

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGTuesday, April 22, 1986

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

(Commissioner Arnold was not present due to illness).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meetings of April 15, 1986. Motion carried.

SIMMONS CABLE TV

Present: Bob Russman, Simmons Cable, Vice-President, Marketing
 Martin Walker, " Vice-President, Engineering
 Scott Wilson, "
 Roger Worboys, "

The referenced representatives of Simmons Communications, Inc. appeared before the Board to present information relative to cable television service in St. Mary's County. Mr. Walker presented a packet of information and explained the improvements and proposed expansions of the cable system. Mr. Walker further pointed out that the name of the company has been changed from Simmons Cable of Leonardtown to Simmons Cable of St. Mary's County and the office will be relocating from Leonardtown to the Industrial Park in Hollywood. By way of a video presentation, Simmons Communications outlined the proposed additions to the cable system including news programs, movies, sports, music, etc.

During discussion the County Administrator pointed out that there will be a meeting with the County Attorney and staff to discuss the entire area of cable television including franchises.

In conclusion, the Commissioners thanked the Simmons Communications representatives for their presentation.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Present: J. Hugh Nichols, President, MACo
 Raquel Sanudo, Director

As part of an annual visit to all of the subdivisions in St. Mary's County, the referenced representatives of MACo appeared before the Board to discuss items of mutual concern. Ms. Sanudo stated that MACo has received seven proposals for the insurance pool feasibility study and will announce soon the firm selected to do the study.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Nichols and Ms. Sanudo for visiting St. Mary's County and expressed appreciation to MACo for all its efforts.

(Commissioner Dean left meeting - 10:00 a.m.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) OFFICE ON AGING
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Awards for the grant period October 1, 1985 and ending September 30, 1986 for the Title III grants as follows:

Title III-B -	\$ 53,290
Title IIIC-1 -	73,116
Title IIIC-2 -	12,740
Total	\$139,146

Mr. Cox noted that the NGA's have been reviewed by Area Agency on Aging Director and the Budget Director and it is recommended for approval. Therefore, Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the NGA's as presented. Motion carried.

2) SERVICES CONTRACT
RAPE CRISIS PROGRAM/BATTERED SPOUSE PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented two Service Contracts between the Maryland State Department of Human Resources and St. Mary's County Board on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, one for the Rape Crisis Program in the amount of \$43,086 and one for the Battered Spouse Program in the amount of \$40,843. The contracts are for the period July 1, 1986 to June 30, 1988.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the Contracts. Motion carried.

3) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT PLAN

The County Administrator presented a draft Resolution and a memorandum dated April 21, 1986 from the Personnel Officer forwarding the two documents pertaining to the Sheriff's Department Retirement Plan; the Trust Agreement and the Retirement Plan.

The Agreement and the Retirement Plan must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners prior to submission to the State Retirement Agency. Therefore, Mr. Cox requested permission to proceed with the public hearing process whereby the Plan and the Trust Agreement will be presented to the public after which the documents will be submitted for the Board's approval or amendment and then submitted to the State. This should all be accomplished by July 1, 1986, when the plan will be effected.

The Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to proceed.

4) PERSONNEL ITEMS

The County Administrator presented the following personnel items for the Board's consideration:

a) Department of Public Works
Engineering IV

Memorandum from Personnel Officer dated April 21, 1986 requesting waiver of part of the qualification requirements for the Engineer IV position, Grade 15 and to give temporary appointment to Margaret McIndoe.

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

b) Office on Aging
Permanent Part-Time Bus Driver Positions (3)

Memorandum from Personnel Officer dated April 21, 1986 requesting establishment of three additional Bus Driver positions, Grade 1, in the Office on Aging.

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

c) Sheriff's Department
Correctional Officer

Memorandum from Personnel Officer dated April 21, 1986 requesting the appointment of Kenneth A. Shirrel to the Correctional Officer, Grade 10, position, effective April 28, 1986.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to make this appointment. Motion carried.

5) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

No. 86-46
Bond Issue Expenses

Justification: To provide budget authority for administrative costs related to prior bond issues including current or issuance costs.

NO. 86-47
St. Mary's Bus Service

Justification: To provide budget authority concerning state and federal grants for period 10/1/-6/30/86.

No. 86-48
Public Works

Justification: To provide final budget authority for jail annex cost. Approved by County Commissioners subject to identification of funds.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the referenced Budget Amendments. Motion carried.

6) CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT #MD860331-0221
HISTORIC NOMINATION - ABELL'S WHARF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and advised that because of the complexities caused by the nomination the Director of Recreation and Parks recommends that we not agree to that nomination. Therefore, the County Administrator recommended that it be forwarded to the State with Comment No. 3 - It raises problems concerning compatibility with our plans, programs, or objectives, or it may duplicate existing program activities.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

(Commissioner Dean returned to the meeting.)

7) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
OVERTIME REQUEST)

The County Administrator advised that the Director of Department of Public Works by memorandum dated April 22, 1986 has requested authorization by the Board to allow overtime to existing engineering personnel to work on project and development backlog.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel (consideration of appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions). Motion carried. The Session was held from 10:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the Month of May as Older Americans Month in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION
RESPECT FOR LAW WEEK

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of May 1-7, 1986 as Respect for Law Week in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL HOMEMAKERS' WEEK

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of May 4-10, 1986 as National Homemakers' Week in St. Mary's County.

CECELIA ADAMS MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Present: Bill Ball, President, Employees' Assoc.
Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing & Logistics
Employees' Association Officers - 1986
Employees' Association Officers - 1985

The referenced Employees' Association Officers appeared before the Commissioners to present a plaque in memory of Cecelia Adams, a employee of the County who passed away ten months ago. The plaque will be displayed in an appropriate location at the Governmental Center.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TOURISM PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Present: Shirley Colleary, President
Abell Longmore
J. Patrick Jarboe
Les Shaw
George Havens, Director
Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development
David W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal for the Chamber of Commerce to assume responsibility for tourism promotion and development in St. Mary's County. The Chamber would set up and manage a tourism division made up of representatives of appropriate agencies and businesses. County government will be requested to fund the first year with subsequent years funding to increasingly come from the private sector with less financial responsibility to the County. A proposed budget is attached to the proposal.

After discussion, the Commissioners suggested that the Chamber obtain a formal recommendation from the County's Tourism Advisory Council regarding this proposal and return to the Board in two weeks for further discussion.

FY '87 BUDGET DISCUSSION

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

The following Departments appeared before the Commissioners to discuss and request restoration of requested funds that were reduced in the FY '87 Recommended Budget for their departments:

Purchasing and Logistics

Present: Paul Raley, Director

State's Attorney's Office

Present: Florence Ballangee

Recreation and Parks

Present: John Baggett, Director

Tri-County Council

Present: Gary Hodge, Director
Velma Sanford

Circuit Court

Present: Judge John Hanson Briscoe
Jean Jager

Charles County Community College

Present: Ed Forsman, Chairman
Tom Sexton, Director
Elaine Ryan

Supervisor of Elections

Present: Marjorie Aud, Chairperson
Karen Adams
Michael Sirk
Donald Strickland

Library Board of Trustees

Present: Katharine Hurry
Charlotte Young
Blanche Abernethy

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SMALL CITIES GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development
David W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
Dennis Nicholson,
James Forrest, Community Development Block Grant Committee
Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning, (CDBG Com.)
Ella May Russell, Dept. of Social Services (CDBG Committee)

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present and review the Application to U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$680,000 for the Small Cities Block Grant and to request authorization for Commissioner President Aud to sign the application. The purpose of the Grant is to correct some of the serious health problems in the County; specifically to resolve the water and sewage needs of families along Md. Rt. 245 to the Tin Top Hill area. This would assist those families who do not have indoor plumbing or who have failing septic systems. The grant would make money available for low interest loans or grants for proper sanitary facility improvements.

During discussion Commissioner Millison suggested the possibility of looking into the establishment of a special taxing district for water and sewer lines in that area.

In closing Mr. Mitchell indicated that the County should receive notification by the end of June as to whether the application has been approved by HUD and work on the project should begin by September.

After discussion, Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the Grant Application to HUD for the purpose of resolving the water and sewage needs for families along Md. Rt. 245. Motion carried.

RECREATION AND PARKS

LEXINGTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECREATION ANNEX

Present: John Baggett, Director

Relative to previous discussion, Mr. Baggett appeared before the Commissioners to provide additional information concerning how the bid was arrived at for the referenced project and to request reconsideration for the \$207,600 bid from Loffler Construction. Mr. Baggett recommended that funds from the "Money in Lieu of Land" account be used.

The Commissioners stated that they would take the request under advisement and take action next week.

CITIZEN ADVISORS' APPRECIATION NIGHT

The County Administrator requested direction from the Board with regard to proceeding with the arrangements for Citizen Advisors' Appreciation Night tentatively scheduled for the second week in June. The Board gave their concurrence to proceed with the arrangements.

NURSING HOME FINANCING

BUILDING AUTHORITY

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Joseph P. O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services
John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works

Mr. O'Dell presented a memorandum dated February 11, 1986 setting forth the alternatives for the financing of the new Nursing Home. In that the Building Authority has assumed the responsibility for the Nursing Home project, Mr. O'Dell explained that it is the recommendation of the Building Authority to go with Alternative A - Long-term lease between Building Authority and St. Mary's County. Bonds would receive county's bond rating and underwriter's discount would be 2.5%.

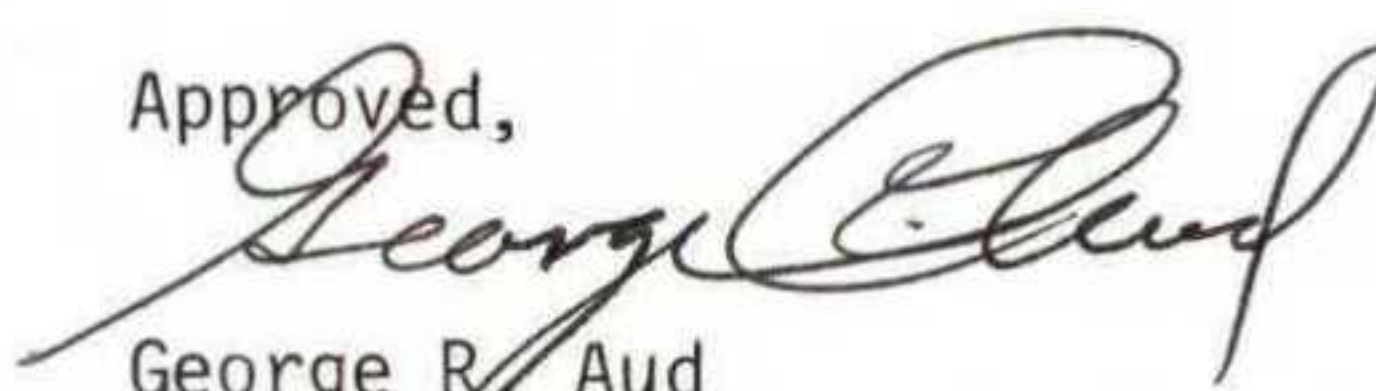
Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to accept Alternative A. Motion carried.

Mr. Norris distributed and reviewed the building construction costs for the project and explained that the site work will be performed by the County. Groundbreaking will be some time in May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President