

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, April 12, 1988

Present: Commissioner Carl M. Loffler, Jr., President
 Commissioner W. Edward Bailey
 Commissioner Robert T. 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 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, March 8, 1988. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Mr. Wade appeared before the Commissioners and presented correspondence addressed to the Board of Education requesting certain information relative to the FY '89 Board of Education. Issues that need to be addressed include: basis for increased enrollment figures; class sizes, staffing and costs; basis for increased special education figures; assignment of students to specific schools.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the letter as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1. GROUP HOME FOR MENTALLY ILL
ST. MARY'S CITY

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures addressed to the St. Mary's City Commission responding to a solicitation for comments regarding the location of a proposed group home for the mentally ill currently residing in Crownsville State Hospital. The letter indicates that the County does not wish to state that the proposed used is inconsistent with any plans of local government but questions the proposal's consistency with St. Mary's City's objectives and the state's plans relative to the FY '89 Board of Education. Issues that need to be addressed include: basis for increased enrollment figures; class sizes, staffing and costs; basis for increased special education figures; assignment of students to specific schools.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the letter as presented. Motion carried.

2) APPOINTMENTS
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

COMPLETION OF UNEXPIRED TERMS
AND FULL TERM EXPIRATIONS

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION
ADVISORY BOARD

James W. Neal
Floyd Raley, Jr.

12/31/91 and 12/31/96
12/31/88 and 12/31/93

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thomas M. Shea

6/30/89 and 6/30/91

COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Linda Mahoney

No Term

COUNCIL ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

Martha L. Wolford

12/31/88 and 12/31/91

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT BOARD

Mary Ann Miller

6/30/91 and 6/30/95

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND-POTOMAC
RIVER MUSEUM

Patricia Runco

12/31/91 and 12/31/95

SOUTHERN MARYLAND HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY

Claudette Lustig
(Nomination submitted to SMHSA)

June 30, 1990

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas A. Bowles

12/31/90 and 1994

STATE COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Valerie vonAllmen

(Nomination submitted to Governor)

3) CRITICAL AREAS GROWTH ALLOCATION POLICY

As previously authorized, the County Administrator presented an amended contract with Redman/Johnston for an additional \$2,000 for the preparation of a Critical Areas Program Growth Allocation Policy.

The Commissioners agreed for Commissioner Loffler to sign the Contract as presented.

4) LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented a Letter of Intent from the Department of Human Resources for participation in the Homeless Services Program for 1988-89. St. Mary's County would serve as the contracting agent to receive funds for the Homeless Services Program.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) UPDATED ROAD DATA INDEX

Mr. Norris presented the Road Data Index update which contains a summary of all county roads and a map with a grid system for road location. Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners to sign a letter to the fire departments and rescue squads transmitting the index.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

2) EXTENSION OF CONTRACT
PARAGON BUILDERS

Mr. Norris advised the current contract with Paragon Builders for 75,000 cubic yards of dirt to be placed at St. Andrews Landfill will extend the life of the landfill about one and a half years. He stated that another 40,000 yards of material would extend the life of the landfill an additional year. Mr. Norris indicated that the contractor is willing to sign a contract for the additional material.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize the President of the Board to sign the contract with Paragon Builders for an additional 40,000 cubic yards of dirt. Motion carried.

CABLE TELEVISION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Present: Charles Norris, Chairman
Mary Lillian Hewitt

The referenced representatives of the Cable Television Study Committee appeared before the Commissioners to present a report of its findings. He stated that after meeting with utility companies, cable companies and others, it was the opinion of the Committee to recommend to the Commissioners that an Ordinance be adopted.

During discussion Mr. Norris described the areas researched by the committee and pointed out that one of the most important issues was the need for local access for educational, governmental and community groups. Because of the Cable Communications Act of 1984 there are restrictions as to what an Ordinance can contain. He further pointed out that if an Ordinance requiring a franchise fee is adopted, the companies currently providing cable service would have to comply. A number of complaints has been received concerning service, and an Ordinance may alleviate those complaints.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to direct the Cable Television Study Committee to write a proposed Cable Television Ordinance, which is to be presented to the Commissioners for review and setting of a public hearing. Motion carried.

OFFICE ON AGING

Present: Ernest Carter, Director
Gerda Manson, Acting Director
Mary Ruth Horton, RSVP Coordinator

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR

The County Administrator introduced Ernest Carter, the new Director for the Area Agency on Aging, and formally expressed appreciation to Gerda Manson for filling in for that position until Mr. Carter arrived.

RSVP GRANT

Mrs. Horton presented the rebudgeting of the RSVP Grant (#440-3597/08) from ACTION, which is necessitated because of the cost-of-living increase. Additional federal funds to be received by St. Mary's County will be \$884. No additional county funds are involved.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the RSVP rebudgeted grant as presented. Motion carried.

MECHANICSVILLE POND

Commissioner Bailey referred to a memorandum dated April 8, 1988 from the County Administrator recommending that the Commissioners declare the Mechanicsville pond as surplus property. The pond had been used by the Mechanicsville Fire Department, and it is no longer used.

Mr. Cox advised that if the Commissioners concur in abandoning the property, a public sale would be held.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to initiate the proceedings to abandon the Mechanicsville Pond. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Robin Guyther, Planner, OPZ
Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary

Members of the audience included: Viki Volk, The Enterprise; Vince Del Gavio, WKIK; Dick Myers, WPTX/WMDM; and Judy Landau, The Tide.

SITE PLAN

STSP # 87-1126: SHIP POINT MACHINE, INC.

Requesting amendment to the approved site plan for an industrial building located on 10.8 acres at the end of Commerce Avenue in the St. Mary's Industrial Park. The property is zoned I-1, Industrial and is shown on Tax Map 34, Block 1 as part of Parcel 339.

Mr. Guyther explained that the applicant would like to amend the site plan to include two 30' buildings located at the rear of the property and will be moving the loading dock around to the rear as well. The changes to the plan cause no problems.

Commissioner Loffler asked if the request still met Stormwater Management requirements, and Mr. Guyther replied affirmatively.

Staff recommended approval of the amendment.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and unanimously passed, to approve the amendment for Ship Point Machine, Inc.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - COLTON'S POINT SUBDIVISION

Present: Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney

Mr. Densford advised the Commissioners that he received a request from Estelle Knott, a property owner in Colton's Point, that the County sell a 0.45 acre parcel of waterfront property adjoining her property. Mr. Densford stated that she requested that the property be made available through public sale and that she be given the opportunity to submit a bid.

During discussion Mr. Loffler requested Mr. Densford to get additional information--why the County owned it, the history of the property. He further suggested that some of the Commissioners may want to visit the site before making a decision.

The Commissioners agreed to make a decision on the matter on April 26.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners presented the following proclamations:

POLIO PLUS

Present: Hal Bishop, Rotary Club
Dennis Younkin, "
Dr. William Marek
Jim McCue

Designating April as Polio Month

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL LABORATORY WEEK

Present: Peter Lambert
Betsy Wigginton
Dr. Harrison

Designating April 10 - 16, 1988 as Medical Laboratory Week.

AUCTIONEERS' WEEK

Present: Billye Fitzgerald
Philip Thompson

Designating the week of April 4 - 10, 1988 as Auctioneers' Week.

CLEAN-UP MONTH

Present: Viki Volk

Designating April as Clean Up Month.

LEASE PURCHASE DOCUMENTS

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

Mr. Wade presented the Certificate of Resolutions and Incumbency for signatures by Commissioner Loffler, Assistant County Attorney Densford, and himself as Director of Finance. The document further requires the signature of County Administrator Edward Cox. Mr. Wade indicated that the Certificate authorizes the County to enter into the Lease agreement with Citicorp North America, Inc.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize the signing of the Certificate as presented. Motion carried.

FY '89 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEWS

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

The following departments/agencies appeared before the Commissioners to request budgetary reconsiderations:

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

Also Present: Dr. Christopher Bell, Director
Dr. Bernard Chase, Chairman
James Spence

Because of the Gramm-Rudmann and the shrinking unemployment rate, restoration of the entire \$59,905 request which had been deleted.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Also Present: James Beaven, Chairman
Al Stuart, Supervisor

Requested restoration of funds in the amount of \$14,836 for a full time secretary. Mr. Beaven indicated that SCS may be able to locate funding for a portion of this request.

During discussion Mr. Beaven was requested to contact the Office of Planning and Zoning to be included in the Critical Areas grant.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Also Present: Marjorie Aud, President
Michael Sirk
Charles Latham
Gene Raynor, State Elections Office

Requesting restoration of the original request of \$90,567 of which \$27,332 had been deleted. Of particular concern was the funding for the part-time office clerk and the reduction of office hours for registration.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Also Present: Dana Jones, Director
Brother Paul
Lilly Lane
Other interested citizens

Requesting restoration of the \$21,040 request which had been deleted from the Recommended Budget. Mr. Jones explained that these funds are needed for the following areas: General Operations, Senior Companion Program and Emergency Services Program. Several citizens spoke in behalf of the Senior Companion Program.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Also Present: Dr. C. W. Duncan, Director
Dr. Priscilla Cogan

Requesting restoration of \$6,433 from the request amount which had been deleted from the Recommended Budget. The purpose of this request is to provide competitive salaries for the clinicians.

Commissioner Jarboe suggested that legislation may be needed to amend the State's funding contribution.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Also Present: John Norris, Director
Walter Wise, Supervisor of Highways
George Jarboe, Supervisor, Construction

Mr. Norris presented hand-outs regarding requests for restoration of certain items in DPW's budget. Areas of concern are as follows:

Engineering

Personal Services - Development Coordinator

Construction and Inspection

Personal Services
Operating Expenses (Maintenance of Equipment; Transportation)

Building Services Division

Personal Services - Maintenance Mechanic; Building Manager
Operating Expenses (Supplies/Materials; Electric, Water/Sewer;
Oil; Equipment)

County Highways

Personal Services
Operating Expenses (Uniforms, Minor Tools, Staff Development
Vehicle Maintenance, Equipment Rental,
Equipment)

Solid Waste

Operating Expenses (Uniforms/Clothing)
Equipment Rental

FY '89 BUDGET - PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mr. Wade presented a proposed Agenda for the public hearings on the FY '89 budget scheduled for April 20 (Education) and April 21 (All Other Spending Units).

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED,


Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President