

ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 18, 1992

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**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 9:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 18, 1992. Motion carried.

**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) SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE ENTERPRISE**

For a special issue of The Enterprise, the County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the citizens of the county recognizing the hundreds of volunteers serving in the fire departments, rescue squads and auxiliaries.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter for publication in The Enterprise.

**2) GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The County Administrator presented the following grant applications for review and consideration by the Board:

**- Piney Point Lighthouse**

To Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, for an Historic Preservation Grant Fund for restoration of the exterior of the lighthouse keeper's quarters, the repair and modification of the existing pier, installation of walkways to make the area handicap accessible, and for the creation of a parking area for visitors. No new money from the county is being requested.

**- Alliance for Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention**

ACTION Notification of Grant Award for a revised grant for the Summer Fun Camp for the period July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, in the total amount of \$74,098.

**- St. Mary's Public Schools**

Notice of Grant Awards received from the Maryland Department of Education in amounts that exceeded those included in the Approved Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 1992.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Grant Applications and Notifications of Grant Award as presented. Motion carried.

**3) INFORMATION RELEASE**

The County Administrator presented an Information Release indicating that St. Mary's County has been recently recognized as a high performance government by Municipal Analysis Services, Inc. St. Mary's was ranked in the top ten percent of jurisdictions studied in 1991 throughout the country, which reflects the county's responsible fiscal management practices.

The Commissioners agreed to distribute the Information Release.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- To Chairperson of Sheriff's Department Pension System Board expressing appreciation for presentation of Annual Report.
- To Forest Conservancy District Board responding to environmental and fiscal concerns relative to the clearing of trees at the St. Mary's County Airport.
- To St. Mary's Press requesting status report of the MILA loan and a statement of the firm's intentions to continue operation in St. Mary's County.
- To the Pessagno's responding to fiscal concerns (revenues, taxes, fees).
- To State Highway Administration expressing appreciation for the prompt action regarding the signalization of Md. Rtes. 246 and 5, which is planned for completion in April.
- To O'Brien Realty responding to offer of Safeway store building in Lexington Park for county government use and stating that the county is not in a financial position at this time to pursue the offer.

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

5) **1992 LEGISLATION STATUS REPORT**

The County Administrator presented a handout describing the status of each of the 31 items of the County's 1992 Legislative Package. Of the 11 items receiving full County Commissioner support, the legislative delegation submitted eight. Of the 15 items receiving majority and full County Commissioner support, 11 items were submitted by the delegation.

6) **CHRISTMAS IN APRIL - WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE**

The County Administrator presented a memorandum requesting a waiver of building permit fees for the homes to be renovated in the Christmas in April program on April 25. The request meets the conditions of Resolution No. 75-53 - Abatement of Building Permit Fees.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to waive the building permit fees as requested. Motion carried.

7) **APPLICATION OF SLUDGE APPLICATIONS**

As a follow up to last week's discussion, the County Administrator presented seven applications for the application of sludge in St. Mary's County from in-county and out-of-county sources and inquired whether the Commissioners wished to conduct a public hearing.

Commissioner Jarboe reiterated his previous concerns that land having the sludge applied needs to be identified for future property owners.

Discussion ensued as to the whether a public meeting would be beneficial in that the State has the authority to grant the permits for sludge application.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to indicate to the Maryland Department of Environment that St. Mary's County does not request a public hearing; however, the Commissioners continue to have concerns regarding the safety issue of sludge. Motion carried.

Later in the meeting the County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Maryland Department of Environment indicating that the Commissioners will not exercise their right to request a public informational meeting on the seven applications. The letter further expressed the county's concerns over environmental safety and land records notification.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to sign and forward the letter. Motion carried.

**ADULT PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP REVIEW BOARD - ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Sam Baldwin, Chairman  
Gary Anderson, Secretary

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Adult Public Guardianship Review Board Annual Report. The report included its purpose, to provide for the impartial oversight of public guardianship cases and to ensure that disabled person receive the service and treatment ordered by the Court. Activities included monitoring the guardianship of eight clients.

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

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN - ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Janet Hanke, Chairperson  
Nancy Hutson  
Joan Stine

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report for the Commission for Women. Ms. Hanke gave the background and purpose and highlighted significant activities of 1991, which included Women's History Month, Women's Center, and Community Outreach. She also highlighted on-going activities including standing and special committees. Ms. Hanke indicated that future plans include attendance at conferences and utilizing volunteers in the community for a quarterly newsletter.

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

**BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC  
CALVERT CLIFFS UPDATE**

Present: John C. Smith, Public Information, BG&E  
Charles H. Cruse, Manager, Nuclear Engineering, BG&E

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a updated report on the status of Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Cruse reported that both units at Calvert Cliffs are operating at 100% and advised that in December of 1991 they set a major industry safety record of 5,000 man hours with no time loss because of injury on the job. He further noted that BG&E has successfully passed three major inspections, and has been notified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the plant, based on excellent performance, will be removed from the monitoring and watch list.

Mr. Cruse advised that BG&E is preparing for an outage of Unit 1 starting March 20 to refuel and to make modifications and improvements for the safety and reliability of the plant.

In response to an inquiry from County Administrator Cox, Mr. Cruse indicated that there is more than adequate supply of electricity in Maryland.

In closing the Commissioners expressed appreciation for the updated report and congratulations that BG&E had received excellent safety reports.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Paul Wible, Director, EMA

Mr. Wible appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report for the St. Mary's County Emergency Operations Center. The reported included statistics (daily, weekly, monthly and yearly totals) for fire departments, rescue squads, police calls, and animal control statistics.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to meet in Executive Sessions to discuss matters of property acquisition and litigation. Motion carried. The Sessions were held from 10:48 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

**PROCLAMATION - DAFFODIL DAYS - AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

Present: Mike Dugan  
Ellen Corson

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating March 19-22, 1992 as Daffodil Days in St. Mary's County.

**TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU  
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER - GRANT AWARD**

Present: Sam Bauman, Director  
Gary Anderson, Chairman, Family Assistance Center

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the Friends of the Family has awarded a grant to Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Inc. for a Family Support Center. Mr. Anderson advised that a group of public and private non-profit agencies have been meeting to provide services to clients in the Lexington Park area and formed a Family Assistance Center Board. The agencies include Department of Social Services, Health Department, Juvenile Services, Public Schools, Community Action Committee, Walden-Sierra, Alliance for Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention, Youth Services Bureau. He pointed out that the Advisory Board had been pursuing fiscal resources for a fully operational Family Support Center. The Support Center, based on prevention mode with a nurturing atmosphere, will not replace the Family Assistance Center and will be at the same location in Lexington Park. Services in addition to prevention will include outreach, job counselling, parenting skills, GED classes, etc.

In conclusion the Commissioners congratulated Tri-County Youth Services Bureau for being a recipient of this grant and wished them every success.

**FAMILY CONNECTION PUBLICATION  
SPRING RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Present: Karen Lowry, Teacher, Spring Ridge Middle School  
Jennifer Bohanan, student, "  
Cheryl Henley, " "  
Cheresa Smith, " "  
Wes Willoughby, " "  
Dana Wortman, " "

Students, as "cub reporters" from Spring Ridge Middle School appeared before the Commissioners to interview the Board for the Family Connection newspaper. Articles are researched and written by students through the Cub Reporter Program. After conducting an interview of the board, each of the students met with a Commissioner for a one-on-one interview.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of Personnel (consideration of appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions). Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:05 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

**MENTAL HEALTH ALCOHOLISM DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Dennis Scott, Chairperson  
MHADAAC Members

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual report for the Mental Health Alcoholism Drug Abuse Advisory Council. Mr. Scott displayed charter showing the impact of funding reductions by the state and county on various activities (Freedom Landing, Health Department, Core Service, Tri-County Residential Alternatives for Youth, Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Walden, etc.)

Mr. Scott reviewed the activities of the past year which included mental health planning, budget impact statements, evaluation of programs, support of elementary school guidance counselors, etc. He stated the executive committee of MHADAAC has met with representatives of the Women's Center and Commission for Women which have agreed to recommend the inclusion of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault under the purview of MHADAAC. This issue will be a matter of decision by the general membership of MHADAAC at its February 18 meeting.

Included in the report were two evaluation reports on the Mental health Community Rehabilitation Program, Freedom Landing Residential Program, one prepared by evaluators from the State Health Department and the second from MHADAAC.

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

**AIDS TASK FORCE - ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Dr. William Marek, Chairman  
Dr. Liz Reisman  
Mary Novotny  
John Shorter  
William Curtis

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report of the AIDS Task Force. The Task Force, organized in 1985 and official appointed by the County Commissioners in 1989, was established to address the issue of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and to assist in educating the public.

Dr. Reisman highlighted the Task Force's activities which included a telephone survey, literature packets assembled for dissemination, radio discussions, and education programs. Future considerations will included addressing the needs of the community, i.e, health care resources, health care worker education, high-risk outreach, and discrimination issues.

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

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD  
PROPOSED COLLEGE STATUS REPORT**

Present: Charlotte Young, Chairperson  
George Bailey  
Elizabeth Dufresne  
Ed Fitzgerald  
Michael Humphries  
John Sine, President, Charles County Community College  
Elaine Ryan, Dean, "

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the progress of the proposed community college site in St. Mary's County. Mrs. Young emphasized the need for a college to be located in the county and cited the Tech Prep Program in particular.

Mr. Loffler explained the status of the land transfer with the state, indicating that the process has been slow. It is currently with the Department of General Services. He pointed out that there had also been a lease for a Christmas tree farm, which had been unleased and then leased again. He further pointed out that the Commissioners have emphasized the County's continued interest in the site and are anxious to move forward.

During discussion Mrs. Young noted the Technology Council's efforts towards a higher educational facility and felt that the community college advisory board should be included in the discussions. Commissioner Loffler suggested that the board contact the chairman of the subcommittee on education.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Fitzgerald regarding the county's funding commitment, Commissioner Loffler advised that the county has been committed to this project and that it will have to go through the capital project budgetary process.

In closing Mrs. Dufresne requested copies of membership applications for persons who have expressed an interest in serving on the advisory board. She stated that the board will be starting an interview process for potential members.

**MARYLAND HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM (MHRP)**

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, DECD  
Nancy Hutson, Loan Officer

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a Letter of Intent indicating that St. Mary's County will administer the Special

Loan Programs through the St. Mary's Community Development Corporation to be forwarded to the Community Development Administration. Mr. Mitchell explained that CDA has been working with local governments to facilitate in the transition from the state to local governments the administration of the Special Loan Programs. Each county will be provided an administration fee, and St. Mary's County will be receiving \$3800.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Letter of Intent. Motion carried.

#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE**

Present: Becky Stevens, Community Services Coordinator  
Phil Rollins, Director, Recreation and Parks

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present Letters of Inquiry to two foundations interested in child care issues regarding possible funding for neighborhood before and after school day care centers. Mrs. Stevens stated that Recreation and Parks has been operating day care centers at the schools and attendance has been dropping. One of the reasons is transportation. She indicated that by operating centers in neighborhoods more children would be able to use the facility. Neighborhood day care centers would also be available to kindergartners and other half-day school session children.

Commissioner Bailey expressed concern that this proposal would put the county in competition with private industry. Commissioner Loffler suggested that the county could get the program started after which it could possibly be moved to the private sector.

Commissioner Thompson indicated that since three day care centers at schools have closed, that there should be exit interviews to determine why parents no longer used the centers.

During discussion County Administrator Cox pointed out that the schools and social workers have identified a number of children at risk who are not in any kind of service out of school and where both parents work.

After discussion Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Letters of Inquiry to the foundations for funding for before and after school neighborhood child care centers. Motion carried.

#### **NAVAL AIR WARFARE CENTER TRANSITION FROM WARMINSTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, DECD  
Bob Swierczynski, Special Asst. to Cdr, NAWC  
Alex Loker, NAWC  
F. Elliott Burch, Jr., Economic Development Commission

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioner to bring the Board up to date regarding the transition from Warminster, Pennsylvania to St. Mary's County. Mr. Mitchell introduced Mr. Swierczynski to the Commissioners and stated that he is one of the individuals who has been transferred from Pennsylvania to help in the transition. Mr. Mitchell pointed out that Mr. Swierczynski is a member of the Consolidation Committee.

Mr. Swierczynski indicated to the Commissioners that from 1994 - 1996 approximately 2,000 people will be coming to the area from Pennsylvania. He stated that a demographic study is being done relative to school children, ages, etc.

Discussion ensued regarding construction plans for on and off the base, and Mr. Swierczynski pointed out that a number of private contractors will probably relocate to this area.

Mr. Burch and Loker reported that trips are planned to Pennsylvania to visit and give briefings beginning in May. Participation by the three southern Maryland counties is anticipated.

The Commissioners offered their assistance in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition.

**FISCAL YEAR 1992 RECONCILIATION PROPOSAL**

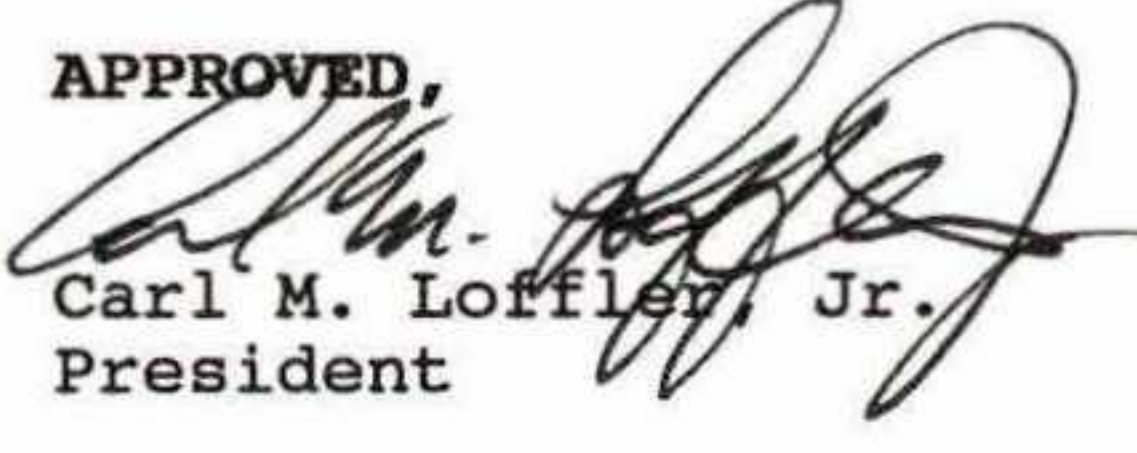
Commissioner Jarboe distributed copies of an item from the Maryland Association of Counties Courthouse News (February 14, 1992 issue) regarding the referenced proposal for handling the Fiscal Year 1992. The proposal addresses the anticipated \$270M state deficit and includes an \$88.5M reduction in local funding.

The Commissioners agreed to not take a position at this time because there is not enough information and that it would be advisable to wait until the direction of the General Assembly becomes clearer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED,

  
Carl M. Loeffler, Jr.  
President

