

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 25, 1986

Present: 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

(Commissioner George R. Aud was not present due to illness.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 1986.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

COUNTY'S BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services
Billye McGaharn, Director, Area Agency on Aging
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of a modification to the County's bus transportation grant agreement. Mr. O'Dell explained that after four months of operation, it has been concluded that the County should eliminate the fixed bus routes (red and blue lines in Leonardtown and Lexington Park) as of February 28, 1986 because of lack of ridership. It is further recommended that the Office on Aging buses be used to transport people as long as seats are available. This would reduce costs and provide more service. The orange and green commuter lines would still remain in effect.

Mrs. McGaharn advised that this is a valid and feasible plan and she would cooperate in this effort.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to modify the grant agreement which will be returned to the Board for approval. Motion carried.

Mrs. McGaharn stated that she would return with a schedule on how the Office on Aging buses would be used.

VISIT TO JAIL ANNEX FACILITY

At this time the Board of County Commissioners left with Sheriff Pettit to visit the Jail Annex facility.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

Present: Dr. Patricia White, Cooperative Extension
Sheriff Wayne Pettit

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request the Commissioners' endorsement of the Cooperative Extension Service providing assistance to the Sheriff's Department in the Crime Prevention Program. Dr. White distributed information relative to the Extension Service's assistance in organizing community what and other crime prevention measures. Sheriff Pettit indicated that the Sheriff's Department welcomes this assistance and will work cooperatively in this effort. Dr. White advised that she would be working with civic associations and other community leaders in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department to determine what is needed.

In conclusion, the Commissioners gave their endorsement of the Cooperative Extension Service providing assistance in the Crime Prevention Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
BUILDING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works
Joseph P. O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services
Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning
Ted Weiner, County Attorney

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to meet in Executive Session with the referenced Building Authority Commission members to discuss a matter of litigation. Motion Carried. The Session was held from 10:25 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

PROCLAMATION
WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK

Present: Katie Kangas
Christine Clark

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating the week of March 2-8, 1986 as Women's History Week in St. Mary's County.

NURSING HOME BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Present: Don Mattingly, Chairman, Steering Committee

Mr. Mattingly appeared before the Commissioners to request their participation in a Radiothon on March 21/22, 1986 on behalf of the Nursing Home Building Fund Campaign Committee to raise funds for the new nursing home in Leonardtown. He distributed an information sheet relative to the Radiothon and requested the Commissioners to contact the General Manager of WPTX or himself with the hour they would agree to participate in the phone watch.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Mattingly for his efforts in this campaign and advised that they would get back to him at a later date.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) PERSONNEL

The County Administrator presented the following items of personnel for the Commissioners' consideration:

a) Engineering Technician
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated February 14, 1986 from Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Stephen Quade, who is currently a Building Maintenance Mechanic, to the position of Engineering Technician I, Grade 7, effective February 24, 1986.

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

b) Building Maintenance Mechanic II
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated February 13, 1986, requesting authority to fill the vacancy for the Building Maintenance Mechanic position created by the promotion of Stephen Quade to Engineering Technician.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to grant this request and that it be opened to the public. Motion carried.

c) Construction Inspector II
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated February 18, 1986 from Personnel Officer requesting authority to fill the Construction Inspector II position which was vacated by John Dwyer.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant this request. Motion carried.

2) AMENDMENT TO SEWER USE ORDINANCE

The County Administrator advised that the Metropolitan Commission's suggested amendments to the Sewer Use Ordinance have been forwarded to the Plumbing Board and it will submit recommendations to the Commissioners within three weeks.

3) BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 86-35
STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Budget Director with the following justification: To acquire computer equipment in State's Attorney's Office in order to comply with recent state decisions regarding case management and record systems.

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

4) STATEWIDE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
OFFICE ON AGING

The County Administrator stated that the Mass Transit Administration in correspondence received February 20, 1986 advised that the grant funds for the Operating Assistance Grant Agreement and Capital Assistance Grant Agreement under the Statewide Special Transportation Program has been approved. The Program is for the provision of transportation for elderly and handicapped persons in presently unserved areas of St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept the operating and capital assistance grant agreements and authorize Commissioner Vice-President Millison to sign same. Motion carried.

5) APPOINTMENTS
BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, and unanimously carried, to make the following appointments:

- a) Judge John Hanson Briscoe to the Jail Advisory Committee;
- b) Suzanne Camp to the State Office Building Committee.

6) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TEMPORARY ALTERNATE MEMBER

The County Administrator advised that procedures for the Zoning Board of Appeals allows for the appointment of an alternate member. In addition when an alternate is absent, the local legislative body may designate a temporary alternate. The Director of Planning and Zoning is requesting that the Commissioners implement that authority and appoint a temporary alternate position.

The Commissioners agreed to include this appointment in their considerations of appointments.

7) CIRCUIT COURT EMPLOYEES

The County Administrator requested approval from the Board to amend the policy of the County relative to the County Commissioners appointment of county employees recognizing the laws and regulations pertaining to the Circuit Court of Maryland wherein the Judge of the Circuit Court is given the appointing authority of the Court's employees subject to budgetary authority of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to amend the policy as requested. Motion carried.

8) H.B. 935
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

The County Administrator presented correspondence to our Legislative Delegation pertaining to the public accommodations tax bill, which endorses previous correspondence to them from the Budget Director which indicates a discrepancy in the bill that had been drawn up.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter. (Commissioner Millison abstained from this discussion.)

(COMMISSIONER DEAN LEFT MEETING - 1:00 P.M.)

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CDA FUNDING FOR CHANCELLORS RUN ESTATES

Present: Michael McCaulley, Tri-County Community Action
Dana Jones, Director, TCCAC
Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development

Mr. Jones and Mr. McCaulley appeared before the Commissioners to request endorsement of the construction of housing development at Chancellors Run Estates to be financed by the Community Development Administration of the State of Maryland. Financing from the State is for 33 of the 74 units at this project.

After discussion, Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and sign Resolution No. 86-06 endorsing this project as proposed. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER DEAN RETURNED TO MEETING - 1:40 P.M.)

FINAL PAYMENT
TRADE FAIR

Present: Chamber of Commerce Representatives

The referenced representatives of the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Commissioners to present a check in the amount of \$1,400 representing the final payment to the County for the loan for the Trade Fair.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) SNOW REMOVAL

Mr. Norris advised that there have been nine snow storms this season, and there is less than \$500 left of the \$91,000 budgeted funds for snow removal. Mr. Norris requested concurrence from the Board to continue with the snow removal as needed and that a source of funds would be determined accordingly.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

2) TALL TIMBERS SHORE EROSION DISTRICT

Mr. Norris advised that effective May 15, 1986 if the shore erosion district project is not bid, there will be a 20% participation by the County based on change of federal regulations. Mr. Norris stated that both the Corps of Engineers and the County will try to meet that deadline.

3) FY '87
ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM
SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM

Mr. Norris distributed the recommended schedules for the Asphalt Overlay Program and the Slurry Seal Program for FY '87. The projects will go out for bids in early March and consideration for approval of the funding will be done through the upcoming budget process.

4) RENTAL CONTRACT SERVICES
ROAD, ROADSIDE, AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT NO SM 86-1-8

Mr. Norris presented the bid tally sheet for the referenced project and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, The Trading Post.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation. Motion carried.

5) RUBBLE LANDFILL REGULATIONS

Mr. Norris advised that because certain individuals have been circumventing the intent of the regulations, he recommended amending Item No. 6 to read "with loads of less than one cubic yard may be accepted at no charge" instead of "less than 1/2 ton will be accepted at no charge."

The Commissioners agreed to make a decision on this amendment at next week's meeting.

6) ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER SITE PLAN

Mr. Norris displayed a plat of the St. Mary's County Governmental Center and indicated the proposed locations of the state office building and the correctional facility. He stated that he wanted to review the plans prior to meetings with the Town of Leonardtown, Planning Commission and Board of Appeals and to receive any comments the Commissioners may have.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
Larry Petty, Director, Metropolitan Commission
Steve King, Metropolitan Commission
John Carpenter, Insurance Buyers Council

Commissioner Dean moved seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss arbitration relative to the insurance coverage for the County. Motion carried. The Session was held from 2:45 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.

COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE CHANGE

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

Mr. O'Dell distributed a memorandum dated February 19, 1986 to the Board of County Commissioners outlining a proposal for the replacement of the existing computer system due to the fact that IBM has withdrawn support for software and computer operating system and utilities and because of the need for more flexibility than the current system provides.

Mr. O'Dell indicated that acquisition of the system can be done by lease purchase or by outright purchase.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the Commissioners authorize Mr. O'Dell to acquire the computer system as outlined in his February 19 memorandum and further to approve and sign Budget Amendment No. 86-36 with the following justification: To modify data services operation in both hardware and software systems. Motion carried.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT
NICOLET PARK

On behalf of the Director of Recreation and Parks, the County Administrator presented an Agreement by and between J. C. Tubbs and Shirley L. Tubbs and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the county to enter onto the property in order to make drainage improvements for Nicolet Park.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner Vice-President Millison to sign the Easement Agreement. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President