

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, December 4, 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 Millison was not present.)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Aud called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, November 27, 1984. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

EASEMENT AGREEMENT

ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Present: Charles Himmelheber, Public Schools

Relative to the installation of a water main and fire hydrant on property located behind Great Mills High School, Mr. Himmelheber requested the Board's concurrence for an easement across the County's property at that location.

The County Administrator indicated that Mr. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, has reviewed this request and has determined that it would have no impact to the County.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to grant said easement. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) CORRESPONDENCE

a) To St. Clements Island Museum Board

Acknowledging receipt of check representing sale of 350th scarves, squares and totebags and congratulating success on the sale of these items.

b) To Delegate Slade

Offering services of county staff through coordination role of Office of Planning & Zoning for the Committee to Study the Route 5 Bypass at St. Mary's City.

2) REGIONAL VISITORS' INFORMATION CENTER

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated November 30, 1984 from Marland Deen, Chairman of the Visitors' Information Center Task Force (through Tri-County Council), proposing that the visitors' center be located on the southbound side of Route 5, north of Bryantown and adjacent to the Zekiah Swamp. It was further proposed that each of the three counties share equally in the cost of constructing the building at a local cost of \$100,000.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, that St. Mary's County budget one-third of the cost as recommended. Motion carried.

3) PERSONNEL
CIVIL ENGINEER POSITION
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated December 4, 1984 recommending the appointment of Robert S. Clark to the Civil Engineer (Plans Examiner) position in the Office of Planning & Zoning, Grade 14, effective on or about December 10, 1984. Motion carried.

4) COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY

The County Administrator pointed out that there are two holidays in a row which fall on a Tuesday, Christmas and New Year's Day, and requested direction from the Board as to arrangements for another meeting day. It was agreed that the Commissioners would meet on Wednesday, January 2, 1985.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

1) ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
COUNTRY LAKES SUBDIVISION

Mr. Norris presented a Deed dated August 13, 1984 by and between Country Lakes, a Maryland Partnership, by Benjamin H. Burroughs, Jr., and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the acceptance of the following roads in Country Lakes Subdivision: Tanyard Drive, Oxley Drive, Mill Seat Drive, and Hartwell Court.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept said Deed and authorize Commissioner President to sign same. Motion carried.

2) ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
COUNTRY LAKES SUBDIVISION

Mr. Norris presented an Addendum to a Public Works Agreement entered into by and between Benjamin H. Burroughs, Jr. extending the deadline for the completion of roads in Section One of Country Lakes, Fourth Election District, to June 1, 1985 and reducing the Personal Bond from \$150,000 to \$35,000.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Addendum. Motion carried.

Mr. Norris stated that a Letter of Credit on Sections Two and Three of Country Lakes will become due on December 26, 1984; however, it appears that the work will be completed by that time.

3) ROAD RESOLUTIONS

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Mr. Norris presented the following Road Resolutions for the Commissioners' review and approval:

a) R84-13

Designating the following streets in Country Lakes as Stop Streets:

Tanyard Dr. as it intersects with Asher Rd.
Hartwell Ct. as it intersects with Tanyard Rd.
Oxley Dr. as it intersects with Asher Rd.
Oxley Dr. as it intersects with Tanyard Dr.
Millseat Dr. as it intersects with Asher Rd.
Millsear Dr. as it intersects with Tanyard Dr.

b) R84-20

Posting the following roads in Country Lakes at 25 miles per hour: Tanyard Drive, Hartwell Court, Oxley Drive, and Millsear Drive.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Road Resolutions. Motion carried.

4) CHANCELLORS' RUN ROAD EXCHANGE TO STATE

Mr. Norris advised that he and Commissioners Aud and Arnold attended a meeting with State Highway Administration officials last week, with one of the items discussed being the transfer of Chancellors' Run Road to the State and the State's offer of Rt. 242A. Mr. Norris stated that the culvert on Rt. 242A is structurally sound and was of the opinion that the County should agree to accept it.

Mr. Norris recommended that the County accept the following roads from the State for Chancellors' Run Road as recommended by State Highway Administration: Rt. 234A, Rt. 242A, Rt. 244 (from end of maintenance of Frog's Marsh to Rt. 249), Rt. 868H.

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

5) STREET LIGHT POLICY

The County Engineer reiterated the Commissioners' decision of last week to request the General Assembly for legislative authority to establish special taxing districts for street lights. Mr. Norris requested a policy decision by the Board that existing subdivisions that desire to have illumination be processed directly through SMECO or through a special taxing district established by the County.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the County would continue to handle lighting at intersections and the residents of the subdivisions would take care of lights within the subdivisions. Motion carried.

6) WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE
SAND STORAGE

For the Commissioners' information, Mr. Norris advised that a combination of 400 tons of sand and calcium chloride will be stored on asphalt slabs at the St. Andrews facility at an investment cost of \$12,000 to \$14,000.

1985 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The County Commissioners reviewed the 1985 Legislative Package and took action on each item as indicated below by unanimous vote:

No. 1 - Library Board of Trustees (membership) - Oppose.

No. 2 - St. Mary's County Nursing Home (State Debt) - Support.

No. 3 - Economic Development Commission (Pensions) - Support.

No. 4 - County Treasurer Salary - Amend (That action be deferred during 1985 session and that prior to the 1986 session there be formed a study committee to evaluate and make recommendations concerning the position including level of compensation. The Committee isto be comprised of a representative to be appointed by: County Commissioners, Legislative Delegation, existing County Treasurer, County Bar Association, and Chamber of Commerce).

No. 5 - Sovereign Immunity Waiver (State Office Building) - Support.

No. 6 - Metropolitan Commission Audit - Support.

No. 7 - Oath or Affirmation of Office (Modernization) - Support.

No. 8 - Prevention of Arbitrary Firing of Weapons - Support.

No. 9 - Working Prisoners on Farms - Support (conceptually).

No. 10- Board of Electrical Examiners (Fees & Collections) - Support.

No. 11- Committee for Human Resources (Eliminate) - Support.

No. 12- St. Mary's Public Schools (Election Days) - Support.

No. 13- Alcoholic Beverage Board (Membership) - Amend (Support the increase of membership from three to five. However, remove restriction of service to two full consecutive terms as stated in proposed legislation).

No. 14- Investment of State Property Tax Collections - Support.

No. 15- Youth Runaway Shelter - No Position.

No. 16- After Death Toxicology Screening - No Position.

No. 17- D.W.I./Violent Crime Toxicology Screening - No Position.

No. 18- Accessibility to Detoxification Facilities - No Position.

No. 19- Electrical Examiners Board - Support.

No. 20- Armor Piercing Bullets (Prevention) - Support.

No. 21- Metropolitan Commission (Property Acquisition) - Support.

No. 22- Metropolitan Commission (Equal Benefits Assessment) - Support.

No. 23- Metropolitan Commission (Penalties) - Support.

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No. 24- Unattended Children - No Position.

No. 25- Fire Companies - Appropriations - Support.

No. 26- Education Association of St. Mary's (Agency Shop) - Oppose.

No. 27- Cash on Delivery Payment for Beer - Oppose.

No. 28- County Road Work by SHA - Eliminate St. Mary's - Support.

No. 29- Weight Limit Authority on County Roads - Support.

INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

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

Mr. Gerred reviewed with the Commissioners correspondence dated October 26, 1984 from Walter Raum of the Health Department in which is set forth a list of candidates for the Innovative and Alternative Disposal Systems.

During discussion the Commissioners agreed to recommend to the Health Department that the solar system located at the St. Clement's Island Museum not be considered one of the six trial systems and, therefore that all six names listed in the correspondence be chosen for this system.

USE OF PVC PIPE

Commissioner Dean noted that the Metropolitan Commission has written several letters over the past six months raising the question as to whether or not PVC pipe should be approved in St. Mary's County to connect a house to the septic tank or to a Metropolitan Commission line. The current local plumbing code mandates cast iron. The State Plumbing Code approves the use of PVC.

Commissioner Dean recommended that a meeting of the Commissioners, Plumbing Board, Metropolitan Commission and Plumbing Inspector and anyone else interested to discuss the matter to try to resolve the issue one way or another.

It was agreed that a session be scheduled during the Commissioners' regular session on December 18 to discuss this matter.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL BOARD STATUS REPORT

Present: Peter Lambert, Administrator
Paul Barber, Comptroller
Mike Marlay, President, Hospital Board
John Cheseldine

Representatives of St. Mary's Hospital appeared before the Commissioners to present the financial status of the hospital in view of recent publicity in the media concerning the financial problems of other hospitals. Mr. Lambert went on to explain that St. Mary's Hospital is currently in sound condition and has been following projections for admissions and patient days and there is no indication for a need for any layoffs. Mr. Lambert referred to a statement in bond document which states that the Health Services Commission approves the inclusion of hospital rates sufficient to meet cash requirements in a timely manner.

In conclusion, the Commissioners praised the staff and Board for its dedicated efforts on behalf of the St. Mary's Hospital.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS

Present: Alice Rigby, Cooperative Extension
James Somerville (on behalf of Helen Somerville, Co-op Ext.)

The Commissioners presented Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Somerville with Commendations for their dedication of duties as employees of the Cooperative Extension Service (Alice Rigby - 30 years; Helen Somerville - 29 years).

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Present: Eric Wade Caruthers, Great Mills High School
J. Patrick Jarboe, M.D., President, Chamber of Commerce
George Havens, Director, Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Jarboe and Mr. Havens introduced Eric Caruthers, winner of the Chamber of Commerce's Essay Contest, to the Commissioners. Mr. Caruthers read his Essay entitled Of the Tendencies of Governments and the Hearts of Men, a book review of 1984.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

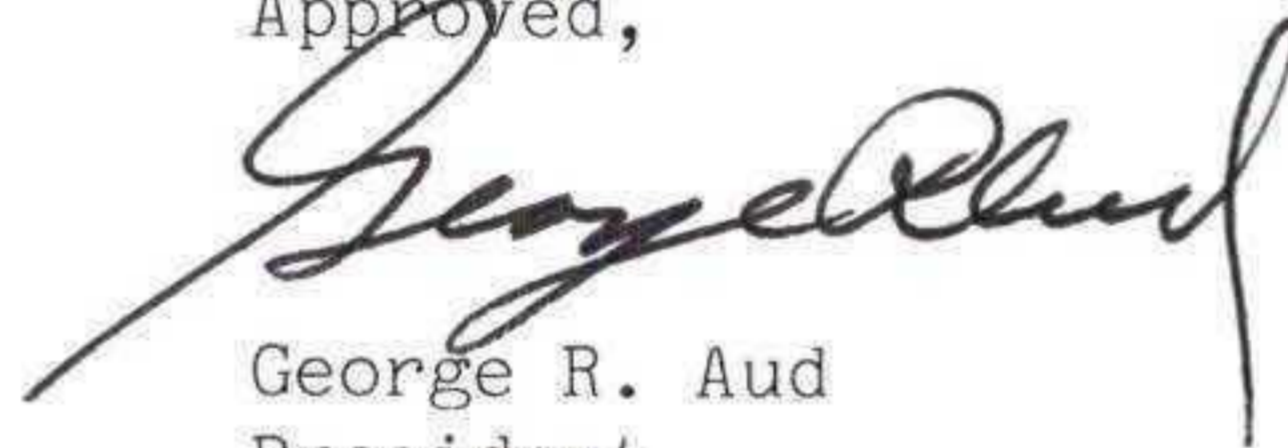
Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel. The Session was held from 11:55 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President