

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 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 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 1987. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Bailey 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) APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, and motion carried, to make the following appointments:

Library Board of Trustees

Gene A. Walters
Leonard Maxwell

St. Mary's County Ethics Commission

Louis Eberle

Southern Maryland RC&D Board

Member

RC&D Alternate

Ralph Brown (Reappt.)

Dr. Patricia White (Reappt.)

2) METROPOLITAN COMMISSION BOND ISSUE
RESOLUTION NO. 87-04

The County Administrator presented a proposed Resolution approving the acceptance of a loan from the State of Maryland designated as St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission Bonds (Sixth Series) in an aggregate amount of \$225,000.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and sign Resolution No. 87-04 as set forth above.

3. PERMIT FEES

The County Administrator reminded the Commissioners of the pending proposal from the Office of Planning and Zoning regarding a revised fee schedule and recommended that this item be placed on a future agenda for discussion. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

4. ZONING DECISION DISCUSSION FORMAT

For the Commissioners' consideration the County Administrator presented a sample format for use during zoning decision discussions which he stated should help in the accuracy of wording of the motion for the minutes. He stated that this form could be distributed by the Office of Planning and Zoning in the package prior to the hearing and notes taken for use during the zoning decision discussion process.

The Commissioners concurred in the use of the form; however, Commissioner O'Dell suggested that use of the motion portion be optional, but that an effort would be made to ensure a clearly worded motion.

5. LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

The County Administrator presented a report on the final status of the legislative package items submitted by the Board. The Commissioners requested a letter of appreciation be forwarded to our legislative delegation.

6. HOMELESS SERVICE PROGRAM

The County Administrator advised that the County is in receipt of \$30,000 to provide funds for the Homeless Service Program and requested the Commissioners' approval to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in the expanded Program.

Mr. Cox further reported that according to Mr. Blake, Catholic Charities is negotiating to purchase the old SMECO building in Hughesville for office space and for shelter for 32 people. There will be a contributory request in the amount of approximately \$5,000 which will be considered during the budgetary process. Correspondence will be forthcoming with details on this.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the Letter of Intent. Motion carried.

7. NURSING CENTER
BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The County Administrator reported that the Director of the Nursing Center made a statement at the budget hearing on April 23 regarding the Nursing Center's request for \$75,000. Mr. Cox pointed out that Commissioner O'Dell responded at the hearing that a feasibility study had indicated that the financial forecast did not assume a subsidy by the County for FY '88, '89, and '90. Therefore, Mr. Cox presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures setting forth the County's position. Commissioner O'Dell suggested that the letter be revised to include that it is not the County's intent to reduce any benefits.

Later in the meeting the County Administrator returned with the revised letter as requested. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

8. REQUEST FOR ACCIDENT LEAVE

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated April 28, 1987 from the Personnel Officer recommending that the Commissioners approve the use of accident leave of Sergeant Stanley Williams. The Personnel Policies limit accident leave to one year, and a waiver of this policy is requested. Sgt. William was involved in a departmental motor vehicle accident in 1984 and has been at times unable to work.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the use of Accident Leave for Sgt. Williams up to six months from this date to be reviewed at that time. Motion carried.

9. FISCAL CLERK POSITION
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated April 29, 1987 from the Personnel Officer submitting a request from the Department of Economic & Community Development for a grant-funded Fiscal Clerk, Grade 5, position.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to grant this request. Motion carried.

ESSEX SOUTH/JARBOESVILLE PARK

Present: Bricie Elliott, resident of Essex South
John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Elliott explained that the purpose of his meeting was to inform the Board of the problems he has encountered at his property in Essex South which abuts Jarboesville Park. He stated that there is a wooded area between his home and the park and individuals coming from the park have been creating a nuisance. Mr. Elliott pointed out that the wooded area was to serve as a buffer; however, the area is being used as a gathering area which has caused a disturbance to him.

Mr. Baggett stated he was aware of the problem and indicated that he could not place "No Trespassing" signs because the woods are public property.

Commissioner O'Dell suggested that he and any of the other Commissioners meet with Mr. Baggett at the site with Mr. Elliott tomorrow (April 29) at 8:00 a.m. to have a first-hand look at the area and try to arrive at a solution.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) SOIL DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Also Present: Alexander Stewart

Mr. Norris introduced to the Commissioners Mr. Al Stewart, the newly appointed District Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Office in Leonardtown. The Commissioners express their well wishes to Mr. Stewart in his new position.

2) DEEP CREEK INLET

Mr. Norris advised that there is a problem at the referenced inlet at Hayes and Rodo Beach with silting. He stated that there is a great deal of surface runoff from the State Highway road network and the land that abuts the creek. SHA has not agreed to participate in keeping the inlet open and the County has been regularly doing the clearing. A permanent solution is needed and Mr. Norris suggested that the County will have to address the issue including the possibility of constructing a jetty.

3) ASPHALT PAVING AWARD

Mr. Norris presented correspondence from The Maryland Asphalt Paving Conference dated April 14, 1987 announcing that St. Mary's County is the recipient for the second time in history of an Asphalt Paving Award for resurfacing work. This year's award is being received for the Chingville Road project.

4. PROJECT NO. SM 87-6-1
RENTAL CONTRACT SERVICES
PAINTING AND WALLPAPERING

Mr. Norris presented the bid tally sheet for the referenced project and recommended awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Buckler Decorators (Item 1 - \$10 per hour; Item 2 - \$9 per hour).

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to award the contract to Buckler Decorators as recommended for a two-year period ending December 31, 1988, and to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the appropriate documents. Motion carried.

5. ROADSIDE HERBICIDE SPRAYING

Mr. Norris indicated to the Board that the County has a policy of no roadside herbicide spraying to control vegetation. Because of the time-consuming aspects and other drawbacks of mechanically cutting grass, Mr. Norris requested permission from the Board to prepare a demonstration plot for the testing of various herbicides to determine what the benefits are. He stated that the University of Maryland will assist with this project, if the Board concurs, in establishing the size of the plot, types of demonstrations and duration necessary to accomplish the task.

The Commissioners concurred that Mr. Norris proceed to look into this, come back before the Board with the precise objectives of the Program so that evaluations can be made relative to equipment vs. chemicals, taking into consideration environmental concerns.

6. ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
COUNTRY LAKES SUBDIVISION

Mr. Norris presented an Addendum to Public Works Agreements for Country Lakes Subdivision, Section II and IV, Fourth Election District, entered into by and between Benjamin H. Burroughs, Jr. and the Board of County Commissioners extending the deadline to July 1, 1987 for completion of East Lakeland Drive, Section II; Yowaiski Mill Road, Section IV; Bosse Drive, Section IV. Mr. Norris requested the Boards approval of the Addendum pending receipt of a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,000.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the Addendum for Country Lakes Section II and IV upon receipt of the \$10,000 Letter of Credit. Motion carried.

7. DELLABROOKE BRIDGE DESIGN

Mr. Norris reported that the Commissioners had in October 1986 award the design of the Dellabrooke Bridge reconstruction. It is an 80-(federal)-20 (County) project, and the Federal Highway Administration has indicated that if the County would forward the executed Contract for the project, the project would get underway. Mr. Norris stated that funds are allocated for the design in this fiscal year's budget; however, funds have not yet been included in the FY '88 budget for construction.

After discussion Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners' approval to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the contract documents for the design of Dellabrooke Bridge.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the contractual documents based on the commitment by the Commissioners in October 1986 in an amount not to exceed \$32,344.61. Motion carried.

8. ALCOHOL HALFWAY HOUSE

Mr. Norris presented correspondence dated April 14, 1987 from the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advising that an additional \$90,000 will be provided by the State through the Community Bond Bill. \$125,000 has already been provided by the State. The project is 75 (state)- 25 (County) funded. The County's match for the additional funds is 25% (\$15,000), which is a capital budget request for FY '88.

Mr. Norris requested the Board's approval to submit the grant application to the State pending concurrence from the Marcey House Board.

After discussion Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the grant application to the State pending concurrence by Marcey House; and further to support the County's share of at 25% of total cost of project.

9. ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD
RIDGELL PROPERTY

At the request of Commissioner O'Dell, Mr. Norris explained the history of grading problem with the Ridgell property which occurred during the reconstruction of St. Andrews Church Road, which was below the original level. Because of the necessity for heavy equipment going up that grade on the Ridgell property there have been some problems. Mr. Ridgell had requested the County to provide him with a safe access and has not asked for money for damages. Several solutions were tried and failed until it was decided to acquire an easement on adjacent property. The County invested \$5,000 for the property behind the Ridgells by easement and fee simple for an access that was safe, off of St. Andrews Church Road with Mr. Ridgell being responsible for construction of the access road.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

1. Tri-County Council Executive Committee Meeting
Priority List for Governor

As discussed at last week's meeting, Commissioner O'Dell submitted the following items for the priority list:

- a) Teacher Shortage - To encourage a State-wide Program to enlist students to take teaching curriculum; and to develop a state/county program for the recruitment of out-of-state teachers to Maryland.
- b) School Construction Program - To undertake a comprehensive review of the SCP in order to determine if it is meeting the needs of the local subdivision, in particular, growing and non-urbanized county's such as St. Mary's.
- c) Special Education - To undertake a new approach with more state participation in meeting the needs of handicapped students.

- d) Agriculture Commission - To encourage Governor to move aggressively in funding and commitment towards state agriculture.
- e) Md. Rt. 246 and Chancellors Run Road - To make Governor aware of County's plans for Lexington Park area in relation to the completion of improvements to Rt. 246 and Chancellors Run Road.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners issued the following Proclamations:

- 1. NO. 87-22
"SALT OUT DAY" AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Present: Gail Stevens

Designating May 7, 1987 as "Salt Out Day" in St. Mary's County.

- 2. No. 87-35
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Present: Maxine Brown
Rita Bakewell
Mr. and Mrs. Bussler
Helen Brown
George Smith
Irene Holsen
Billye McGaharn

Designating May as Older Americans Month in St. Mary's County.

- 3. NO. 87-31
NURSING CENTER WEEK

Present: George Smith
Marietta Gunnell

Designating May 10 - 16, 1987 as Nursing Home Week in St. Mary's County.

- 4. NO. 87-35
TEACHER APPRECIATION MONTH - MAY

Present: Francine Dove

Designating May as Teacher Appreciation Month.

COMMENDATION
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

Present: Jack Thomas, McDonnell Douglas Corp.
Walter Frazier, Principal, Green Holly School

The Commissioners presented a Commendation to Mr. Thomas for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation's contributions to Green Holly School.

FY '87 BUDGET REVIEWS

Present: Charles Wade, Jr., Director of Finance

The following departments appeared before the Commissioners to discuss FY '88 budget requests:

Health Department

Present: Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer
Anita Anderson

Sheriff's Department

Present: Sheriff Wayne Pettit
Lt. Gene Pellillo

Elections Board

Present: Marjorie Aud
Beth McCoy
Karen Adams
Donald Strickland

Board of Education

Present: Dr. Larry Lorton
Dorothy Harper
John McFadden
Jonathan Nelson
William Wagoner
Dennis Younkin
Steve Olczak
John Ryan

Department of Public Works

Present: John Norris, Director
Walter Wise
George Jarboe
Dan Ichniowski

Department of Recreation and Parks

Present: John Baggett, Director

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL
PRIORITY ITEMS FOR MEETING WITH GOVERNOR

Present: Gary Hodge, Executive Director

Mr. Hodge appeared before the Commissioners to explain the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for May 14 with Governor Schaefer and distributed a list of suggested priority items to be discussed at that meeting. Each County is to develop a priority list, after which a list will be developed for the Southern Maryland region. The Commissioners agreed to meet with Mr. Hodge on Friday at 11:00 a.m. to develop a list for St. Mary's County

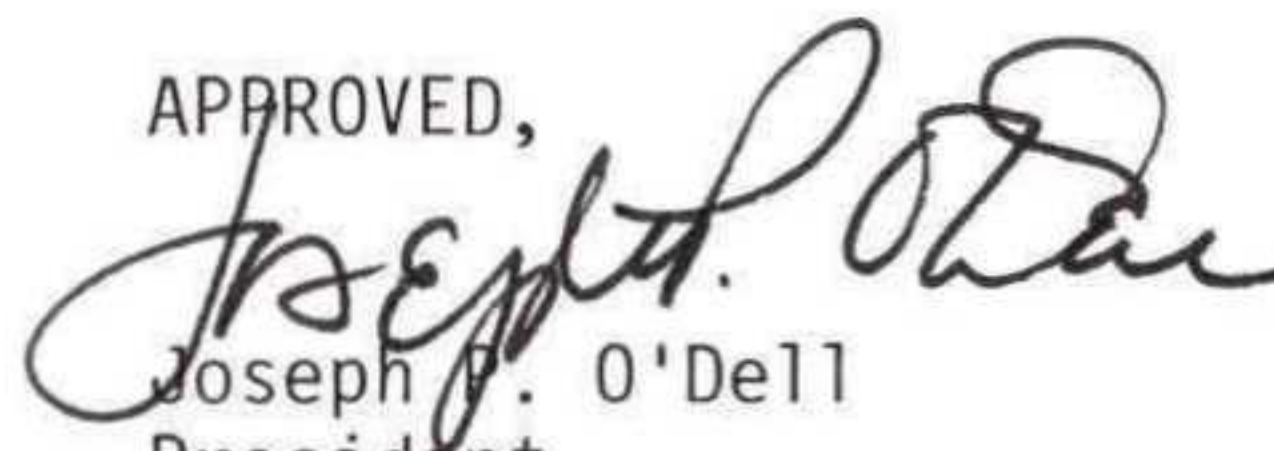
PUBLIC FORUM

At this time the Commissioners accepted questions and comments from the audience. Comments were received from the following individuals:

John Scully regarding property taxes;
Claude Jarboe regarding Board of Education budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED,

Joseph P. O'Dell
President