

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, February 9, 1988

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

(Commissioner Robert Jarboe was not present because of his attendance at a Tri-County Council meeting.)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 2, 1988. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS1) APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, and unanimously carried, to make the following appointments:

Council on Children and Youth

Jean Engman
 Valerie vonAllman

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Board

Timothy Camaron
 M. Doris Jones

Education Advisory Council

Laura Shaw

Mental Health, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse Advisory Council

Peggy Higgins

Tri-County Group Home

J. Abell Longmore

2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with justifications as indicated:

- a) No. 88-35
Department of Public Works

Justification: To provide funding for day-labor costs (\$2,500).

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

b) No. 88-36
Permits & Inspection
Planning and Zoning

Justification: To extend temporary Typist Clerk II, Grade 5, to 2/19/88 (\$1,149)

c) No. 88-37
Procurement Office

Justification: To allocate funds for purchase of Procurement Manual forms.

3) PERSONNEL
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated February 2, 1988 from the Personnel Office forwarding a request from the Director of DECD for conversion of the Coordinator, Housing & Community Development position from contractor/grant to merit. The Director further requested that the Coordinator's title be changed to Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development. The position is occupied by Dennis L. Nicholson.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the referenced request. Motion carried.

4) IDEMNITY AGREEMENT
COUNTY WHARF ROAD

The County Administrator advised that on January 5, 1988 the Board an Indemnity Agreement with Minnie Josephine Russell. A phrase "or her personal representatives, heirs or assigns" has been added, and authorization is needed for the President of the Board to sign the amended Agreement.

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

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Present: Frank Gerred, Director

Mr. Gerred appeared before the Commissioners to present attendance records of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and procedures for adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and Regulations.

Mr. Gerred reviewed the tentative schedule for hearings by the Planning Commission and County Commissioners and presentations by the Committee to the public. During discussion Mr. Gerred indicated that the Committee will be making presentations to various civic organizations throughout the County.

In conclusion the Commissioners suggested that more time be allowed between the Planning Commission hearing and the County Commissioner hearing and indicated that they would respond to Mr. Gerred at a later date with regard to the proposed schedule.

FY '89 BUDGET PROCESS

Present: Charles H. Wade, Jr., Director of Finance

Mr. Wade appeared before the Commissioners to present and review the schedule for the FY '89 Budget Development. The Commissioners will be approving the Recommended Budget on March 29 and the Final Budget on May 24. During discussion Commissioner Loffler requested Mr. Wade to obtain from the Board of Education not only increases for the FY '89 budget, but expenditures by categories for the previous budget.

For the Commissioners' information Mr. Wade presented a table setting forth the FY 87/88 estimated assessable base for each of the counties in Maryland.

In conclusion the Commissioners gave their approval to the FY '89 budget development schedule as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

PROPOSED TELEPHONE SURCHARGE

Present: Richard Wilson, Chairman Revenue Task Force

Mr. Wilson appeared before the Commissioners to present a response to the Legislators proposal for a telephone surcharge in place of the Task Force's proposal for an Energy Tax. He stated that the telephone surcharge would generate only approximately \$400,000, one-third less than the Energy Tax. Mr. Wilson indicated that the Task Force is open to considering additional taxing authority, but the telephone tax would not replace the revenues generated by the proposed Energy Tax.

DONCASTER YOUTH CENTER

Present: Mary Novotny, Doncaster Advisory Board

Mrs. Novotny, the County's representative on the Doncaster Advisory Board, appeared before the Commissioners to discuss recent changes regarding the Youth Center. She provided the Commissioners with the background of the founding of the Center in Charles County including its purpose and programs. Mrs. Novotny informed the Commissioners that the former contract has been replaced by the State Juvenile Services Administration with a new contractor, Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives, Inc. Also, the name of the Doncaster Youth Center has been changed to Eckerd Youth Challenge Program. In addition there is a proposal by the Eckerd group to lessen local county control by amending the appointment process for the advisory committee and changing its responsibilities and duties.

Mrs. Novotny encouraged the County Commissioners to meet with the County Commissioners of Charles and Calvert Counties to discuss this matter and to form a combined position of the three counties. The Commissioners agreed to meet with the other two boards of commissioners on March 15.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) TALL TIMBERS SEAWALL IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Norris reminded the Commissioners of a pending decision regarding the improvements of the 420-foot section of the seawall at Tall Timbers, whether to establish a new special taxing district or to include it in the existing district. The property owners are recommending that it be included as part of the existing district.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to include the 420-foot section as part of the existing taxing district. Motion carried.

2) ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
ROAD RESOLUTIONS
STARK DRIVE (GOLDEN CORRAL SITE)

Mr. Norris presented a Deed dated August 12, 1986 by and between J. L. Millison and Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting Stark Drive into the County Highway Maintenance System.

In addition Mr. Norris presented Road Resolution No. R87-47 designating Stark Drive as a "Stop Street: at its intersection with Md. Rt. 235 at the Golden Corral site and Resolution No. R87-48 posting Stark Drive at 25 miles per hour.

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

3) FEDERAL AID SECONDARY HIGHWAY FUNDS

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between State Highway Administration and St. Mary's County for Federal Aid Secondary Highway funds through the State Highway Administration in the amount of \$105,308 for Fiscal year 1988.

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

4) ISLAND CREEK NAVIGATION PROJECT
GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Norris presented a grant application to be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for 100% of the county's share of the Island Creek Federal Navigation dredging project and the construction of an 880-foot stone jetty. Local participation is 20% (\$91,240). Therefore, Mr. Norris requested authorization for the President of the Board to sign the application as presented.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Grant Application in the amount of \$91,240 to be submitted to DNR. Motion carried.

5) WASTE DISTILLATION

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that his department is in the process of preparing Requests for Proposals for an analysis of waste-to-energy facilities. He stated that he has learned of another process--waste distillation. Mr. Norris indicated that there were several advantages of this process; i.e., capital cost is less than waste-to-energy; it is done in the absence of oxygen; can be remotely located. Therefore, Mr. Norris requested the Board's concurrence to expand the RFP's to include analysis of waste distillation. Funds for the analysis is being provided through a grant in the amount of \$55,000.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to amend the RFP as requested by the Director of the Department of Public Works. Motion carried.

LEONARDTOWN COMMISSIONERS

Present: J. MacGuire Mattingly, Leonardtown Commissioner
Edward Long, "
Steve Raley, "
Tom Shea, Town Manager
Joe Kuhna

Both boards expressed gratitude for the opportunity to continue the cooperative working relationship between the Town and the County. The Town Commissioners explained the Revitalization project funded by a federal block grant, the accomplishments to date, and the work items still remaining. Some of the problems they are encountering are attributed to lack of staff, and the Town Commissioners requested assistance from the County.

After some discussion the Board of County Commissioners directed that all county staff cooperate as much as possible with the Town to conclude the work items of the block grant.

Mr. Joseph Mitchell, Director, Department of Economic & Community Development, because of his background in administering block grants for the County was requested to be the county's principal liaison.

PROCLAMATION
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

The Board of County Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of February 14 - 20 as Big Brothers/Big Sisters Week in St. Mary's County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' TIME

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

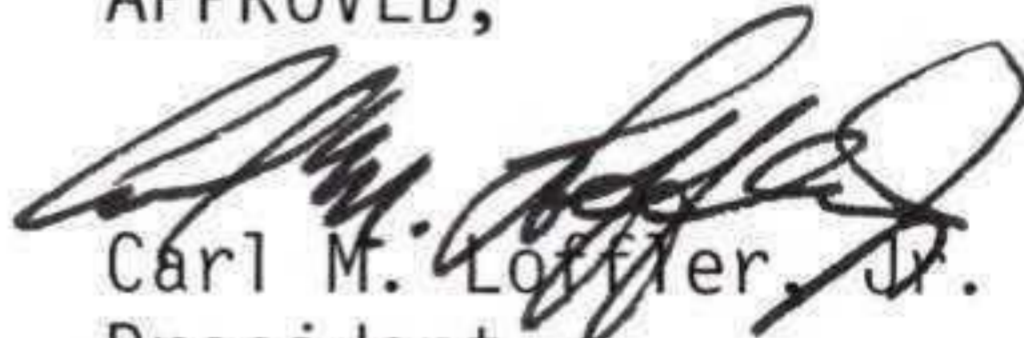
The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the list of recommendations pertaining to Boards, Committees and Commissions. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the list with the exception of Item #1, which was amended to state that "Terms of service are limited to two consecutive terms. Those citizens now serving who have already served two consecutive terms will complete their current term but will not be eligible for reappointment." Commissioner Bailey indicated that he was not in favor of Item #1.

The Commissioners directed County Administrator Cox to prepare a formal Resolution stating the newly adopted policy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVED,


Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President