

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, November 3, 1987

Present: Commissioner Carl M. Loffler, Jr., President
 Commissioner W. Edward Bailey, Vice-President
 Commissioner Robert Jarboe
 Commissioner John G. Lancaster
 Commissioner Rodney Thompson
 Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
 Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, October 27, 1987. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The County Administrator pointed out that the Commissioners early in their administration had indicated that the county government facilities would be closed on the day after Thanksgiving on the condition that employees use either personal or annual leave. Confirmation is needed for that decision. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to reaffirm their decision to allow leave to be used for November 27.

2) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
I AND A ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated September 1, 1987 from the Department of Environment forwarding an amended Memorandum of Understanding for the I&A Sewage Treatment Program. The amendment is due to the difficulty in identifying and selecting appropriate candidates to receive grant funds. The County would have until July 1, 1988 to perform the grant program.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner President Loffler to sign the amended Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

3) WICOMICO GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF COMPLEX MANAGER CONTRACT

The County Administrator presented a Contract by and between St. Mary's County and Robert F. Bowes, Golf Complex Manager at Wicomico Shores Golf Complex. Mr. Cox stated that the contract continues in effect one more year the arrangements now in effect, but is spelled out more definitively in a contract. The contract has been reviewed by the consultant and the contractor is agreeable with the document. It is therefore, recommended that the Board authorize the President to sign the Contract.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Contract as presented. Motion carried.

WICOMICO SHORES STUDY COMMITTEE

Present: Joe Mitchell, Director, DECD
Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ
Robin Guyther, Planner, OPZ
Larry Petty, Director, MetComm
Jim Kenney, attorney for developers
L. K. Farrell, developer
Chuck Ellison, D.H. Steffens
Herb Redmond, D. H. Steffens

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to obtain direction from the Board relative to the proposed special taxing district and the moratorium on development imposed by the County.

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Committee had been formed to develop solutions to the road and water/sewer problems at Wicomico Shores. He stated that a public hearing has been scheduled for November 22, 1987 with the property owners to outline the parameters of a special taxing district. Because of the development moratorium imposed by the County, there is one application for 115 units that may not be considered by Planning and Zoning. Critical to the presentation is a definition of the land areas included in the proposed special taxing district. A determination of the land areas cannot be made until a policy decision is rendered relative to whether or not the land proposed for development is excluded from the County's current moratorium on subdivision and zoning matters.

Mr. Kenney questioned whether it was the County's intent to include this project under the moratorium. Mr. Loffler responded that it was his understanding that the moratorium was instituted in order for the County to develop its Comprehensive Plan and not to move forward with zoning requests that would affect that process.

Mr. Gerred stated that although a copy of the Order from the Bankruptcy Court is not available, he remembers that certain areas are described in the Order as required for development.

Mr. Ellison of D.H. Steffens went on to describe the development area.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to exempt those land areas referenced in the Order from the Bankruptcy Court from the County's moratorium, subject to review by the County Attorney. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENTS

Mr. Norris presented the following Public Works Agreements for the Board's review and approval:

a) Hilton Run Subdivision

By and between Case Edwards/The Green Hilton Run Limited Partnership and St. Mary's County, Maryland guaranteeing completion of Hilton Drive in Hilton Run Subdivision by October 1, 1988. The Agreement is backed by an Irrevocable Letter of Credit with Citizens Savings Bank in the amount of \$215,500.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

b) Chancellors Run Estates

By and between Joe T. Horton and St. Mary's County, Maryland guaranteeing completion of Horton Drive, Chancellors Run Estates, by November 1, 1988. The Agreement is backed by an Irrevocable Letter of Credit with Maryland Bank & Trust Company.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

2) ROAD RESOLUTION NO. R87-39
DRAYDEN ROAD

Mr. Norris presented Road Resolution No. R87-39 posting Drayden Road, Second Election District at 30 miles per hour from its intersection with Md. Rt. 249 to its intersection with St. George Church Road.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Road Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

3) SNOW AND ICE CONTROL OPERATIONAL PLAN/
SNOW EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS

Also Present: Walter Wise, Supervisor, County Highways

Mr. Norris and Mr. Wise reviewed with the Commissioners the Snow and Ice Control Operational Plan and pointed out that there are 18 snow routes and the contractors are paid on the basis as SHA pays. Mr. Wise went on to explain the procedure used by the County regarding notification, priorities and scope of the program.

During discussion Mr. Norris requested approval of the Snow Removal Contracts and indicated that he would like to develop a different rate for those contractors who could provide the equipment and service, but not the insurance. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of setting a minimum payment and directed Mr. Norris to work with the County Administrator in developing a specific proposal.

As recommended by Mr. Norris, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the rates of the contracts and further to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the respective contracts. Motion carried.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Present: Phebe Barth, Director, Office of Community Services
Charlie Walsh, Director, Youth Employment Program

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's Youth Employment Programs. Ms. Barth began by presenting a brief history of the Programs, and Mr. Walsh followed by reviewing each of the Programs: Youth Summer Employment (YSE), SMILE (Self Motivation Increases Learning Effectiveness), and Pax Hi Program and explained the details and successes of each.

During discussion the Commissioners discussed the possibility of including the private sector in these programs, possibly in conjunction with JTPA.

In conclusion Ms. Barth indicated that her office would work with the school system in looking at the private sector and that even though it is a good program, to work towards making it a better one.

The Commissioners expressed their support of the Programs and appreciated all the efforts in making it work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, and unanimously carried, to meet in Executive Session as follows:

Property Acquisition

Also Present: Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ
John Norris, Director, DPW
Joseph Densford, Asst. County Attorney

(Held from 11:05 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

Litigation

Also Present: John Norris, Director, DPW
Walter Wise, DPW
Dan Ichniowski, DPW
Joseph Densford, Asst. County Attorney

(Held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.)

PROCLAMATIONS

1) NATIONAL REACT MONTH

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating November as National REACT Month in St. Mary's County.

2) NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of November 15 - 21, 1987 as National Education Week in St. Mary's County.

(12:00 Noon - The Commissioners departed for a luncheon meeting regarding the Airport at Niko's and Leo's.)

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT AND INDUSTRIAL PARK

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ
Joseph Mitchell, Director, DECD
John Norris, Director, DPW
Larry Petty, Director, MetComm
Capt. Stuart Fitrell, Commanding Officer, NAS
Ted Mathison, State Aviation Administration
John Paradis, Chairman, Airport Commission
Tom Howard, "
Ed Long, "
Pete Mesmer "
Art Bildman, Airpark Sales & Service (FBO)
Earl Hopkins, Atlantic Aero (FBO)
Roger Boh, PRB Associates
Dana Gladysz, Intern, DECD
Bob Graham, Tide
Joel Simonetti, Enterprise
Joseph Waldschmidt, property owner
Judith Spalding, Recording Secretary

The above referenced individuals were gathered to discuss the progress and plans for the St. Mary's County Airport and its relationship with the Industrial Airpark.

The following is a summation of each of the speakers:

John Paradis - Discussed the climate, the current status, where the Airport is going, and future considerations. He concluded by asking of the Commissioners a written statement of the County's objective and secondly, once the objectives are set, for the County to support them through funding and setting of priorities.

Frank Gerred - Discussed the planning issues relative to lengthening of the runway, protection from intrusions, acquisition of additional land for clear zones, and adoption of a new sound zone if the runway is extended.

Ted Matheson - Expressed State Aviation's support of the Airport and encouraged the County to move ahead with plans for improvements.

Earl Hopkins - Noted the increased interest in support.

Art Bildman - Encouraged by positive actions and looked forward to expansion of runways and tie-downs.

Pete Mesmer - Noted the need for expansion and improved navigational aids; saw the potential need for a centralized airport for flights to other cities; and felt that the industrial park was an asset to the Airport.

John Norris - Commended the Airport Commission and expressed the need to acquire grant funds.

Joseph Mitchell - Described the companies having interest coming to the Industrial Park because of the Airport and the development of the Park. He reported that the preliminary steps to the Economic Impact Study will be ready in the next month or two.

Larry Petty - Explained the sewer line extension to the Airport which will be facilitated by a developer's extending the line to Md. Rt. 235 to serve the proposed development at Myrtle Point.

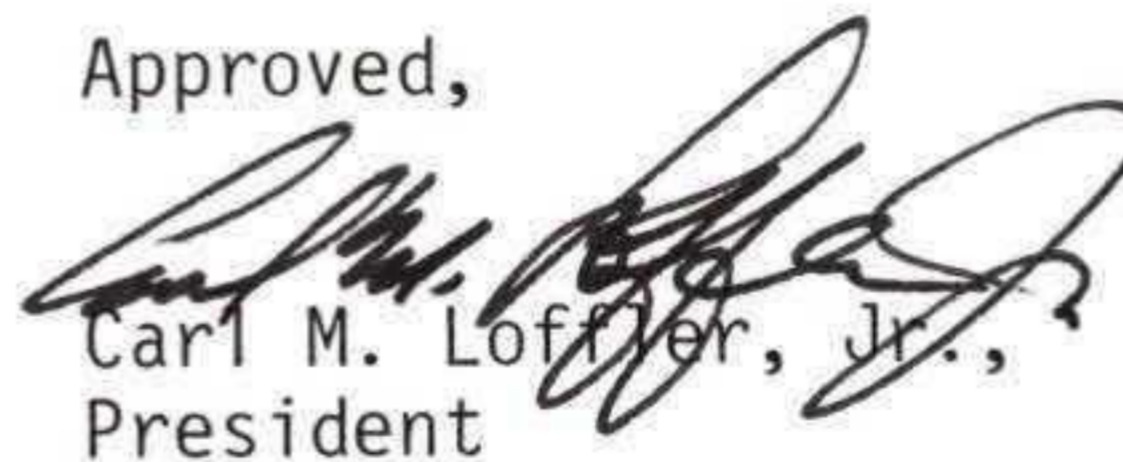
Capt. Fitrell - Expressed the Navy's need for air transportation capabilities that NAS cannot provide, the future of the Medi-vac helicopter and the cooperation between the Navy and the County.

In conclusion the participants discussed some of the various points including revenues created by the the existence of the Airport, the possibility of bond issues, and the timeframe for the improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved,



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.,
President