

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 1987

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

(Commissioner Thompson was not present.)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, November 17, 1987. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

INTRODUCTION OF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Present: Charles H. Wade, Jr., Director of Finance
James Haley, Procurement Officer

Mr. Wade introduced Mr. James Haley, the newly hired Procurement Officer for St. Mary's County who will be replacing Paul Raley, Director of Purchasing and Logistics, who will be retiring.

INTRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director DECD
Susan Wilkinson

Mr. Mitchell introduced to the Board Susan Wilkinson, who was recently appointed as the Economic Development Specialist in the Office of Economic and Community Development.

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing & Logistics
James Haley, Procurement Officer

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the bids on the purchase of seven emergency lights for Sheriff's Department vehicles. Mr. Raley recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Maryland Police Supply Inc., in the total amount of \$5,866.16.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept Mr. Raley's recommendation. Motion carried.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPARK

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development

Mr. Mitchell appeared before the Commissioners to request that the County Commissioners establish a development account for St. Mary's County Airpark and to authorize the expenditure of approximately \$11,000 from that account for a site plan to be prepared by DPW. These funds will be recovered by the County either from forthcoming grant funds or from fees assessed to perspective tenants.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to grant this request. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) I AND A SYSTEM - GLADYS HENDRICKSON PROPERTY

The County Administrator reported that as requested by the Board at last week's meeting, Dr. Marek had committed to writing the facts concerning an I and A System for the Gladys Hendrickson property; therefore a letter addressed to Dr. Marek has been prepared for the Commissioners' signatures.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to sign and forward the letter to Dr. Marek granting permission to install the I and A system which penetrates groundwater and setting forth the reasons. Motion carried.

2) LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

a) No. 17 - MetComm - Contracting Authority

Also Present: Steve King, Metropolitan Commission

As requested previously by the Commissioners, Mr. King appeared before the Board to explain Item No. 17 of the Legislative Package. He stated that the legislation would amend from \$5,000 to up to \$10,000 the amount MetComm would not have to advertise or use the competitive bid process. Further the amendment would also include language to provide MetComm the ability to negotiate a contract for necessary emergency repairs without competitive bid procedures.

Commissioner Loffler suggested that MetComm use the same system implemented by the Department of Public Works, which is the establish of set fees or a cost-plus basis.

During the discussion the Commissioners pointed out that the County's procedures specify a \$5,000 limit.

After discussion, Mr. King indicated that he would take this information back to MetComm for consideration and come back before the Board.

The Commissioners agreed to defer a decision on this legislative item until a response is received from the Metropolitan Commission.

b) No. 31 - Public Facilities Bond

Provides authority to use the proceeds of bonds for the acquisition of land and buildings. (The word "new" is to be removed from original proposal.)

All Commissioners voted in favor to support this item.

c) No. 32 - Delinquent Property Tax Interest Rate

Gives Commissioners authority to set rate of interest for overdue property tax.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

d) No. 33 - Time of Sale of Tax Properties

Deletes St. Mary's County from exception and restores local authority to set time of sale of properties on which taxes are in arrears.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

e) No. 34 - Rate of Redemption

Adds St. Mary's County to exception for rate of redemption for property tax sales.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

LADIES LIONS CLUB
RELAY SYSTEM FOR DEAF

Present: Jan Barnes, Ladies Lions Club
Stephen Noe
Michael Gallagher
Noelle Reimers

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request assistance in obtaining a location for a telephone relay system in the County. Ms. Barnes explained the TTY Systems is which designed for the deaf or hard of hearing and reported that there is a need in St. Mary's County for a relay system. She stated that a third party equipped with a TTY is needed to take calls from the deaf for appointments, shopping and engagements, and to respond to the person being called. At the present time the deaf must depend on friends or families to make the calls for them and the message is often not clear. The Ladies Lions Club has purchased a TTY for this purpose and there is need for a location and operator.

Through interpreters, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Noe explained the need for the system for the deaf community.

In closing the Commissioners expressed interest in the system and requested additional information as to specific needs, indication of number of calls per day, amount of time involved, costs, etc.

Later in the day the Director of the Office of Community Services indicated that the Community Services Coordination Committee would be an appropriate agency to look into this request.

MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Present: Phebe Barth, Director, Office of Community Services
Dr. Patricia Hawkins, Director, Walden Counseling Center
Frank Sullivan, Mental Health Clinic

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the Mental Health Needs Assessment Plan for St. Mary's County. Mr. Sullivan went on to explain the process of the development of the Plan, which was developed by representatives of the appropriate agencies. He explained that the Plan focuses on the chronically mentally ill and addressees needs, steps in meeting those needs, recommended funding sources and the involvement of relevant community people.

Copies of the plan will be submitted to the Board later this week.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Present: Billye McGaharn, Director

1) GATEWAY II GRANT REVISION

Mrs. McGaharn presented the Gateway II Proposal, Revised for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988 requesting \$49,250 from the State.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Loffler to sign the modified Grant for Gateway II as presented. Motion carried.

2. SSTAP (State Specialized Transportation Assistance Program)

Mrs. McGaharn presented the SSTAP Revised Budget for the period July 1, 1987 through June 30, 1988 requesting state funds in the amount of \$58,409 from the State Office on Aging.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to defer action on this grant until a determination is made of the following:

- a. A source of funds for the \$5,000 additional match;
- b. A decision whether to lease or lease/purchase a bus until the new bus is received.

PROCLAMATION
PEARL HARBOR DAY

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating December 7, 1987 as Pearl Harbor Day.

PROCLAMATION
PEACE DAY

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating December 7, 1987 as Peace Day in St. Mary's County.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
INDIAN RIVER ESTATES

Present: John Norris, Director

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Indian River Estates, Section 4 expired as of this date. He stated that the work was basically complete; however, certain areas were disturbed because of utility construction. Value of the work to be completed is \$3,500, and the contractor has submitted a Certified Check in that amount. Mr. Norris requested the Board's acceptance of that Certified Check.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept the Certified Check as requested. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:05 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. (John Norris, Director, DPW, attended the session from 12:05 p.m. to 12:50; Mr. Wade, Director of Finance, attended the session from 12:55 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.)

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
APPLICATION FOR PSYCHIATRIC BEDS

Present: Mike Marlay, President, St. Mary's Hospital Board
Al Lacer, Attorney, "
Frank Sullivan, Mental Health Clinic
Peter Lambert, Administrator, St. Mary's Hospital

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to express their concern regarding the protest filed by Calvert County Memorial Hospital regarding the Certificate of Need (CON) application for 15 psychiatric beds at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Sullivan read his statement in support of the beds at the hospital and indicated that the cost to prepare the CON was \$70,000. Should the protest continue, an evidentiary hearing will cost another \$30,000. Mr. Sullivan stated that a group from St. Mary's met with Calvert County's Mental Health Advisory Committee and it appeared that they looked favorably upon St. Mary's C.O.N. and are requesting additional information from Calvert Memorial Hospital and Calvert County Commissioners. During the discussion Mr. Sullivan presented a copy of a letter from Calvert County Commissioners to the Md. Health Resources Planning Council advising that it was their opinion that there was no proven regional need for another unit.

In conclusion those present requested the Commissioners to forward a letter to Md. Health Resources Planning Council setting forth St. Mary's County's need for psychiatric beds and supporting the CON for these beds and supporting St. Mary's Hospital's efforts.

After discussion Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County forward a strong letter of support for the CON to MHRPC as requested. Motion carried.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the closing of county government offices at 12:00 Noon on Christmas Eve, December 24. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

Present: Frank J. Gerred, Director
Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary

ZONING DECISION DISCUSSION

ZONE # 87-0435: J. L. MILLISON (Fox Lumber Company)

The applicant is requesting rezoning from I-1, Industrial, to C-2, Commercial. The property contains 20.9 acres and is located on the west side of Md. Rt. 5, in Mechanicsville, in the Fifth Election District, and is shown on Tax Map 9, Block 21, as part of Parcel 56.

Mr. Gerred reminded the Commissioners that the Planning Commission had held a hearing on September 14, 1987, and the Commissioners had held their public hearing on November 17, 1987. He explained that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the request with the condition that they limit one access on old Route 5 and one access on new Route 5.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, and unanimously passed, to instruct the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolution approving the request according to the Planning Commission's recommendation.

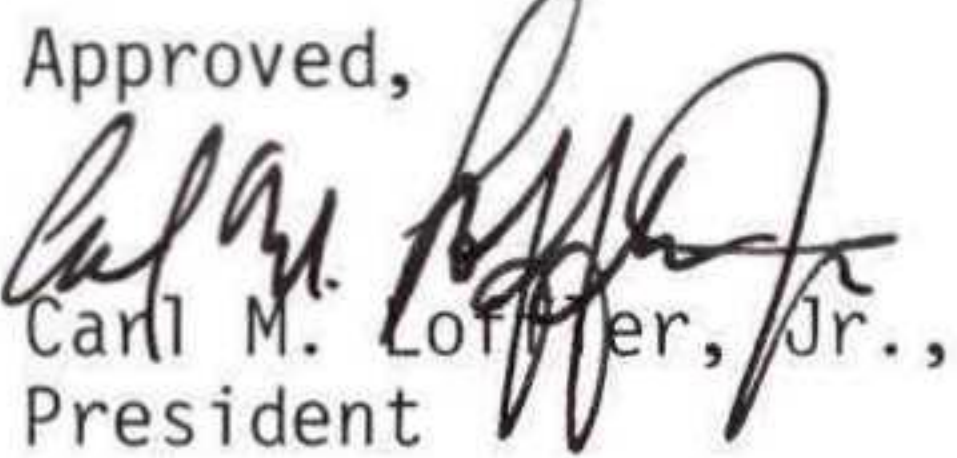
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel (Boards, Committees and Commissions). Motion carried. The Session was held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved,

Carl M. Lottner, Jr.,
President