

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 1987

Present: Commissioner Joseph P. O'Dell, President
Commissioner W. Edward Bailey
Commissioner Robert Jarboe
Commissioner John G. Lancaster
Commissioner Rodney Thompson
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 1987 as corrected. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) VETO OF BASEBALL STADIUM

The County Administrator presented an article from the January 12 Baltimore Sun which states that the Charles County Commissioners voted down the proposal for the construction of a baseball stadium near Waldorf because of the high costs.

2) PERSONNEL

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

a) Patrolman
Sheriff's Department

Memorandum dated January 8, 1987 from Personnel Officer recommending the selection of John E. Payne for the Patrolman position, Grade 11, Sheriff's Department, effective January 26, 1987.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to accept the recommendation as set forth above. Motion carried.

b) Conversion to Merit Appointment

Memorandum dated January 12, 1987 from Personnel Officer recommending the conversion from temporary to merit appointment for Walter J. Lunregan, Motor Equipment Mechanic III, Grade 8-3, effective January 13, 1987.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried.

c) Health and Life Insurance
Retirees and Vested Employees

Memorandum dated January 12, 1987 from Personnel Officer recommending revision of procedures for granting county group health and life insurance to former employees who are on deferred retirement.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve this revision. Motion carried.

3) WICOMICO SHORES

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated January 13, 1987 addressed to the Board from the Chaptico Recreation Association in response to the Board's points in correspondence dated January 6, 1987. Attached to the January 13 correspondence was a lease between St. Mary's County and Chaptico Recreation Association for the lease of the golf carts to the County.

Mr. O'Dell stated that he was of the opinion that the Recreation Association should include citizens with expertise in business on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Baggett agreed that the Corporation will review the matter and return with recommendations.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to approve and authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the lease. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REVIEW

At this time the Commissioners reviewed the 32 items of the 1987 Legislative Package and by unanimous decision took the following positions:

A. Items Supported and Recommended for Legislation

1. Municipal Landfills Renewal Period
2. St. Mary's Nursing Center (State Debt)
5. MetComm-Equal Benefit Assessment Method
6. MetComm-Assessment for Enlarged or Improve Facilities
11. Public Schools (Removal of Students-Physical Violence)
12. Electrical Examiners Board
13. Margaret Brent Gardens (Perpetual Care)
14. County Commissioners - Debt Authority
15. Speed Limit (Residential Subdivisions)
16. Lighting Districts (Required Percentage)
17. Special Taxing Districts (Sidewalks)
18. Special Taxing District (Payback Period)
20. Notice of Public Hearing (Elimination of Special St. Mary's County Provision)
21. Alcoholic Beverage Board (Circuit Court/Remanding Authority)
22. Budgetary and Fiscal Procedures (Budget Officer/Chief Financial Officer)
23. St. Clements Island-Potomac Museum (State Funds)
24. St. Mary's River Watershed (State Debt)
25. Local Income Tax Rate
28. Maryland State Retirement and Pension System
29. County Commissioners - Oath of Office Day
30. Agriculture Commission (State Funding)
31. Hunting Restrictions (Spotlighting)
32. Seventh District Optimist Youth Foundation

B. Items Supported with Clarification and Recommended
For Legislation

19. Runaways (Juvenile Offense)

Because of the increased incidents of runaways and because of the seriousness of the problem, it is requested that the item be pursued on a state-wide level; however, if this is not successful that it be pursued as tri-county or local legislation.

26/27 Electrical Examiners Board

Item 26 requests the removal of outdated language and Item 27 requests staggered terms for Board members. It is requested that Section 38-1 be deleted and replaced with the following language: "The Board of County Commissioners shall appoint a Board which shall be known as the "Board of Electrical Examiners." The County Commissioners shall stagger the appointments of the members for periods of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, and thereafter the members of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. The members of the Board are eligible for reappointment."

C. Items Held for Additional Information

3. Metropolitan Commission - Benefit Assessment Charges for Committed Properties.
4. Metropolitan Commission - Acquisition of Connections within 200 feet.
7. Metropolitan Commission - Assessments for Enlarged or Improved Facilities.
8. St. Mary's Public Schools - Driver's License - School Attendance.
9. St. Mary's Public Schools - Election Days
10. St. Mary's Public Schools - Stopped School Buses - Violator Identification.

The following individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss legislative items pertaining to their department/agency:

Metropolitan Commission - Larry Petty, Director
Steve King

St. Mary's Public Schools - Dr. Larry Lorton, Superintendent

Walden Counseling Center - Dr. Patricia Hawkins, Director

Dept. of Public Works - John Norris, Director

After review and discussion, the Commissioners directed that correspondence be prepared to the Legislative Delegation forwarding the Commissioners's positions on the referenced items.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATIONAL PLAN

Also Present: Walter Wise, Supervisor of County Highways
George Jarboe, Supervisor of County Construction

The referenced representatives from the Department of Public Works appeared before the Commissioners to present and explain the Snow and Ice Control Operational Plan for St. Mary's County Roads and government buildings. (Copies of the plan are on file in the Commissioners' Office.)

2) BIDS ON TRACTOR TRUCK
PROJECT NO. SM 87-5-5

As a follow up to last week's presentation of bids for the referenced project, Mr. Norris presented the Purchase Order certified by the Budget Office of available funds for approval by the County Commissioners. Mr. Norris recommended that the bid be awarded to Webber's White Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$41,500.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation. Motion carried.

3) PROCEDURES FOR CHANGE OF STREET NAMES

Mr. Norris explained the process used in having street names changed. He stated that the County requires a letter of request signed by the property owners. The County mails a notice of public hearing indicating the intent to change the name to all the residents of the road. The Commissioners conduct the hearing and receive comments. If the road is change a Resolution is prepared for approval by the Board.

In addition, Mr. Norris presented each Commissioner with a Roaddata Index.

4) TIMBERS SHORE EROSION PROJECT (HERRING CREEK)

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners the history of the referenced project stating that the Corps of Engineers involvement in the mitigation of shore erosion which was caused by the jetties that were built by the Corps in the opening of Herring Creek.

Mr. Norris advised the Board that there were cost overruns in the project far in excess of the original estimate provided by the Corps and that a resolution was needed to the issue. He stated that he has advised the Corps that the County will not reimburse funds until justification and verification for the overruns is received from the Corps.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with representatives of the Corps of Engineers, Department of Public Works, Assistant County Attorney, and County Commissioners to develop concrete direction on this matter.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ACTIVITY PROFESSIONALS DAY

Present: Chris Marshall, St. Mary's Nursing Center
George Smith, "

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating January 23, 1987 as National Activity Professional Day in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Present: Dr. Phillip Christie

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating February as National Children's Dental Health Awareness Month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
John Norris, Director, DPW
Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to meet in Executive Session. Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

OFFICE ON AGING

Present: Billye McGaharn, Director Area Agency on Aging

1) RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GRANT

Mrs. McGaharn presented and reviewed the referenced Grant Application indicating that it is a program that allows funding so that older citizens can be by volunteers. Total project cost is \$48,571 with \$34,000 from Federal (A.C.T.I.O.N.) and \$14,571 local match.

After discussion, Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded Commissioner Lancaster to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the RVP Grant Application and that it be forwarded to A.C.T.I.O.N. Motion carried.

2) STATE-WIDE SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Mrs. McGaharn presented and reviewed the referenced Grant Application and explained the need for adequate transportation for the elderly and handicapped citizens of the County. The total project cost of the grant, which will provide funding for the operation of four cars and two vans and a leased bus, is \$60,409 (\$43,807 State; \$14,502 local match; and \$2,000 project income).

During discussion, Mrs. McGaharn displayed maps of the routes for the SSTP Program and the routes for the County-wide Transportation System.

After discussion Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to submit the grant application to the State on the basis that Mrs. McGaharn submit a statistical report on the proposed routes in order to make a determination as to the need for this type of service. Motion carried.

3) NUTRITION PROGRAM

Mrs. McGaharn advised the Commissioners that the food program for the elderly is getting heavy and that performance is quite high on the meals that are provided. She indicated that the State has questioned the high performance in that only \$12,000 is provided for this purpose; however, it is higher because of fundraising activities and the provision of meals by other agencies. Mrs. McGaharn stated that she has submitted documentation to the State regarding this. She advised that in the future she will be looking at not how many meals, but what it is doing for the elderly in providing proper nutrition.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Commissioners conducted the weekly Public Forum at this time accepting questions and comments from the audience.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER ITEMS

1) Commissioner Thompson inquired as to what procedure is to be followed in requesting Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Hygiene, to meet with representatives of the realtors of St. Mary's County. It was suggested that the realtors make the request of Mr. Russell directly.

2) Commissioner Thompson requested that a Resolution be presented next week adopting the song about St. Mary's County as the official song of the County. He recommended that it be at 10:00a.m. next Tuesday, and that Joey Hoopengardner bring students from Spring Ridge School in to sing the song. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

3) Commissioner O'Dell directed that beginning next month, the Commissioner's meeting format be changed as follows: That the meeting begin in the morning for administrative matters; break for lunch; tour of various county facilities and projects; break for dinner continue with the meeting in the evening for those items having a significant impact on the citizens in the County. Mr. O'Dell suggested that this be done on a trial basis, and if it does not work that the Board should look again at the offer by WPTX for a weekly show.

4) The Commissioners discussed the memorandum distributed by Commissioner O'Dell at last week's meeting regarding Reimbursement for incurred expenses. Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to approve and adopt the procedures as outlined in Commissioner O'Dell's memorandum of December 31, 1986. Motion carried.

5) Commissioner O'Dell requested the following:

That Dr. Lorton respond to correspondence dated December 30, 1986 from Susan Chappelle relative to integration of handicapped students.

That a response be forwarded to William Spaller President of Friends of St. Clements Island-Potomac River Museum, Inc. stating that the Commissioners will make every effort to attend the June 13 Children's Day at the Museum.

That Mr. Norris be directed to respond to Mr. W. Andrews regarding his request to delay blacktopping his driveway.

That Mr. Mitchell respond to January 6 correspondence from Dept. of Economic & Community Development regarding Allocation for Private Activity Bonds in 1987.

That the Commissioners look at the material received from the Community Services Coordination Committee regarding appointments.

That the County Administrator get a list of the suits against the County.

6) Commissioner O'Dell noted that the idea of reinstituting the Tri-County Commissioners' meeting was discussed at the MACo Conference. He stated that Calvert County has agreed to host the first one February 2. The Commissioners will supply agenda items appropriate for that meeting. Some suggested items: Resource Recovery System presentation by Director of Public Work; Legislative regarding runaways; Groundwater conservation.

7) Correspondence was forwarded by Commissioner Dean regarding Private water systems and Stormwater Management. Mr. Cox indicated that the Stormwater Management item is before the Planning Commission at this time; therefore, the Commissioners agreed to defer acting on these items until comments are received from the Planning Commission as to when its recommendations will be forwarded to the Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved,



Joseph P. O'Dell
President