 advising that certain policy questions regarding the alternative sewage disposal systems require the Board's attention. The Board reviewed the memorandum and made the following decisions:

1. Unimproved Properties - The Commissioners' prior policy statement approved the testing of only improved properties with failing systems; however, not enough applicants came forward in this category to establish a valid scientific experiment approvable by the Health Department.

The Commissioners agreed to approve the public solicitation of applicants for unimproved properties with the understanding that if a surplus of applicants occurs a lottery system will be used until an adequate sample is established.

2. Finances The Commissioners' prior policy statement approved the county payment of the differences between a replacement system and one of the first three alternatives. No policy statement has been made concerning the solar-powered system.

The Commissioners agreed to fund the cost for one of the first three alternative systems at 50 percent of the total cost or in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, whichever is lower. For the solar-powered system the County Commissioners agreed to fund 50 percent of the total project cost or in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, whichever is lower. The County's total financial exposure for the 24 proposed test systems will be \$48,000. Since it is not expected that any of the test sites will be established prior to July 1, 1984, all budgetary considerations will be part of the County's FY '85 Budget.

3. Participation Agreements A draft Agreement has been developed by County Attorney Weiner, Planner Guyther, and County Administrator Cox, which has been reviewed by and concurred with by Dr. Marek and Walter Raum. The Attorney General for the Health Department is currently reviewing the draft and will provide comments within a few days.

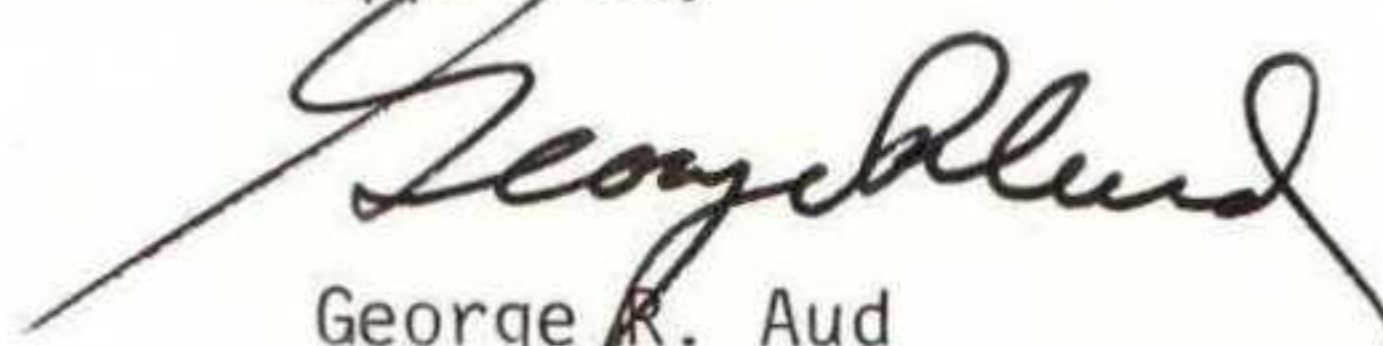
The Commissioners reviewed the proposed draft Agreement recommending certain changes and agreeing to withhold final approval until the Attorney General has concluded his review.

The County Commissioners encouraged county staff and the Health Department to proceed as quickly as possible to implement the testing program so that the alternative systems can be made available to the general public as approved systems.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President