

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

November 19, 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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 1991. Motion carried.

**CLARIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 5, 1991 MINUTES
FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET**

Commissioner Loffler inquired as to the motion made by Commissioner Jarboe at the November 5 meeting relative to the 1.8% across-the-board reductions. He stated that staff had discussed the reduction of the FY '91 budget by another \$1M which had not been included in the motion.

Commissioner Jarboe indicated that because staff was to develop recommendations for the additional \$1M, it was an issue that was going to come back to the Commissioners' table and therefore was not part of the motion.

The Commissioners requested the County Administrator to proceed with putting together information for the second phase of reductions (\$1M from cost saving efforts such as travel and training).

The Commissioners agreed to discuss this issue later in the day.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WELCOME

The Commissioners attended a Welcome for the State Board of Education at the Carter State Office Building.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) DECEMBER 24 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

The County Administrator advised that there are five Tuesdays in December and inquired whether the Commissioners would want to cancel the December 24 meeting. The Commissioners took no action on this matter.

2) MOBILE DREDGING SLUDGE APPLICATION PERMIT

The County Administrator presented correspondence to the Maryland Department of Environment advising that the County will waive the public hearing for Mr. Realo's land application permit for his company Mobile Dredging for a site located in Charles County, one mile from the St. Mary's County border.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter. (Commissioner Loffler did not sign the letter.)

**3) CORRESPONDENCE TO CHARLES AND CALVERT COUNTIES
MARCEY HOUSE**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the County Commissioners of Charles and Calvert Counties requesting each county share in the funding of Marcey House. Operating funds for Marcey House, which serves the three counties, has been cut by the State ADAA effective December 31, 1991, and shared funding by the three counties would provide continuation of Marcey House.

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

4) HOMESHARING PROGRAM

As a follow up to last week's decision, the County Administrator presented correspondence to Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development designating Joseph Mitchell as St. Mary's County's contact person for the promotion of the Homesharing Program.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

**5) NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
OFFICE ON AGING - REVISED SENIOR VISITATION GRANT**

The County Administrator presented the revised Senior Visitation Grant for Fiscal Year 1992, which is a lower amount than indicated in the approved FY '92 budget. The reduction has been accommodated in funding adjustments already in place.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the revised grant as presented. Motion carried.

6) HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT APPLICATION

The County Administrator presented a revised grant application combining Phase I and Phase II into a revised Phase I for the Historic Preservation Grant Application. The Scope of the Project and funding will not change.

After discussion Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Loffler, to authorize the President of the Board to sign the revised grant application. Motion carried.

7) FISCAL YEAR 1993 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

The County Administrator presented the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget Instructions, to be distributed to All Spending Units, which does not set target limits but points out the state budget reductions and that the County is taking action to accommodate those reductions.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler suggested that the memorandum include a request that each spending unit reduce its Fiscal Year 1992 budget by 4% and that any requests beyond that are to be justified and prioritized.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Loffler to amend the Budget Instructions memorandum to reflect a 4% reduction for each Spending Unit's Fiscal Year 1992 budget. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Present: Carol Pinckney
Karen Walton

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating December 1-7, 1991 as Home Care Week in St. Mary's County.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Dan Ichniowski, Director

1) **RIGHT OF ENTRY
PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE EASEMENT - GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS ROAD**

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

- By the State of Maryland to the use of the Military Department to St. Mary's County Commissioners to allow entrance along Md. Rt. 245 for the construction of a storm sewer and appurtenances.
- By the State of Maryland to the use of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to St. Mary's County to allow entrance for the construction of a storm drainage facility and appurtenances and construction of a new public access road to Md. Rt. 245.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Rights of Entry as presented. Motion carried.

2) **HOLLYWOOD SHORES SHORE EROSION CONTROL DISTRICT**

Relative to the Hollywood Shores Erosion Control District, Mr. Ichniowski presented a Letter of Assurances from the Department of Natural Resources and an Application for Assistance to be signed and submitted to the Department of Natural Resources.

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

3) **ST. MARY'S COUNTY ROAD ORDINANCE REVISION - POLICY STATEMENT
STANDARD CUL-DE-SAC DETAIL**

Mr. Ichniowski presented a proposed Policy Statement for the St. Mary's County Road Ordinance relative to Standard Cul-De-Sac Detail. The Statement clarifies the minimum required paving and right-of-way radii for cul-de-sacs. He stated that the proposed revision is being circulated throughout the engineering and development community for comments.

4) **ACCEPTANCE OF DEEDS
ROAD RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Ichniowski presented the following Deeds and related Road Resolutions for the Commissioners' consideration:

Laurel Grove Estates

Deed dated June 14, 1990 between James G. Elrod, Carolyn Esther Elrod, Antonio S. Henriques and Maria Henriques and St. Mary's County Commissioners accepting Laurel Court into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R91-31 posting Laurel Court at 25 miles per hour.

Road Resolution No. R91-32 designating Laurel Court as a Stop Street as it intersects with Morganza-Laurel Grove Road.

Cloverhill West Subdivision

Deed dated August 7, 1990 between Bakron, Inc. and County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting Clover Hill Court into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R91-29 designating Clover Hill Court as a Stop Street as it intersects with McIntosh Road.

Road Resolution No. R91-30 posting Clover Hill Court at 25 miles per hour.

Mt. Chance Subdivision

Deed dated October 16, 1991 between William Russell Cullins and Arlene C. Cullins and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting Mt. Chance Lane and East Mt. Chance Lane into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R91-27 posting Mr. Chance Lane and East Mt. Chance Lane at 25 miles per hour.

Road Resolution No. R91-28 designating the following streets as Stop Streets: Mt. Chance Lane as it intersects with Dynard Hurry Road; East Mt. Chance Lane as it intersects with Mt. Chance Court.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the Deeds and to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Deeds and Road Resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

5) ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
WILDEWOOD - HICKORY NUT DRIVE

Mr. Ichniowski presented an Addendum to the Public Works Agreement between Paragon Builders, Inc. and Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County extending the deadline for completion of Hickory Nut Drive to October 1, 1992. The Addendum is backed by a replaced Letter of Credit with First National Bank of St. Mary's in the amount of \$26,000.

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

LEONARDTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEATING SYSTEM

Commissioner Thompson referred to an article in a local newspaper which included comments by Commissioner Jarboe that planning money for the Leonardtown Elementary School heating system was unnecessary and that the Department of Public Works has someone under contract to do that type of work. She stated that if that was true, the Commissioners should know this ahead of time rather than it coming out in a newspaper. She further suggested that if the Commissioners wanted to pursue this possibility that it should be acted on as perhaps a policy.

Commissioner Jarboe indicated that the possibility of using the Department of Public Works contract was brought to his attention after the Commissioners had authorized the allocation.

Commissioner Loffler cautioned that the Commissioners need to look at what the County can assist the Board of Education with and that it was his understanding that construction items were out of the County's control because of state mandates. He stated that the County should look at this as the Commissioners begin the Capital Improvement Program process.

JONES INTERCABLE - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Present: Susan Sloan, Chairperson, Cable Advisory Committee
Nina Kern, Manager, Jones Intercable

Ms. Sloan appeared before the Commissioners to present the Franchise Agreement for Jones Intercable. She stated that the Committee has reviewed the Agreement and recommended that once the Commissioners review it, that there be a public hearing for Jones as well as Simmons. A tentative date of Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. has been set for the hearing.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler raised questions relative to overlapping of cable service and whether there could be delineation of which company would serve a particular area. Ms. Sloan indicated that she would address this issue with the County Attorney.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to conduct the public hearing as scheduled for December 17.

1992 BUDGET REDUCTION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lancaster stated that on November 5 the Commissioners made a decision to request each spending unit to reduce its Fiscal Year 1992 Budget by 1.8%. He pointed out that on November 12 the Board of Education requested to be exempted from that direction and agreed to work with the Commissioners in cost-saving efforts. Commissioner Lancaster referred to the list of proposed budget reductions submitted by the Superintendent of Schools and the impact it would have on education. He stated that he believed that the school system might be better served if the Board of Education was exempted from this requirement. Commissioner Lancaster advised that he was in favor of restoration of those funds to the Board of Education with the understanding that they will work with the County in reducing spending wherever possible.

Commissioner Loffler pointed out that at the November 5 meeting it was his suggestion that each department inform the Commissioners of the impact of the 1.8% reduction after which the Commissioners would make a final decision.

Commissioner Bailey expressed concern that by exempting the Board of Education, the County would not be able to meet the goals of the Fiscal 1992 budget or the Fiscal Year 1993 budget unless additional funding reductions are made from other departments.

Commissioner Jarboe indicated that the budget reductions should be fair and equal to all spending units in order to meet obligations in FY '93.

Commissioner Thompson, referring to the list of funding reductions submitted by Superintendent Burroughs on November 12, stated that she did not believe the Commissioners should make a decision based on this list because it contained inconsistencies. She indicated that she would be willing to have a public hearing in order to allow the Board of Education and other spending units to explain the impact of the 1.8% reductions.

After lengthy discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to let the 1.8% stand; however, that prior to making the budget reductions final, the Commissioners conduct a public hearing to receive input from the departments and the community; and further that the additional \$1M reduction request be a part of the public hearing process and that the spending units provide information as to the impact of the 1.8% and the \$1M. Motion carried. Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted against the motion with Commissioner Jarboe stating he is not opposed to having a public hearing.

PATUXENT RIVER NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER - A COMMUNITY RESPONSE


Present: John Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning
Dan Ichniowski, Director, Public Works
Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development
John Harden, Chairman, Recreation and Parks
Don O'Neal, St. Mary's Public Schools
F. Elliott Burch, Jr., Chairman, Economic Development Commission
James Kenney, Chairman, Military Affairs Committee, EDC
Alek Loker, Public Works, NAS
Mary Pat Pope, Administrative Officer

As a follow up to the October 29 Planning Meeting relative to the expansion of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the County Administrator presented distributed a document which represents a community response to this challenge. The book will be distributed to appropriate officials and will be updated as new information is received.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED,


Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President