

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 1987

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, President
W. Edward Bailey, Vice-President
Robert Jarboe, Commissioner
John G. Lancaster, Commissioner
Rodney Thompson, Commissioner
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Margaret Nelson, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

President O'Dell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the minutes of May 12, 1987 as submitted. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Edward V. Cox
County Administrator

1) JTPA-Investment in Job Opportunities Grant Agreement

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, DECD
Susan Wilkinson, Project Self-Sufficiency Resource
Coordinator

Ms. Wilkinson presented for the Commissioners' approval an Investment in Job Opportunities Agreement. She explained that the St. Mary's County Department of Economic and Community Development in collaboration with the local office of the Maryland Department of Social Services, and Southern Maryland Private Industry Council/Job Training Partnership Act will enlist the support of existing local businesses in identifying jobs which will be filled by local citizens receiving welfare benefits. A total of \$78,200 is available to St. Mary's County for a period from January 1987 to June 1988.

The Commissioners agreed to review the Agreement and return with a decision.

2) Title III Area Plan on Aging Application

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to authorize the President of the Board to sign the Title III Area Plan on Aging Application for FY 1988 as presented by the County Administrator. Motion unanimously carried.

3) Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation Project Assurances

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Non-Urbanized Area Public Transportation Project Assurances as presented by the County Administrator. Motion unanimously carried.

4) Promotion of Patrolman Steven Doolan to
Patrolman First Class

The County Administrator presented a Memorandum from the Personnel Officer dated May 18, 1987 which recommended the promotion of Steven Doolan to Patrolman First Class, grade 12-3, at a salary of \$23,086 effective July 13, 1987

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to accept the request as presented by the County Administrator. Motion unanimously carried.

5) Urban Mass Transit Administration Grant Funds

The Board was in unanimous agreement to sign correspondence addressed to the Tri-County Council endorsing their application through the State for UMTA funds earmarked for the continued funding of the ridesharing and commuter bus programs. The County Administrator was directed to forward the approved correspondence to Tri-County Council.

6) Appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee

The Board unanimously approved two appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee who are: 1) Mr. Joseph Anderson; 2) Mr. John Underwood. Letters will be forwarded requesting their signatures of acceptance.

7) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault and Homeless Shelter Grants

At the request of Dr. Patricia Hawkins, Executive Director of Walden/Sierra, the County Administrator presented the following grants for County Commissioner approval in order to carry over the current grants into FY 1988:

- a) Battered Spouse - Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey authorizing the President of the Board to sign Amendment CSA/RC/7-87-010 between St. Mary's County and the Department of Human Resources for Battered Spouse Program Services in the amount of \$98,258. Motion carried.
- b) Rape Crisis - Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson authorizing the President of the Board to sign Amendment CSA/RC/7-87-013 between the St. Mary's County Board on Domestic Violence and the Department of Human Resources for Rape Crisis Program Services in the amount of \$94,135. Motion carried.
- c) Homeless Shelter - Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board to sign the request for the Homeless Shelter grant funds in the amount of \$37,723. Motion unanimously carried.

8) Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Grant

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Program Grant Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 in response to an RFP from the Alcohol Control Administration for community based prevention programs. Monies will be used to implement selected objectives of the St. Mary's Prevention Plan. Motion unanimously carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning
Robin Guyther, Planner
Philip H. Dorsey, Attorney for Property Owner
Chi Hoi Poon, Property Owner

Poon Right-of-Way

Attorney Dorsey explained that the purpose of this meeting was to obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners to allow Mr. Poon to build an entrance to his property through county-owned property off the new route 235 in Hollywood. He continued that Mr. Poon has received Planning Commission approval for the entrance-way.

Poon Right-of-Way (Continued)

Mr. Guyther contended that the property was rezoned with the access being from old route 235 which was designed for use as a commercial street. He also expressed concern that allowing Mr. Poon access to his property from new route 235 would set precedent for other property owners to request and expect the same. Attorney Dorsey was not in agreement, stating that this is not a new issue because it has been discussed with the Planning Commission for several years.

Commissioner O'Dell asked that the Board be given the opportunity to review previous actions by the Board of County Commissioners. He also requested Mr. Guyther to inform him of all zoning classifications and changes in that particular area, and when they occurred.

The Board agreed to present a decision to Mr. Poon's request in two weeks during their June 2, 1987 meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, DECD
David W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
Greig H. Parks, SSI Managing Partner

Inducement Resolution and Agreement
Industrial Revenue Bonds for SSI Properties
Public Hearing

The secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing as published in the Enterprise Newspaper on May 1, 1987.

Mr. Parks, Managing Partner for SSI properties, was introduced and he explained that his request for Industrial Revenue Bonds would finance the construction of a new manufacturing facility to be located in the Industrial Park in Hollywood which is expected to create twenty (20) new jobs in the next three years.

There were no public statements pro or con concerning the project.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson approving the Inducement Resolution to Issue Revenue Bonds to SSI Properties for the purpose of constructing a new manufacturing facility and moving from Lexington Park to the Industrial Park in Hollywood. Motion carried.

APPROVEMENT OF BILLS

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

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Robin Guyther, Planner
Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary

ALPD 86-0874
James H. and Mary Hall

The meeting was postponed between the Board of County Commissioners and James H. and Mary Hall concerning the Agriculture Land Preservation District designation of land until a later date after the matter has been heard by the St. Mary's County Planning Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John B. Norris, Jr., Director

1) Roofing Repairs - Leonardtown Library

At the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to award the bid for roofing repairs to the Leonardtown Library. Motion carried.

2) Flora Corner Road

There was unanimous approval by the Board to forward correspondence to the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad approving their request for St. Mary's County to correct the sight distance at the intersection of Flora Corner Road. The necessary easements have been obtained by the Rescue Squad in order for the work to begin.

3) 1987 Secondary Rural Federal Highway Aid

Mr. Norris explained that federal highway aid is available to the county through Section 507 of Transportation Article, Title 8- Highways of the Annotated Code of Maryland in the amount of \$105,308 and recommended the approval of the Agreement to receive those funds.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the Agreement between the State Highway Administration and St. Mary's County for federal aid to supplement the county's highway funds in the amount of \$105,308. Motion unanimously carried.

4) Letter of Intent/Highway Safety

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Letter of Intent indicating county interest in conducting four highway safety projects during the next fiscal year with federal funding. Motion carried.

Those four highway safety projects are: 1) Frontage Road Standards in the amount of \$6,000; 2) St. Mary's County Highway Safety Traffic Engineer in the amount of \$32,000; 3) Route Evaluation Study in the amount of \$30,000; 4) St. Mary's County Highway Mapping in the amount of \$50,000.

5) St. Catherine's Island Shore Erosion Assistance

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson authorizing the President of the Board to sign the application for state assistance for shore erosion control on St. Catherine's Island. Motion unanimously carried.

6) Mechanicsville Pond/ Reservoir

Mr. Norris explained that he has received complaints from property owners adjacent to county-owned property where a pond was built for emergency use by the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department off old route 5 in Mechanicsville. The property owners are requesting that the growth around the residential properties be maintained by the county.

Since the Fire Department no longer has a need for the pond, and it has overgrown, Mr. Norris was directed by the Board to check into the situation and return to the Board with details of the problem, and who the original owner was. The Board will then render a decision. Commissioner O'Dell requested that until a final decision is made, the county should maintain the property from overgrowth.

7) Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Control Project

Mr. Norris informed the Board that the Corps of Engineers, the contractor, and he plan to visit the Tall Timbers shore erosion control project site on Thursday, May 21, 1987 and will return to the Board with information concerning the status of the situation.

8) Quality Asphalt Paving Award Presentation

Mr. Norris presented to the Board the Quality Asphalt Paving Award for county highway improvements that he received on their behalf during the annual County Engineers meeting, and commended Mr. Mike Mattingly and Mr. George Jarboe for their efforts in making this award possible.

After receiving the award, Commissioner O'Dell stated that the appropriate place for display would be the Department of Public Works and also thanked Mr. Mattingly and Mr. Jarboe for their efforts in making it possible for St. Mary's County to receive such an award.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Robin Guyther, Planner
Jim Weber, Chief of Permits

Hidden Meadows Subdivision
Lot Owners' Rights-of-Way

Mr. Guyther presented a plat for review concerning the Hidden Meadows Subdivision and pointed out the right-of-way in question serving as a private right-of-way for more than eight lot owners.

Mr. Cecil Kidd who was representing the interested lot owners presented a packet of material to the Board which outlined the situation and comments of some lot owners.

After a lengthy discussion, Commissioner O'Dell stated that after review by the Board of that material, a meeting with the County Attorney, and a discussion of the matter with staff in the Planning and Zoning office, the Board will render a direction on the situation.

INSURANCE BUYERS COUNCIL

Present: John Carpenter, Representative

Mr. Carpenter discussed the Trust Agreement which is expected to be ready for signature approval within a week concerning self-insurance for St. Mary's County. He stated that an actuary would determine the amount of funds necessary based on prior claims in order that the correct amount of money is being placed into the fund. The Primary Pool is expected to be operational for St. Mary's County by July 1. Once the finalized document is received from the State, Mr. Carpenter will meet and discuss the details with the Board of County Commissioners.

LUNCH RECESS

The Board of County Commissioners visited the Elms Environmental site for a prepared program and lunch. They returned to the Governmental Center at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster for the Board to go into executive session with Dr. Larry Lorton, William Wagoner, Jonathan Nelson, and Edward V. Cox for the purpose of property acquisition. Motion carried. Executive session convened at 2:07 p.m. and concluded at 2:40 p.m.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Commissioners reviewed the Capital budget proposal from last week's meeting. The only change which occurred upon review was the amendment of the price of the White March School roofing repair from the amount of \$75,000 to \$50,000.

Commissioner O'Dell entertained a motion for approval of the Capital budget proposal. Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to authorize the Director of Finance to set forth the capital budget based on the \$25,000 roofing change. Motion carried. All five Commissioners voted in favor of having the capital budget submitted for approval on May 26, 1987.

Commissioner O'Dell requested a motion on Commissioner Jarboe's operating budget proposal. Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to approve the budget proposal as submitted by Commissioner Jarboe. Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted in favor; Commissioners O'Dell, Lancaster and Thompson voted against. The motion was defeated.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the budget proposal as submitted by Commissioner O'Dell. Commissioners Lancaster, O'Dell, and Thompson voted in favor; Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted against. The majority vote carried the motion.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to increase the property tax in the amount of 14¢ for a total of \$2.28 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Commissioners Lancaster, O'Dell and Thompson voted in favor of the property tax increase. Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted against. The motion was carried by the majority vote.

Commissioner O'Dell requested the Director of Finance to prepare the FY 1987-88 operating budget for final approval on Tuesday, May 26, 1987.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 3:48 p.m. for dinner.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Commissioners' meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. and a public forum was conducted accepting comments and questions from the floor. Present were teachers, classified employees of the public schools and interested citizens who spoke concerning the 7% salary adjustment approved for the teachers, and the 2.5% adjustment approved for the classified employees.

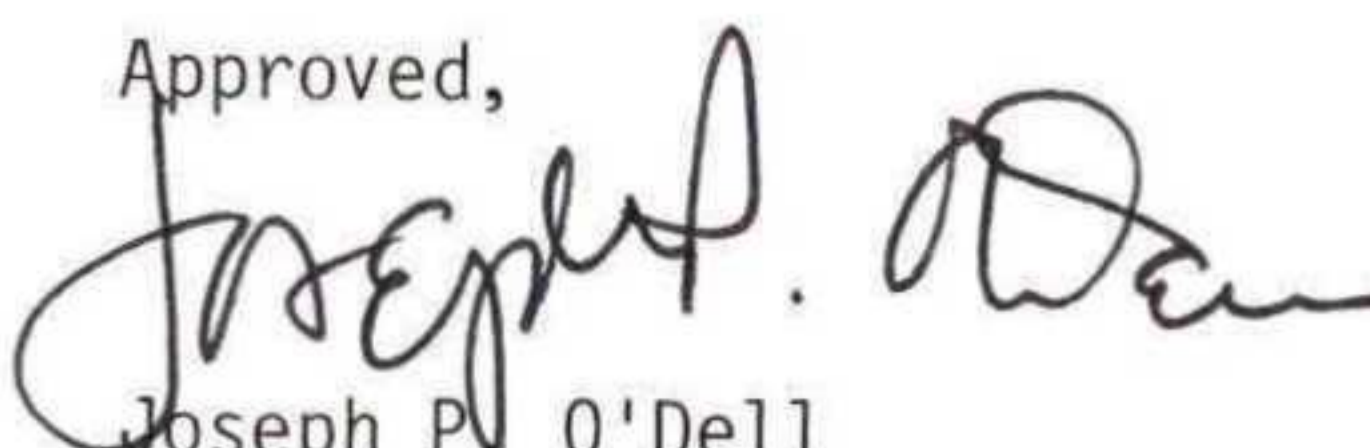
Commissioner O'Dell assured the classified employees that if the study shows their positions warrant a salary increase above the 2.5%, the Commissioners will honor their request for the salary adjustment retroactive to July 1.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Due to the length of the public forum the Commissioners' items will be held for presentation at the May 26, 1987 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved,

Joseph P. O'Dell
President