

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 1985

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 5, 1985 as corrected. 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) 1985 LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

The County Administrator presented a status sheet of the legislative items submitted by the County Commissioners as well as those not submitted, but affecting St. Mary's County.

2) ROCKFISH MORATORIUM

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated February 8, 1985, from the Tourism Advisory Committee submitting suggested correspondence to be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the inequity of the Potomac River Rockfish Moratorium.

After discussion about the proposed letter, the County Administrator agreed to amend it for presentation at next week's meeting.

3) TREASURER REVIEW COMMITTEE

The County Administrator presented proposed correspondence to various organizations and individuals soliciting recommendations to serve on the Treasurer Review Committee. (This item will be held until next week's meeting.)

4) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments recommended for approval by the Budget Director with justifications as indicated:

No. 85-57  
Personnel

Justification: Additional funds to cover a partial fiscal year of funding of two additional firemen eligible for retirement under the Pension Plan.

No. 85-58  
Public Works

Justification: Internal transfer of funds within Public Works Department for estimated needs of office space.

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

5) HOLLYWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT  
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated February 5, 1985 from Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department requesting waiver of the fees for building permit and grading bond requirement.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant the waiver as requested in that it is compliance with County's Resolution No. 78-54. Motion carried.

6) CORRESPONDENCE TO SHA  
MARYLAND VETERANS HOME

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signatures addressed to State Highway Administration requesting assistance in the placement of appropriate signs for the State of Maryland Veterans Home at Charlotte Hall.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to sign and forward said letter.

7) APPOINTMENT  
DISABLED PERSONS REVIEW BOARD

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to appoint Charles Miedzinski to the Disabled Persons Review Board for a term to expire December 31, 1987. Motion carried.

8) SOUTHERN MARYLAND HIGHWAY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The County Administrator advised that the County Executive of Prince George's County has proposed the establishment of a Southern Maryland Highway Review Committee and is requesting each County to submit the name of an elected official to serve on the Committee. Commissioner Arnold volunteered to serve.

9) OFFICE ON AGING GRANTS (RSVP)

On behalf of the Senior Services Coordinator, the County Administrator presented the following three grants for the Office on Aging:

- a) Supplemental Grant for federal funds in the amount \$3,000 for the 12-month period from 4/1/85.
- b) Revised Budget Request in the amount of \$33,000 for FY '85 (4/1/84 - 3/31/85).
- c) Grant Continuation in the amount of \$33,000 for FY '86 beginning 4-1-85.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the referenced grants as requested by the Senior Services Coordinator. Motion carried.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND DAYS AT BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR

Commissioner Arnold stated that at the Tri-County Council Executive Meeting last week, it was announced that May 3, 4, and 5 have been designated as Southern Maryland Days at Baltimore's Inner Harbor and suggested that St. Mary's County start developing a proposal for participation in this event.

PRIVATE SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to schedule a public meeting be for Wednesday, February 27, 1985 at Leonardtown High School, 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposal to consolidate the administration of the private and public school transportation systems. Notice of the meeting should be sent to Msgr. Smola, Catholic Clergy, principals of private schools, pastors of those churches who sponsor private schools, and to those individuals who sent letters concerning this matter to the Commissioners' office.

SENIORS UNITED FOR INDEPENDENCE

Present: Billy McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator  
Eloise Pickrell  
Penny Beasley-Bell  
Col. Walters  
Dr. Lepper

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request consideration for funding for needs of the elderly; i.e., transportation, food services, housing and for completion of the Garvey Center. Ms. Beasley-Bell stated that it was the recommendation of the Senior United for Independence that consideration be given to funding from the following sources: \$100 per building permit, \$3 per liquor license and \$1 from dog licenses.

Miss Pickrell pointed out the growing population of the elderly in the County and that although St. Mary's aging program is one of the most active, it is lacking in the area of transportation. There is also a need to expand the nutrition program. Miss Pickrell indicated that the Seniors United for Independence would like to support the efforts of the Office on Aging.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Dean, Ms. Beasley-Bell stated that this request is to supplement the budgetary request of the Office on Aging.

In closing Mrs. McGaharn requested that in light of the recent classification survey, the Commissioners give consideration to the classifications of the staff of the Office on Aging, who, she stated, are not paid according to national standards.

Mrs. McGaharn stated that she will be submitting the referenced proposal in writing to the Board at a later time.

COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Present: John V. Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal for a Country Music Festival to be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. He stated that it would be a two-day event (June 8 and 9) culminating with the Charlie Daniels Band. The Festival would include continuous country music (local and outside bands), an old-west type saloon with a casino, dance hall girls, fiddling contest, mechanical bull, and other planned activities. Mr. Baggett stated that promotional publicity will be distributed throughout the Washington and Baltimore areas. The

proposed cost for the event will be \$15 per person for the two days. He stated that he hoped that this would be the first annual Country Music Festival.

Mr. Baggett indicated that the cost of the Festival will be approximately \$75,000 and requested authorization by the Board for the following:

- a) To be allowed to proceed with the planning of the festival;
- b) To be allowed to use \$75,000 from the Recreation and Parks Enterprise Fund;
- c) To authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the contract with the Charlie Daniels Band upon review and acceptance by the County Attorney.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to grant authorization as requested by Mr. Baggett. Motion carried.

Mr. Baggett stated that he would return to the Commissioners with additional details of the Festival as they develop.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

- 1) ROAD STANDARD - R-20  
TYPICAL ENTRANCE TO MINOR SUBDIVISIONS

As had previously been approved by the Board, Mr. Norris presented the revised Road Standard R-20 requiring street name signs to be installed in accordance with standard detail R-18.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the amendment to the Road Ordinance requiring street name signs to be installed at the entrance of a minor subdivision and would apply wherever there are three or more lots. Motion carried.

Mr. Norris will do the ordering of signs for the developers.

- 2) POSTING OF SIGNS  
HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

The County Engineer presented correspondence from our Legislative House Delegation regarding the posting of warning signs along St. Mary's County roadways cautioning motorists of the possible presence of horse-drawn vehicles. The Commissioners concurred in the placement of such signs.

- 3) RENTAL CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Mr. Norris presented the following Agreements for Rental Contract Services for building improvements or maintenance to county facilities:

SM 85-6-5 - Carpentry and Millwork

Agreement by and between Board of County Commissioners and Paul W. Dean and Sons, Inc.

SM 85-6-6 - Electrical Modifications

Agreement by and between Board of County Commissioners and William C. Mattingly Electricians.

SM 85-6-7 - Plumbing Modifications and Improvements

Agreement by and between Board of County Commissioners and Lacey Plumbing and Heating.

SM 85-6-8 - Painting Work

Agreement by and between Board of County Commissioners and Paul W. Dean.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Arnold, to sign the referenced Agreements. Motion carried.

4) FEDERAL AID URBAN NON-ATTRIBUTABLE HIGHWAY FUNDS

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation and St. Mary's County for Federal Aid Urban Non-Attributable Highway Funds in the amount of \$8,986.

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

5) PROJECT NO. SM 85-1-11  
BITUMINOUS CONCRETE OVERLAY

The County Engineer presented the bid tally sheet for the referenced project and indicated that Arundel Asphalt Products, Inc. was the lowest bidder.

Mr. Norris advised that the cost of the preparation of the roads would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000-\$80,000. He further stated that the bid for the asphalt work included the Cathy Circle Taxing District and Discovery Subdivision projects. He stated that settlement had not been reached with the bonding company on Discovery and that the Court had not reached a decision on the case. He indicated that funds would be available from the bonding company at some point in time. He recommended, however, utilizing the free balance in the McIntosh Road and Bridge project which is in the neighborhood of \$42,000 to provide sufficient funding to perform the Asphalt Overlay Project now along with the preparatory work. When a settlement is reached on the Discovery Subdivision the disposition of those funds will provide the replacement funding for the transfer from McIntosh. That decision will be brought to the Board as to the disposition of those funds at that time.

After discussion by Commissioner Dean relative to the Commissioners' input into the funding decision, Mr. Norris advised that those decisions will be brought to the Board relative to Discovery Subdivision and there would not be a transfer in the free balance in the FY '86 Asphalt Overlay account without a decision by the Board.

Commissioner Arnold moved seconded by Commissioner Dean, to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Arundel Asphalt and to direct the Budget Director to prepare the necessary budget amendments. Motion carried.

6) LANDFILL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

The County Engineer advised that the State has submitted correspondence dated January 31, 1985 regarding new regulations for landfills. He stated that the permit for the Clements Landfill expires May 31, 1985 and operates under current regulations which do not require a liner or leachate collection system. Since Clements is reaching capacity, and its useful life is estimated to be Spring 1987, Mr. Norris presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review to Waste Management Administration requesting that the existing Permit be renewed until May 31, 1987 with the understanding that the existing operation will be phased out upon expiration of the renewed permit.

The Commissioners authorized Commissioner President Aud to sign said letter and that it be forwarded to Waste Management Administration.

7) REQUEST FOR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Mr. Norris requested the following transfers within accounts in his department:

\$800 from Contract Services to Office Supplies to cover purchase of base maps;

\$5,000 from existing Salary Account to Overtime Account to cover overtime for construction and inspection and for building maintenance;

\$1200 to substitute the purchase of a pressure washer for a hydraulic jack within the equipment account.

\$1500 from contract services to equipment account to cover networking and cable required for new IBM terminal.

The Commissioners gave their approval contingent upon submittal of appropriate budget amendments from the Budget Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The County Administrator recommended that the Commissioners go into Executive Session to discuss the issue of land acquisition for County Airport to be followed by a Session on Personnel to discuss appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to meet in Executive Session as recommended by the County Administrator.

Commissioner Millison stated for the record that he was opposed to going into Executive Session because it has not been shown to him that it would be detrimental to St. Mary's County to have the discussion in the open. However, he stated that if an Executive Session is held he would attend even though he did not see a need for it.

After discussion, vote was taken, and the vote was 4 to 1, with Commissioner Millison voting against.

The Session was held from 11:15 - 11:50 a.m.

BEACH EROSION CONTROL

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning  
Dennis Flynn, Coordinator, RC&D Board

Mr. Gerred advised that as a result of the Commissioners' approval to seek funds for a survey to see where non-structural vegetative grasses for beach erosion control could be installed, \$2,000 has been granted by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for this purpose. The survey will take place around May and RC&D and Soil Conservation will develop a presentation for people who may be interested in the program. Mr. Gerred further pointed out that \$50,000 may be available from the State for the planting of the grasses.

Mr. Gerred indicated that county-owned land needs to be identified to grow the seedlings; however, he will come back with recommendations to the Commissioners on this. Mr. Flynn added that a formal plan will be presented to the Board at a later date.

COASTAL RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning  
David Maney, Chairman, Coastal Resource Adv. Committee  
Mark Milburn, (SMC's citizen rep. on CRAC)  
Gladys Hendrickson, citizen

Mr. Gerred advised that the purpose of this meeting is to introduce the new Chairman of the Coastal Resource Advisory Committee, Mr. David Maney, and to present to the Board the activities of the Committee.

Mr. Maney apprised the Commissioners of the progress of the past year of the Committee, advised of plans for the future, and welcomed any input from the Board of County Commissioners.


Discussion ensued as to the use of oyster shells for aiding in erosion control and Commissioner Arnold Arnold referred to proposed legislation regarding the keeping of shells in the area from which they came for this purpose.

In closing the Commissioners offered their assistance in any way possible to the Coastal Resource Advisory Committee and requested to be kept informed of its programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President