

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 1989

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 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 1989. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) WET MONTHS PERC TESTS

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the St. Mary's County Health Department regarding changes in the normal wet months perc testing procedures required by the State. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Health be invited to come before the Board to discuss the procedures.

2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

No. 89-41
Social Services

To provide funds for burial assistance.

No. 89-42
County Administrator

To provide funds for additional impact fee study costs to include two additional public meetings.

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

3) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATEWIDE COMMUTER ASSISTANCE STUDY

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated February 10, 1989 from the Maryland Department of Transportation requesting a representative from St. Mary's County to serve on a Statewide Commuter Assistance Study. Mr. Cox recommended the appointment of the Director of Public Works, Dan Ichniowski.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to appoint Mr. Ichniowski. Motion carried.

4) HOLLYWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR USED SHERIFF'S VEHICLE

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated February 6, 1989 from the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department requesting the donation of one of the Sheriff's Department trade-in vehicles when available. Mr. Cox indicated that as is done in other cases, all costs would be borne by the using agency.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to provide a trade-in sheriff's vehicle.

5) CORRESPONDENCE TO SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC
ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Board of Directors of Southern Maryland Electric requesting a commitment from SMECo for the placement of the next electrical generating facility, if there is one, to be in St. Mary's County. The letter further states that the Commissioners are aware that it is too late for SMECO to reconsider the facility currently proposed for Chalk Point.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Present: James Grattan, CEASMC

Mr. Grattan appeared before the Commissioners to request the Commissioners' consideration for the negotiated 7% salary increase for the classified employees of the Board of Education. He stated that it was his understanding that the Commissioners were recommending only a 4% increase.

Commissioner Loffler indicated that the 4% was a statistical statement made by staff during development of the FY '90 budget and that the Commissioners have not made any recommendations at this time.

Mr. Grattan referred to the salary study by the Maryland State Teachers Association last year, which he said indicated that classified employees are paid less than those in the surrounding area. He stated that the teachers received their negotiated increase, the classified employees did not.

During discussion the Commissioners raised questions regarding implementation of the study and whether the classified employees were adjusted accordingly.

In conclusion the Commissioners indicated that this is a matter under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, that Mr. Grattan should be providing information to the Board, and that the Commissioners will discuss the matter with the Board of Education.

PROCLAMATIONS
TOWN CREEK CUB SCOUTS

Present: Representatives of Cub Scout Pack 787

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation recognizing Town Creek Cub Scout Pack 787's 25th Anniversary.

CLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND SALARY COMPARABILITY STUDY

Present: Lee Starkey, Herget & Company
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
George Foster, Personnel Officer

Mr. Starkey presented the Classification Review and Salary Comparability Study for St. Mary's County which had been requested by the Commissioners to make recommendations in the updating and improving of the County's classification of jobs, improving comparability and competitive standing of wages in relation to other public and private employers in the area.

Mr. Starkey explained the approach used by Herget and Company to accomplish the task and outlined specific activities and observations.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Starkey for his presentation and stated that they would take the recommendations included in the study under advisement.

A copy of the study is on file in the Commissioners' office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel and Property Acquisition. Motion carried. The Session was held from 10:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

IMPACT FEES
IMPLEMENTATION ALTERNATIVES

Present: Edward Donahue, KPMG Peat Marwick
Jack Qutub, "
Bruce Jennings, Cox, Long and Colvin
Charles Wade, Director of Finance

Representatives of Peat Marwick appeared before the Commissioners to present a summary of alternatives for setting of the impact fees and distributed a handout setting forth the alternatives. Mr. Donahue explained the considerations in setting the impact fees and stated that the maximum fee is \$11,535 less areas of existing sources of revenues (solid waste, water and sewer), setting the adjust maximum fee at \$9,480. Mr. Donahue pointed out that any fee below this figure the county would have to pay the difference to pay for growth-related capital projects. Alternative level of funding for growth presented included full-cost impact fee, partial impact fee (\$5,000), and no impact fee. Also presented were alternatives for allocation of the impact fee revenues; i.e., proportional (allocation based on percentage of total maximum fee) and discretionary (based on county policy/financial decisions) and advantages and disadvantages of each.

Included in the report were alternatives for setting of impact fees for the Town of Leonardtown. Discussion ensued regarding the handling of fees collected in Leonardtown and what amount would be provided to the County. The County Administrator stated this is an item to be negotiated between the County Commissioners and Leonardtown Commissioners.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to arrive at an impact fee rate to present at a public hearing to be scheduled on March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION
MENTAL RETARDATION AND DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Present: R. C. Johnson, Director, Assoc. for Retarded Citizens

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating March as Mental Retardation and disabilities Awareness Month in St. Mary's County.

(COMMISSIONERS BAILEY AND JARBOE LEFT THE MEETING.)

ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Present: Lynn Fitrell, Chairperson
Janet Hanke
Peggy Howard
Joan Stein

The referenced members of the Commission for Women appeared before the Commissioners to present the Commission's Annual Report for 1988. Ms. Fitrell described the purpose, past accomplishments, future projects. During discussion of problems and challenges, Ms. Fitrell requested consideration by the Commissioners of the following:

1. That the Women's Center, a project of the Commission for Women for the past ten years, become a separate entity.

2. That additional staff support be provided.

In closing Ms. Fitrell reminded the Commissioners of the Women's History Month Banquet to be held on March 2.

The Commissioners thanked the Commission for Women members for presenting the Annual Report.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Chris Wilson, Chairman)
Jesse Hawes)
Mary Lillian Hewitt)
Donald Wright) CCCC Advisory Board
Hope Swann)
Bill Burroughs)
John Sine, President, CCCC
William Delaney, Dean, CCCC at St. Mary's
Elaine Ryan, CCCC

Representatives of the Charles County Community College Advisory Board appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1988 Annual Report. Dr. Wilson described the significant activities of the advisory board for 1988 and indicated that the biggest challenge for 1989 is in assisting the Commissioners and the community college in development of plans for a new facility.

The Commissioners thanked the Advisory Board representatives for the presentation of the 1988 Annual Report.

A copy of the Report is on file in the Commissioners' office.

RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Present: William Boyer, Coordinator
Walter Bender, Chairman
Joan Lucini, RC&D Secretary

The referenced representatives of the Resource, Conservation and Development Board appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1988 Annual Report. By way of a slide presented Mr. Boyer described the projects, services and activities of the R C & D Board.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT BOARD

Present: Rev. Robert Kirkley, Chairman
Lynn Fitrell

The referenced representatives of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Board appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1988 Annual Report. Rev. Kirkley described the activities of the Board and provided statistical information regarding Rape Crisis/Sexual Assault Services, Homeless Women's Program - Residential Services, and Domestic Violence Program. During the presentation Rev. Kirkley pointed out that number one problem facing the Board is the need for an additional permanent shelter.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for awareness and prevention education, and Commissioner Loffler stressed the need for media support.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' office.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Present: Paul Wible, Deputy Director, Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Wible appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1988 Annual Report for the Emergency Medical Services Council. Mr. Wible explained the purpose, activities, plans and problems. To alleviate the attendance problem Mr. Wible stated that the Council will meet when necessary rather than every two months.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

WEED CONTROL COMMITTEE (FORMERLY JOHNSONGRASS COMMITTEE)

Present: Mark Smith, Department of Agriculture
Douglas Bowles, Weed Control Committee
Vernon Saunders, "

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1988 Report for the Weed Control Committee. Mr. Smith presented a slide presentation identifying the various weeds to be controlled or eradicated. Mr. Smith stated that the Committee assists landowners in carrying out a weed control program, develops programs for control, and assists in providing overall agricultural productive capabilities of land infested with Johnsongrass, etc.

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(COMMISSIONER JARBOE RETURNED TO THE MEETING.)

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL

Present: Gary Hodge, Executive Director

1) REGIONAL TOURISM INFORMATION CENTER

Mr. Hodge advised the commissioners that Governor Schaefer will be in the area on May 12 for the dedication of the Regional Resource Center in Charlotte Hall, and has agreed to attend the groundbreaking of the Regional Resource Tourist Information Center on the same day. A schedule for the day's activities will be forwarded to the Commissioners in the near future.

Mr. Hodge indicated that the State will be soliciting bids for construction of the Information Center, the bid is to be awarded in May, and expected date of completion of the project is the Spring of 1990.

2) CHELTENHAM FARMERS' MARKET PROPOSAL

Mr. Hodge advised that the Tri-County Council had forwarded by letter dated February 13 a request for \$5,000 to support the operation of a regional farmers' market at Cheltenham. Two-thirds of the cost of this project will be funded by the Maryland Department of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service, and the remaining one-third to be provided by five counties: Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's. Mr. Hodge stated that the next step is recruitment of farmers to participate in the program, and a market master is being recruited.

Regarding the funding, Mr. Hodge stated that St. Mary's County had committed \$10,000 for support of the export program, and Tri-County Council is recommending to restructure that program and use \$5,000 towards the farmers' market program.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to use \$5,000 from the Export Fund of the Agriculture Commission to support the Regional Farmers' Market at Cheltenham. Motion carried.

3) EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Hodge advised that he and the economic development directors have met with representatives of the State Office of International Trade to discuss changes in the guidelines for the export development program. He recommended that the Council proceed on a trial basis and work with private businesses in a revised program. The program would require a matching share by private business.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept Tri-County Council's proposal to restructure the Export Development Program which will address the needs of those firms that have an interest in exporting. Motion carried.

4) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Hodge brought the Commissioners up to date with regard to tourism development in the last 14 months. He stated that the Tri-County Council has established a nine-member committee, funds have been appropriated from each county, and a public relations firm has been hired to develop a theme, which is "Southern Maryland--So Much So Close." Areas being addressed by the Committee include: How much should be spent on services of a public relations firm, how much for paid advertising, and how much, if any, for staff implementation effort. Mr. Hodge stated that the results of the Committee's deliberations may result in an amendment to the budget proposal submitted by Tri-County Council.

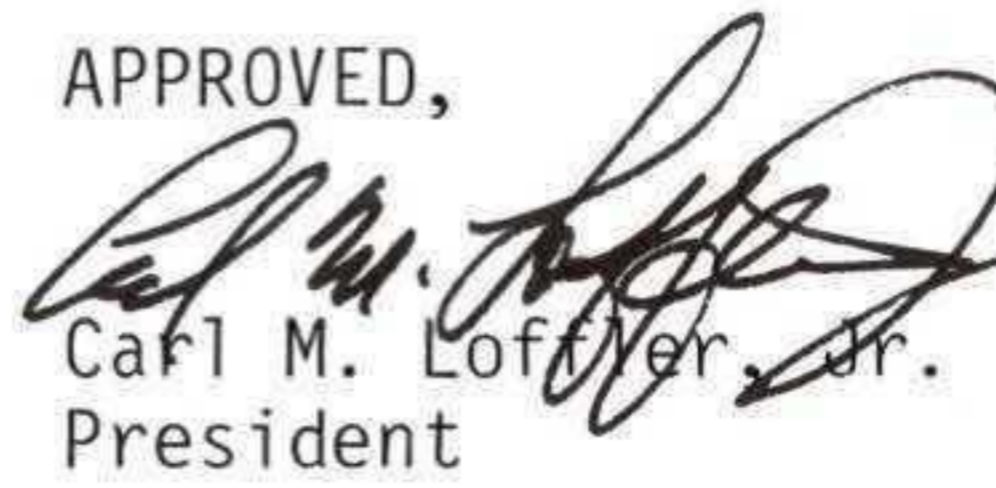
5) MEDEVAC

For the Commissioners' information, Mr. Hodge advised that the Tri-County Council has submitted correspondence to Lt. Governor Steinberg regarding the relocation of the Medevac Helicopter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED,



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President