

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Friday, May 1, 1987

Present: Commissioner Joseph P. O'Dell, President
Commissioner W. Edward Bailey, Vice-President
Commissioner Robert Jarboe
Commissioner John G. Lancaster
Commissioner Rodney Thompson
Charles H. Wade, Director of Finance
Judy Landram, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

FY '88 BUDGET REVIEW

At this time the County Commissioners reviewed the FY '88 Budget Requests with the following departments:

Dept. of Economic & Community Development
(Housing Authority & Agriculture Commission)

St. Mary's Nursing Center

Agency on Aging

Emergency Operations Center

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITY LIST

Present: Gary V. Hodge, Executive Director, Tri-County Council

Each of the Commissioners presented a list of priority items and objectives to be reviewed with Governor Schaefer at the TCC's Executive Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, May 14, 1987.

The items are as follows:

Joseph P. O'Dell

- 1) 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 of Maryland.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Special Education - To undertake a new approach with more state participation in meeting the needs of the handicapped students.
- 4) Agriculture Commission - To encourage the Governor to move aggressively in funding and commitment towards state agriculture.
- 5) 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.

John G. Lancaster

1) Agriculture - For more services provided to the farmers through the Agriculture Commission and the Cooperative Extension Service - There is a need to review the duties and demands and to coordinate which agency will provide the service.

Robert Jarboe

1) Solid Waste Management - The State should provide assistance to the county to compensate for the cost of implementing new State regulations pertaining to the management of solid waste.

2) Education - The Federal Impact Aid to county schools has been reduced and there is a need to reverse this trend.

3) Tobacco Industry- The State should address agriculture as one of the most important industries in the State, with a view toward providing assistance that will ensure its survival and viability as an economic enterprise, especially financial assistance to encourage crop diversification in Southern Maryland, and better coordination of programs designed to assist farmers.

4) Agriculture

For preservation of rural land in the county and for the state to take stronger interest - Mr. Hodge stated that the Department of Agriculture realizes the crisis in Southern Maryland and is working toward better incentives for Agriculture Preservation.

5) Tourism Development

The State needs to increase financial support for tourism development and promotion efforts at the local, regional and State levels, including reconstruction and restoration of historic sites, construction of visitor information centers, and the development of State parks

Rodney Thompson

1) Teacher Recruitment

For the development by the State of incentives for teacher recruitment

2) Tobacco Industry

For the abandonment of the tobacco industry if it is phasing out. Tobacco has been associated with health hazards.

3) Recreation

For the funding of more regional parks and installation of a regional boat ramp perhaps on this side of the Governor Johnson's Bridge. Mr. Hodge stated that the Governor is interested in sports-related activities to be implemented in Southern Maryland and attracting people to the area.

4) Property Assessment

For control of assessments of properties which is causing inflation and feels that the state is encouraging it.

W. Edward Bailey

1) Tobacco Industry

For more support of the tobacco industry to provide for farmers and keeping their families in the farming industry.

2) Tourism Industry

For more support of the tourism in the county because of additional revenue to the county.

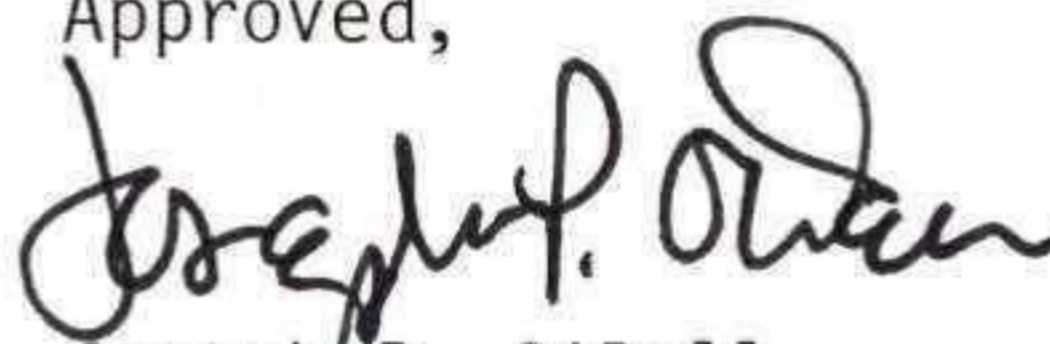
3) Seafood Industry

For more support of the seafood industry and for more activity with seeding oyster beds in the Potomac River, Wicomico River and Patuxent River Mr. Hodge mentioned to the Commissioners that a conference concerning aquatic farming would be in the near future

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved,



Joseph P. O'Dell
President