

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

**OCTOBER 1, 1991**

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

(Commissioner Jarboe was not present at beginning of the meeting.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was call order at 9:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, September 24, 1991. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

The Commissioners presented the following Proclamations:

**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week**

**Present:** William Delaney, Dean, Charles County Community College  
(St. Mary's).

Designating the week of October 14-19, 1991 as National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

**Trick or Treat Night**

Designating October 31, 1991 as the official "Trick or Treat" Night in St. Mary's County.

**TRI-COUNTY RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVES FOR YOUTH, INC.**

**Present:** Michael Whitson, President  
Dennis Scott, Director

Mr. Whitson appeared before the Commissioners to bring the Commissioners up to date with regard to the current situation relative to the Loretta House.

Mr. Whitson explained the difficulties with regard to the program stating that the State has indicated that the Loretta House license to operate will be suspended because of COMAR and State Fire Code violations. He stated that since the fire at the Chaptico site, youths are currently housed in a facility at Longview Beach, which is inadequate; however, plans are underway to move several of them to a facility in Prince Frederick. He noted that work is needed at this site, which will take some time. Mr. Whitson advised that the State has given a January 1, 1992 deadline to come into compliance.

During discussion Mr. Whitson reported that the Board of Directors is embarking on a fund-raising campaign to offset funding shortages.

After discussion Mr. Whitson requested the following from the County Commissioners:



1. To reinstate the \$14,000 a year for the last two years because of the critical time for Loretta House;
2. To sign and forward the letter to the Social Services Administration endorsing the Loretta House program and requesting reconsideration regarding suspension of the license.
3. To sign and forward a letter to the Executive Director of Tri-County Residential Alternatives for Youth, Inc. providing clarification regarding funds allocated by St. Mary's County for Loretta House.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to sign and forward the letter to the Social Services Administration. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to sign and forward the letter to Mr. Scott clarification of County funding for Loretta House. Motion carried.

With regard to the funding request, the Commissioners requested Mr. Whitson to provide Mr. Wade with an outline of fiscal information indicating the minimum amount needed by Loretta House in order to continue its program. Once the is done, the Commissioners will make a decision on the funding request.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

##### 1) CORRESPONDENCE

The County Administrator presented the following correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signatures:

- To Cara Lynn Long regarding Tri-County Youth Services Bureau 1992 Budget.
- To Nasra A. Sakran regarding Correctional Corporation of America's proposal to locate a private prison in St. Mary's County.
- To Elizabeth L. Sickle-Shea regarding proposed community college to be located on Indian Bridge Road.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letters as presented.

##### 2) 1991 BOND ISSUE

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated September 19 from the Director of Finance setting forth a proposed schedule for the 1991 Bond Issue and requested the Commissioners' approval of the schedule.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to accept the schedule as presented. Motion carried.

##### 3) RESOLUTION NO. Z91-10 VESTED RIGHTS

The County Commissioners having conducted a public hearing and held subsequent decision discussion, the County Administrator presented the referenced Resolution repealing Section Five of Ordinance No. 90-11 extending the deadline for vesting site plans and subdivision plans to November 1, 1991.



Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and sign the Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE TO PLANNING COMMISSION  
ZONING ORDINANCE - INDUSTRIAL LAND**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Planning Commission forwarding a copy of the Economic Development Commission's report on industrial land in the north end of the county. The letter states that the Commission recommends further analysis of properties at Routes 6 and 5 in Mechanicsville and along Route 234 in Wicomico.

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

5) **PERSONNEL  
MARCEY HOUSE**

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Personnel Officer requesting approval to change the grant-funded permanent part time Secretary/Typing II, Grade 12 position at Marcey House to a full time Secretary/Typing II, Grade 12 position. Funding for this change has been included in the Fiscal Year 1992 grant funds received by the Marcey House.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the reclassification as requested. Motion carried.

6) **BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 92-16  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with the following justification: To provide funds to School Facilities Population Study utilizing funds made available by very competitive bidding on recent projects. (\$36,000)

**HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

Present: Charles Wade, Director of Finance

Mr. Wade appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the Commissioners are required to set the Homestead Tax Credit annually. He stated that the tax credit, which can range from 0% to 10%, limits the amount property tax assessments may rise annually.

After reviewing the Fiscal Year 1993 projected revenues and budget requests, Mr. Wade presented a proposed Resolution setting the Homestead Tax Credit rate at 10%.

In that Commissioner Jarboe was not present, the Commissioners agreed to defer a decision on the Resolution until next week.

(Commissioner Jarboe entered the meeting at 10:25 a.m.)

**MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FUND (MICRF)  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT  
AVIONICS TEST AND EVALUATION FACILITY/TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER**

Present: Sue Wilkinson, Economic Development Coordinator

Ms. Wilkinson appeared before the Commissioners to present the following documents relative to the Technical Assistance Grant for Avionics Test and Evaluation Facility and Technology Transfer Center to be located at the St. Mary's County Industrial Park:



1. Grant Agreement in the amount of \$10,000 between the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development and St. Mary's County to determine the feasibility of and create a plan for the project.

2. Resolution authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to execute the Grant Agreement and other related documents relative to the referenced project.

3. Letter transmitting the Resolution and Grant Agreement to the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development requesting an exemption from the Minority Business Utilization requirement of the grant. Ms. Wilkinson explained that Dr. Andrew Misovek may be available to complete the study and plan.

During discussion of the exemption request, Commissioner Loffler stated that this should be reviewed and commented on by the Ethics Commission and secondly, the selection of an individual to do the study and plan should follow the county's competitive purchasing process. The Commissioners concurred with this suggestion.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and sign the Resolution and to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Ms. Wilkinson will rewrite the letter of transmittal under her signature eliminating the exemption request.

#### DANIEL'S SUBDIVISION

Present: Larry Day, Larry Day Associates  
Dan Ichniowski, Director, Public Works

Mr. Day appeared before the Commissioners with regard to the sight distance requirement for Daniel's Subdivision, a minor subdivision, located on St. John's Road. He stated sight distance plan had been submitted to the Planning Commission in July and approved on August 12. He indicated that the Department of Public Works has had a problem with the sight distance and noted that the sight distance exceeds the AASHTO minimum of 275 and 325 feet for 40 miles per hour speed limit for stopping sight distance and equal to or exceeds the planned sight distance of 415 feet. Mr. Day stated that his sight distance plan calls for 540 feet on the right hand side of the road and 415 on the other side. He pointed out that attempts to acquire easements from adjacent property owners in order to realign the entrance were unsuccessful.

Mr. Day indicated that the Planning Commission approved the 415 and 540 sight distance and recommended that he come before the County Commissioners to request appropriate signage: (1) to reduce speed limit in the area, and/or (2) to warn motorists of curve and intersection.

Mr. Ichniowski explained the Department of Public Work's requirement for sight distance for road entrances based on the County's Road Ordinance and AASHTO guidelines and expressed concern that the sight distance was not in accordance with these requirements. He further noted that a waiver to the Road Ordinance is required by the County Commissioners and not the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the Planning Commission minutes note that it approved the request as an interpretation and not as a waiver.

After lengthy discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to request the Department of Public Works to work with Mr. Day and his client to have appropriate signage placed in the area for the entrance located as presented. Motion carried.



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Present: Dan Ichniowski, Director

**1) USE OF ST. ANDREWS LANDFILL BY NAVAL AIR STATION**

Mr. Ichniowski presented correspondence addressed to the Public Works Officer regarding the Navy's use of the St. Andrews landfill beginning October 1 to dispose of non-rubble solid waste. The letter requests the Navy's Department of Public Works to review the Rules and Regulations and the Solid Waste Ordinance regarding petroleum spill debris.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to sign and forward the letter as presented. Motion carried.

**2) RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT  
BANK OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND**

Mr. Ichniowski presented an Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's and the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Bank of Southern Maryland granting egress and ingress across the railroad right of way in the vicinity of Route 231 in Hughesville. He stated that the Commissioners had requested him to obtain concurrence from the Charles County Commissioners, which he has received.

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

**3) ROOFTOP CIRCLE - GOLDEN BEACH SUBDIVISION  
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT**

Mr. Ichniowski presented the handout that will be distributed at the October 10 Public Informational Meeting regarding the establishment of a special taxing district for road improvements.

**4) ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM**

Mr. Ichniowski advised that bids were let on September 18 on the County's Asphalt Overlay Program for 1992.

**5) ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS  
ROAD RESOLUTIONS  
PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT**

Mr. Ichniowski presented the following documents for the Commissioners' review and consideration:

**Chestnut Ridge**

Deed dated May 4, 1990 between Delmarva Properties, Inc. and County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting Chestnut Ridge Road and Bayberry Court into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R91-22 designating the following streets as Stop Streets: Bayberry Court as it intersects with Chestnut Ridge Drive; Chestnut Ridge Drive as it intersects with Md. Rt. 5.

Road Resolution No. R91-23 posting Bayberry Court and Chestnut Ridge Drive at 25 miles per hour.



**Patuxent Beach Road**

Deed dated July 11, 1990 between A. Hugo Decesaris Limited Partnership and Board of County Commissioners for St. Mary's County accepting a portion of Patuxent Beach Road along the curve at the intersection of Patuxent Beach Road and 1st Street, Eighth Election District.

**Pegg's Road**

Deed dated September 25, 1991 between George Edward Clarke and Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County relative to the reconstruction of Pegg's Road.

**The Moorings at Cedar Cove**

Addendum to Public Works Agreement between J. L. Millison and Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County extending the deadline for completion of improvements to October 1, 1992. Addendum is backed by a Letter of Credit with Maryland Bank and Trust Company in the amount of \$48,000.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Vice-President Bailey to sign the documents as presented. Motion carried. (Commissioner Loffler did not participate because of conflict of interest with The Moorings at Cedar Cove.)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Litigation and Personnel. Motion carried. The Sessions were held as follows:

**Litigation**

Also Present: Dan Ichniowski, Director, Public Works  
Joseph Densford, County Attorney

(Held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.)

**Personnel**

Also Present: Charles Wade, Director  
George Foster, Personnel Officer

(Held from 11:55 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.)

**OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING**

Present: Joe Meinert, Deputy Director  
Peggy Childs, Recording Secretary.

Also present: Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Health.

**1) CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PSUB #89-0675 - NEWTON MANOR SUBDIVISION**

Appeal from Planning Commission Decision of July 8, 1991 disapproving a preliminary plan for a 48 lot subdivision on



200.61 acres, zoned RPD, located on the southwest side of Maryland Route 235, north of Joy Chapel Lane; Tax Map 20, Block 21, Part of Parcel 103.

Owner: Peter Griffin  
Agent: McCrone, Inc.

Also Present: Mr. Griffin  
Billy Mehaffey, of McCrone, Inc.  
Mike Harris, Attorney

As requested by the Commissioners on September 17, Mr. Russell distributed his letter dated September 26, 1991 clarifying Mr. Voltaggio's comments regarding Newton Manor. The letter states that, in response to questions of the Task Force, Mr. Voltaggio stated that EPA does not get involved in local land use decision and the opinion expressed was his own, but affirmed that he had said it was prudent that the County had not approved Newton Manor and this opinion was not intended to reflect on the safety of the incineration process, but for the 18-24 month period before remediation begins.

Mr. Russell states although it is very important to note that the site has been stabilized, this does not guarantee the site will remain stable and the possibility still exists for toxic substances to migrate off site during this interim period. That is whole key, Mr. Russell said; they know from last month's water samples that there is no migration now, but that does not mean it could not happen, and that's what Mr. Voltaggio is referring to.

If there were migration to an existing property, Mr. Russell said first of all they would have to make sure no one had access to that water supply and then they would have to consider whether the houses would remain inhabited. He said he doesn't see how they could, and it would all domino from there. His main concern would be penetration of the water system, Mr. Russell, said and he views the well casing as the biggest threat on the site, but he thinks MDE is going to get that closed.

Commissioner Thompson pointed out there is a brand new house, almost finished, right across from the gate of the Superfund site. Mr. Russell replied there is also a new house for Mr. Miedzinski, previously approved in 1986 for a sewage easement; in fact, he said, they may have negotiated new property lines with Mr. Griffin. Mr. Russell said he would not have approved the Miedzinski house, but a mistake was made in his department because the microfiche plat showed the adjoining property owners as being the Giddings, not the Wood Treatment Plant. Based on Health Department approval, he said, the people have sold their house and have gone to settlement, and they are lifelong residents of the area, so although he is not really comfortable with it, he could not see compounding the error and penalizing the Miedzinskis by withdrawing approval.

Commissioner Jarboe reminded that EPA has indicated to the Commissioners that the property would be useable after it is cleaned up, but asked what happens if it is not. Mr. Russell responded EPA has said they will clean it up so it will be suitable for residences, but there is a basic issue of debate that the wood treatment plant is zoned industrial, and if it is really necessary to clean it up to the level of being suitable for residences. If it is not cleaned up for residential there still would be the potential for industrial uses.

Mr. Harris commented that he feels like he is fighting a ghost. He has the letter from Mr. Russell, but, from his point of view, it doesn't say anything - there is no basis for Mr. Voltaggio's statement. Mr. Harris said everyone acknowledges that the Wood Treatment Plant is a hazardous site, but no one wants to dwell on the fact that his client's site is not contaminated with anything; they even had a test well drilled on their site and found no contamination.

Mr. Harris pointed out the Superfund site is down gradient from Newton Manor and there's no way Newton Manor can be contaminated; there is no reason



to deny them subdivision approval with no evidence of contamination on their site or that the wood treatment site will contaminate their property or harm people who purchase their lots. Mr. Harris reiterated his suggestion of September 17th, that notes be put on the plat and in the deeds notifying the public of the adjacent Superfund site. He said they intend to do that even after the site is cleaned up.

He said he had thought about asking the Commissioners to let the project move forward with some type of stopgap measure to ensure that EPA is doing their job in cleaning the site up, but that is not fair to his client when there is no evidence of contamination on his property. As to the question of responsibility, Mr. Harris said, if someone gets sick it is his client's responsibility, not the Commissioners. If Mr. Russell really believed that the granting of a building permit was going to hurt the Miedzinskis, he said, he wouldn't allow it, that's the kind of man he is. He concluded the Commissioners should approve the subdivision and Mr. Russell's letter should not stand in the way.

Commissioner Loffler opened the hearing to public comment; however, no comments were made.

Commissioner Jarboe asked how long Mr. Griffin has owned the property, stating he is trying to justify how anyone would move forward at this particular time to put a subdivision next to the Superfund site, knowing how long it has been sitting there, and stated having to put a note on the plat as Mr. Harris suggests would cause him to have more than second thoughts about buying property, whatever the price. He stated, being charged with looking out for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the County, he is concerned about the health aspect down the road, and he is having difficulty grasping why someone would want to move ahead with asking for approval of development.

Mr. Harris responded that Mr. Griffin has owned the property for 2-1/2 years, but he knew no more or no less than anyone else did about the Superfund site when he bought the property; he knew the treatment plant was there, but he didn't realize that the health hazard would affect his property, just like the people who live there have no knowledge or expectation of a health hazard. He said Mr. Griffin bought the property in good faith and paid a substantial sum of money for it - the people who sold it to him sold it in good faith, this is not some type of back-door mechanism to enhance Mr. Griffin - and then he took steps through the approval process to have it approved, and nowhere along the way, until the last 6 months, has anybody told him he couldn't have a subdivision there. As far as Commissioner Jarboe's concern about putting the note on the plat, Mr. Harris said the market will control whether somebody buys a piece of property or not.

Commissioner Bailey pointed out Mr. Griffin is not a developer come to the County to get rich quick, he has lived here all of his life and runs a respectable business here. He said he has never known of a complaint on anything Mr. Griffin has done, and he doesn't believe he has come here to put something over on the Commissioners. He said he appreciates Mr. Russell's letter and has great faith in him, but if Mr. Voltaggio is speaking off the cuff and not for the EPA, we shouldn't consider his comments. If Mr. Griffin says he will do something, Commissioner Bailey says, he has faith in him that he will do it.

Commissioner Jarboe asked Mr. Russell about his monitoring of the wells. Mr. Russell said they sampled monthly for a long time but stopped doing it monthly at the State's request as it costs about \$2,000 per house to run the samples, and they now do them quarterly, but they have had no bad results other than the lab accident they had about 5 years ago.

Mr. Russell stated he has to look at the issue from all possible perspectives; i.e., nature of toxics, which adhere to soil particles very well; and sedimentary soils - meaning there is no contact with bedrock. But Mr. Russell said he also has to make decisions sometimes based on common sense, and this is where he starts to go in the other direction. He said he



thinks while the potential is probably minuscule he doesn't want to be a Time Magazine story, where we have put a house next to a Superfund site that goes bad, and he tends to think in "worst case" scenario. Mr. Russell said he was flabbergasted at the impact of what was going on when he found out the Miedzinskis had an approved plat next door, as that just complicates his answer, however, they had committed to that approval. To answer Commissioner Jarboe's question, he said he thinks he would probably want to see the subdivision held in abeyance until such time as the site is remediated.

Commissioner Loffler closed public input and suggested waiting 2 weeks to make a decision, during which time no further information or evidence will be received.

Commissioner Lancaster asked Mr. Russell if he would be in favor of approval once remediation is completed. Mr. Russell said he feels bad about this personally because there was another Miedzinski farm being developed simultaneously to this next to the Texaco station in Hollywood, and it was at the 11th hour that he found out where this site was located. He would have squawked sooner, he said, if he had seen the plans originally.

Mr. Russell said Mr. Griffin has certainly spent a great deal of money, time and effort, and a whole log of aggravation with his office and other agencies trying to meet their approval criteria, and he doesn't want to see Mr. Griffin lose that, but, from his perspective, he has too often seen whatever can go wrong go wrong, and he still thinks with the minuscule potential that is there, because of the seriousness of it, that he has some questions about it. He added he is not a lawyer and will not argue about who is liable, but he suspects that any signatory on the plat would be approached initially if something goes wrong.

Commissioner Bailey commented that a 5-year delay can kill a project, and asked if there is anything in EPA regulations that says they will take care of Mr. Griffin's losses, especially since his property is uncontaminated now. He added if EPA pollutes Mr. Griffin's property, they have to do something with it. Mr. Russell replied the EPA does not pay people for whoever's mistakes.

Commissioner Loffler closed the hearing, stating there would be no further input and the decision would be made based on the facts presented, in 2 weeks.

**PROPOSED PRIVATE PRISON  
STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY**

Commissioner Bailey read the following statement relative to Correctional Corporation of America's proposal for a private prison in St. Mary's County:

"I am against the proposal by Correctional Corporation of America to locate a prison facility in St. Mary's County.

I take this position because I believe it is in the county's best interest. I have not seen any evidence to justify my support of a prison facility. In fact, I haven't seen anything since last June presented by Correctional Corporation of America that there is even a project proposed by the District of Columbia.

I realize we appointed a Task Force to study this proposal, and I am grateful the members volunteered to serve. But it is not too late to dissolve the Task Force and save their time and energy. I have not heard from one citizen who supports such a facility, but thousands have signed petitions in opposition.

I urge my fellow County Commissioners to join me in saying no to a prison in St. Mary's County."



Commissioner Loffler stated that the Task Force had been established to gather information so that the Commissioners could make a fair decision in a democratic way. He indicated that he believed the Task Force should be allowed to complete the process and to continue the policy of having the public involved.

Commissioner Lancaster stated that it was important that the Commissioners allow the task force to do its investigation to gather all the pros and cons and make a report to the Commissioners. Once this is accomplished the Commissioners should then make final judgment on the project.

Commissioner Jarboe stated that he agreed with Commissioner Bailey and indicated that he has been hearing too many negatives about such a facility, such as jobs not being made available for St. Mary's Countians and the impact on property values.

Commissioner Thompson pointed out that she had originally been in opposition to forming a task force, but agreed to it and has since defended the Commissioners' position thinking that this was in the best way to approach the problem. She stated that nothing has changed since the formation of the Task Force and everything that is being heard is heresy.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
ANNUAL STATE HIGHWAY MEETING**

The Commissioners attended the Annual State Highway Meeting conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

A tape of the proceedings is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**7:00 P.M.**

(Commissioner Jarboe was not present.)

The Commissioners conducted the monthly public forum accepting comments and questions from the audience.

**Lorraine Boyd** - Spoke in opposition to the proposed prison and inquired as to how many signatures were necessary in order for the Commissioners to say "No" to CCA.

Commissioner Bailey read the statement he had previously read into the record.

Commissioner Loffler restated his position that the Commissioners should follow the County's policy of going through a process before making a decision.

Commissioner Thompson reiterated her position that the Commissioners should take an objective role, gather all facts in an organized manner, and allow the task force to continue its work.

**Wilma Reeves** - Presented letter signed by citizens during the County Fair expressing opposition to the prison and requesting that the task force be abandoned.

**Bill Mattingly** - Expressed concern for the burden that the jail would place on the Sheriff's Department and State Policy and that it could cost the county more money in the long run.

**Shane Mattingly** - On behalf of Democratic Central Committee spoke in opposition to the project.



**Charles Doolan** - Spoke in opposition and inquired as to the number of signatures it would take for the Commissioners to disband the task force.

**Tom Hewitt** - Spoke in opposition to prison.

**George Brewer** - Spoke in opposition to prison and stated that Mayor Dixon of Washington, D. C. has stated that a prison in D. C. is a low priority and some D.C. Council members have suggested that it be placed in Virginia or Maryland.

**Oran Wilkerson** - On behalf of the Potomac River Association spoke in opposition to the prison.

**Dr. James Boyd** - Advised that the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Hospital has voted to oppose the proposed prison and the Medical Society very strongly opposes it. He pointed out the medical problems that such a facility would bring to St. Mary's County.

**Gladys Woodland** - Inquired as to the membership of the Task Force.

The Commissioners listed the members.

**Viki Stevens** - Spoke in opposition to prison.

**Paul Chesser** - Reported that this prison question has been around for 25 years and one had been planned in Washington at 3rd and D Streets, N.W. and it never came to be. He stated that it was opposed to a prison in St. Mary's, but felt that it was incumbent upon the elected officials to examine every proposal that comes into the county. He indicated that the process should continue, that the Commissioners should get a report from the task force. In conclusion Mr. Chesser offered his assistance stating he has information regarding water consumption and other infrastructures that could be helpful.

**David Fowler** - Stated he was one of the property owners for the proposed prison and indicated he was opposed to it. He said that he had received an option notice from Johnson and Associates and inquired why they would need land on the opposite side of Rt. 234.

Commissioner Loffler noted that there was no land in St. Mary's County that was zoned to allow a prison.

**Jennifer Boyd** - Expressed opposition to the prison and stated the democratic process was being done this evening by all those in attendance expressing opposition.

**Jim Long** - Stated he also owned property that was in question for the prison and reported that he was opposed to it. He inquired when the Commissioners would make a decision on whether they were for or against this project.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Expressed opposition to the prison.

**Debbie Lee** - Stated she had moved to St. Mary's County to get away from problems like this and expressed opposition to the prison.

**Molly Baker** - Requested the Commissioners to say "No" to the prison.

**Joe Long** - Inquired what the Commissioners were doing for the County economically.

Commissioner Thompson stated that the County has had a reputation for saying "no", and that St. Mary's is in competition with every other county to get good clean industry. She pointed out that St. Mary's has a lot of land not on the tax rolls and the County has the least ability to raise revenue on property taxes because of land not on the tax rolls.

Commissioner Loffler pointed out that the County has been making efforts of getting Navy contractors on county property rather than being located on NAS. This helps bring in revenues that would not occur if they were located on NAS.



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Commissioner Bailey stated that he was in favor of having industrial and in the northern end of the county and the Budd's Creek area as well because of its access to Md. Rt. 301. He said that these locations could attract good clean industry.

**Steve Andrews** - Urged the Commissioners to disband the task force.

Commissioner Loffler stated that this would be a item of discussion at next week's meeting.

**Minnie Russell** - (1) Expressed opposition to the prison; (2) Stated that she understood that the Director of Recreation and Parks is looking for prime waterfront property for a park and she said that the County does not need any more parks and the land should be put pack on the tax rolls.

**Kyle Rambo** - Presented a letter to the Commissioners addressing some issues raised regarding the proposed Superfund cleanup site at the Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant. Concerns include: EPA's Region 3 inexperience with incinerators, information provided about efficiency and operating safety of mobile incinerators was provided by a contractor with financial interest; the gap between incineration theory and practice; how the risk assessment was evaluated.

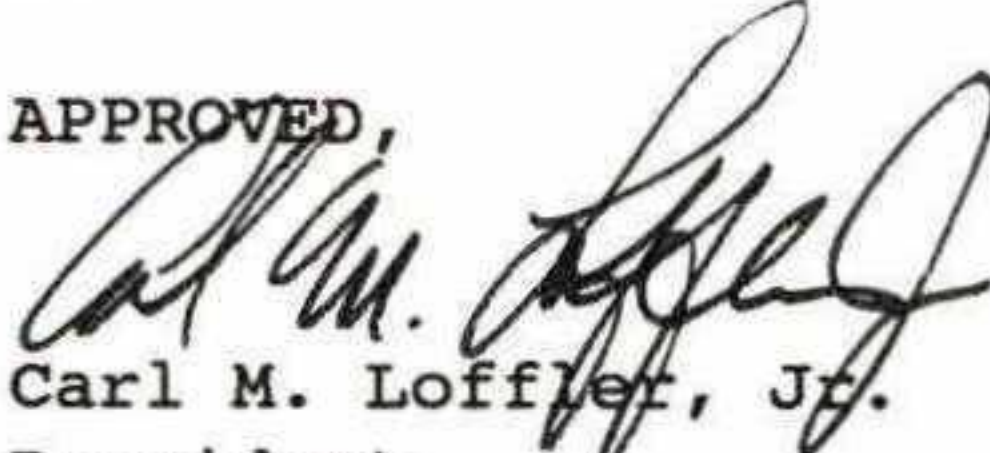
**Jim Riedell** - Presented information which EPA has not provided to the Commissioners or Wood Treatment Task Force.

**Carla Peterson** - Expressed concern regarding these types of problems coming into St. Mary's County and stated that if "St. Mary's County can hold on a little bit longer, we can pick and choose the type of industry we want in the County."

**Andrea Carbonara** - Announced a meeting of the Environmental Awareness Coalition of Southern Maryland to be held October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Carter State Office Building Public Meeting Room.

The public forum concluded at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED,

  
Carl M. Loffler, Jr.  
President