

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 2, 1985

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

(Commissioner David Sayre was not present.)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Aud called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of December 26, 1984. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Relevant to the Commissioners' previous decision to lower the administrative costs from 15% to 11% for the Navy Relocation Project, the County Administrator presented a modification to the Relocation Assistance Agreement of March 8, 1983 setting forth this amendment and other related documents. Mr. Cox advised that the amendment has been confirmed by the Navy.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the confirmatory documents. Motion carried.

2) FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Federal Aviation Administration dated December 26 setting forth approval of the County's grant application in the amount of \$343,260 for the removal of obstructions and expansion of the apron at the St. Mary's County Airport.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner Aud to sign the official application. Motion carried.

3) APPOINTMENT
RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to appoint Frederick A. Meatyard to the Recreation and Parks Board for a term to expire December 31, 1988. Motion carried.

4) ZONING AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. Z85-01
JOSEPH M. CURTIS (CURTIS TIRE CENTER)
ZONE #84-09078

(Requesting rezoning of 1.31 acres from R-15, Townhouse Garden Apartments, to C-2, Commercial. The properties are Parcels 142 and 143 on Tax Map 51, Block 8, located on Great Mills Road, in the Eighth Election District.)

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and sign Zoning Amendment Resolution No. Z85-01 approving the referenced requested zoning application. Motion carried.

5) BID FOR SALE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT

On behalf of the Director of Purchasing and Logistics, Paul Raley, the County Administrator presented the bid tally sheet for the sale of certain county-owned equipment. Mr. Raley recommended awarding the bids to the highest bidders as follows:

'42 Crane, Model 955 - To Harry W. Barrett for \$1,050
Ford Courier Truck - To Harry W. Barrett for \$550.50
Model 1200 Unit Shovel - To C.A. Bean Trucking for \$3,555.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept the highest bidders for the purchase of the referenced equipment. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of Personnel. The Session was held from 9:25 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

1) LONDONTOWNE SUBDIVISION
STONEY BROOK DRIVE

Mr. Norris presented the following documents relative to Stoney Brook Drive in Londontowne Subdivision for the Commissioners' review and approval:

- a) Deed dated May 31, 1983 by and between Londontowne Development Corporation and the Board of County Commissioners for the acceptance of Stoney Brook Drive, Eighth Election District, into the County Highway Maintenance System;
- b) Road Resolution No. R84-27 posting Stoney Brook Drive at 25 miles per hour;
- c) Road Resolution No. R-84-28 designating Stoney Brook Drive as a Stop Street as it intersects with Peggs Lane.

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

2) RENTAL CONTRACTS
(CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND CARPENTRY)
(REMAINDER OF ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECTS)

Mr. Norris requested approval in a change in the bidding package for the rental contracts. Previously bids included labor and Mr. Norris stated that it had been suggested to him that the County hire the "straw boss" and four or five laborers to support the rental contract projects which would then allow smaller contractors to bid and would also be a more economic way to go.

Mr. Norris requested authorization to advertise rental contracts in a manner that bidders understand that they do not have to bid every item and that the County would provide the majority of the labor.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

3) STREET LIGHT CHANGE ORDER #3
CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT ST. MARY'S

Mr. Norris indicated that the Commissioners previously approved Street Light Change Order No. 3 on December 11, 1984 and stated that Southern Maryland Electric has returned the document and requested that the lumen mercury vapor lamp be changed from 7,000 to 20,000. The net change in annual charge is \$180 instead of \$90.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to void the Change Order No. 3 approved on December 11 and approve the new Change Order No. 3 as referenced above.

4) SECURITY LOCKS AT COUNTY JAIL

Mr. Norris requested the Board's approval to accept the proposal from Thomas Fence Company for three security lock systems for the jail in the amount of \$3,236. The system includes an override in case of power failure and indicator lights in control room. If approved, it will require a budget amendment.

The Commissioners requested that this matter be directed to the Budget Director for comments and source of funds.

5) COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

a) Commissioner Arnold requested that Mr. Norris look into a certain area of Morganza Turner Road that seems to be settling to determine if the pipe is starting to cave in. Mr. Norris stated that a short-range solution would be to re-route the school busses; however, he stated he would look into the problem to determine if the pipe has been destroyed and what can be done to correct it.

b) Commissioner Dean requested that Mr. Norris have Morganza Turner Road striped.

c) Commissioner Arnold requested that Baptist Church Road be striped.

d) Commissioner Millison requested that Mr. Norris make a determination if it was possible for someone to get on the roof of the Courthouse, get over to the jail and get things to inmates in the jail.

OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

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

1) SITE PLAN NO. SSSP 81-1438
CHARLOTTE HALL LUMBER CO.

(Simplified site plan for 78 x 24 square foot pole shed,
located on east side of Md. Rt. 5, Charlotte Hall.)

Mr. Gerred presented the referenced site plan for Commissioners' review and approval.

After discussion Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve the referenced site plan as presented. Motion carried.

2) RC&D PROJECT
SHORE EROSION CONTROL

As a follow up to his presentation in the Fall, Mr. Gerred presented correspondence for approval by the Board to the Southern Maryland RC&D Board requesting an RC&D project to inventory the shoreline to determine which areas are suitable for vegetation stabilization and which need structural protection or no protection as part of the Chesapeake Bay cleanup. Estimated cost is \$3500.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to authorize Commissioner Aud to sign said correspondence requesting the project. Motion carried.

3) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT

In response to a recommendation from Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Gerred presented correspondence to Water Resources Administration requesting additional funds for the implementation of the County's stormwater management program. Funds will be used for vehicle, furniture, equipment, operation and maintenance of vehicles at a total request of \$19,736.20.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said letter requesting grant funds. Motion carried.

4) PATUXENT RIVER POLICY PLAN
CREEK PROTECTION

For the Commissioners' information Mr. Gerred advised that his office has been in discussions with Department of State Planning concerning the Patuxent River Commission's pilot project to determine implementation of appropriate action to protect creeks from non-point pollution. For St. Mary's County, two areas for study are being proposed--Town Creek and St. Thomas Creek (a developed creek area and a low-density, non-developed creek area) to see what can be done in terms of the Patuxent River Policy Plan.

5) ZONING AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. Z84-22
BRETON BAY GARDENS
(CORRECTION)

Mr. Gerred advised that a correction is needed on the referenced Zoning Amendment Resolution, which had been approved and adopted on November 20, 1984. On the first page, first paragraph, the parcel number should read "52" rather than "152." Once the correction is approved, Mr. Gerred stated that the document would then be re-recorded.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the correction. Motion carried.

FY '86 BUDGET TARGET OBJECTIVES

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

Mr. O'Dell reviewed with the Commissioners his memorandum of December 20, 1984 which sets forth target amounts by department, recommended allocations to departments and funding levels for capital projects.

After review, Mr. O'Dell requested the Commissioners approval of the letter to be forwarded to "All Spending Units" setting forth the budgetary information and target dates. Further, Mr. O'Dell requested the Commissioners' approval of the proposed FY '85-'86 Budget Calendar.

Later in the meeting, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to sign and forward the budget letter to "All Spending Units," and further to approve the Budget Calendar as presented.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
AMENDMENT TO RANK STRUCTURE

The Commissioners discussed the request from the Sheriff, as set forth in his December 18, 1984 memorandum, to amend the rank structure of the Sheriff's Department to provide for additional promotional opportunities and to request additional transfers to provide funds for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

After some discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the request of the Sheriff to establish the ranking structure and further to authorize transfer of funds, which will be accomplished through a Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

GOVERNOR THOMAS JOHNSON BRIDGE

Commissioner Dean mentioned a suggestion that had been made to him concerning the possibility of having an annual walk across the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge. He recommended that the idea be given to the County's Department of Economic and Community Development or Chamber of Commerce for a determination as to the possibility of such an event.

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REVIEW

Present: Senator Bernie Fowler
Delegate J. Ernest Bell II
Delegate John K. Parlett
Delegate John F. Slade III
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Joseph O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services

The County Administrator explained that the purpose of this meeting was to review each of the 31 items in the 1985 Legislative Package and further to receive any additional input from the legislators regarding state-wide or local concerns.

During review of each item comments were made concerning the following:

#2. Nursing Home State Debt - Delegate Parlett stated that although every effort will be made, the funding level may only be \$500,000 as requested last year.

#4. Treasurer's Salary - Commissioner Dean distributed a paper setting forth recommendations concerning this item which includes the formation of a committee to review the position of Treasurer as well as the salary. The legislators agreed to meet to discuss this matter. Should such a committee be formed, recommendations should be received by October 1985 so that they can be part of next year's package that will be presented to the public.!

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#12. St. Mary's Public Schools (Election Days) In view of correspondence from Election Board, the Legislators state support for the request only if the problem can be resolved concerning Great Mills High School.

#14. Investment of State Property Tax Collections Mr. O'Dell advised that Mr. Wisner of the State Comptroller's Office has indicated by telephone that a new state procedure may be effected whereby the Treasurer will be mandated to deposit directly to a state account, thereby negating the county investment use of state funds. Mr. Cox pointed out that whichever method is used (County's proposed legislation or State's proposal), legislation will be required to amend the local law.

#15-#18. Delegate Parlett pointed out that the Governor is proposing a number of legislative items relative to concerns of the youth.

After the review of the 31 items in the package, the following additional items were discussed:

(1) "Floating" homes/houseboats - Because of environmental and other concerns, there was discussion as to how to set controls on these structures through the Zoning Ordinance or legislation. The Office of Planning and Zoning was requested to obtain additional information from: (a) NACo to see how other states have handled the problem; (b) Department of State Planning to determine if any laws need to be changed to address it in the Zoning Ordinance or through Article 66B; and (c) the Health Department to determine any changes in regulations regarding pollution controls. The Commissioners requested that this information be provided to them by January 16 because the deadline for submission of legislation is January 22.

(2) Road Signs Delegate Parlett stated that he has been trying to get the State to have "slow-moving vehicles" signs placed in areas of the County where the Amish horses and buggies are used because of the chance of potential accidents. The Commissioners advised that they would be willing to have these signs placed on county roads.

(3) Assessment Procedure for Woodland and Farmland Commissioner Dean reiterated concerns regarding the State's process in assessing woodland and farmland. Woodland must have a forest management plan or it will be assessed at its market value. And farmland must be producing, otherwise the State will assess the property at the market value.

TUDOR HALL PROPERTY

Present: Delegate Joseph E. Bell II

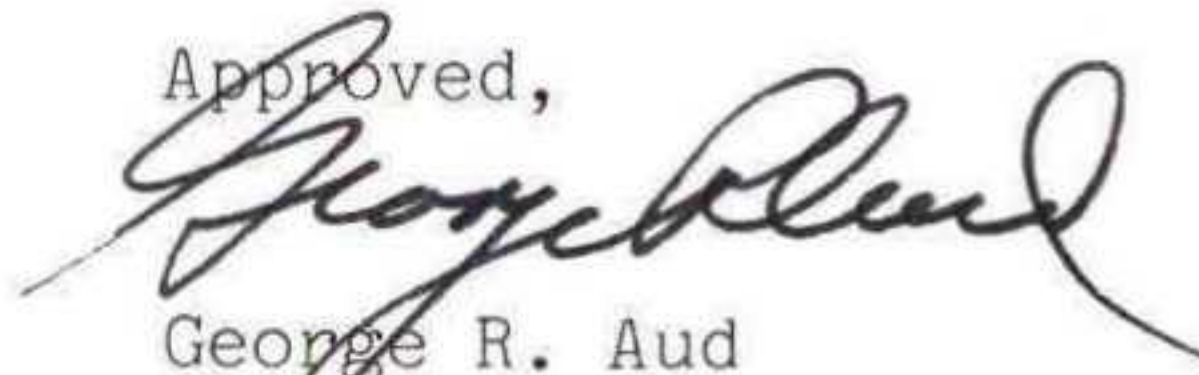
Delegate Bell discussed with the Commissioners the Historical Society's recent purchase of the Tudor Hall property, the former county library site. He stated that the Historical Society is in the process of obtaining a policy of title insurance, and the title company has recommended that they obtain a Quit Claim Deed from the County that states that the County is no longer using the building as a library.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence in releasing all interest in the Tudor Hall property and agreed to execute the Quit claim Deed when presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President