

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, September 29, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
George R. Aud, Commissioner

Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting convened at 9:55 a.m.

Mechanicsville Public Trash Disposal Area

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to employ Lewis Manual Morgan of Mechanicsville at \$1.60 per hour, 40-hour week, as an Attendant for the Mechanicsville Public Trash Disposal Area, to commence on October 5, 1970. In addition, it was unanimously agreed to erect a sign describing the new operating hours for the area as between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday; and from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. The sign is to indicate that there will be no trespassing after hours under penalty of the law and no loitering or scavenging. There will be two attendants operating the area, working a total of 40 hours each, with no overtime authorized. A cable is to be installed across the roadway so that the area can be secured at 6:30 p.m. each day. A special dumping area for the disposition of shell-fish spoil will be provided and covered daily.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill Ordinance

Copies of a public announcement, map, and the text of an ordinance for the opening of the Oakville Sanitary Landfill were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The texts of the announcement and ordinance had been finalized by Messrs. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant, and Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, in order to meet the State of Maryland's Final Review date of Friday, October 2, 1970.

White Neck Creek Public Wharf

Commissioner George R. Aud reported that the Public Wharf on White's Neck Creek is in sad need of repair and requested that investigation be conducted and recommendations submitted for the repair of this situation.

Bid Opening for Office of Civil Defense
Maintenance Contract for Radio Maintenance, Base and
Mobile Stations, EOC

At 11:32, Mr. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, officiated at the bid opening under reference. Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director, Office of Civil Defense, Mr. Robert C. Gotshall, Sr., President of Land Air Electronics, Inc. and Mrs. Helen M. Bailey, Administrative Assistant, were present. Only one bid was received from Land Air Electronics, Inc., for the sum of \$7,265.00 (payable on a monthly basis in amount of \$605.50). Commissioner Bowles suggested that the contract contain a sixty-day termination clause.

Board of Library Trustees
Restoration of Tudor Hall

Mrs. Holger Jansson, President and Mrs. Katherine Hurrey, Administrator, Board of Library Trustees, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, accompanied by Mr. Orin Bulloch, Architect, concerning the restoration of Tudor Hall. Mrs. Hurrey handed Mr. Burch a copy of the motion which was passed at the Board of Library Trustees Meeting this date:

"It was moved by Mr. James Kenney that the Board approve the drawings, dated September 28, 1970, for the restoration of Tudor Hall. As this completes the Design Phase of the project he further moved that the Board recommend to the County Commissioners the approval of these drawings. The Board should also ask the County Commissioners for their authorization to proceed with the working drawings. The motion was seconded by Admiral Clark and carried unanimously".

The Board of County Commissioners concurred with the recommendations of the Board of Library Trustees and authorized Mr. Bulloch to proceed with the final drawings prior to presentation to HUD for approval and the letting of bids. The Board reviewed the changes in floor plan and elevations in detail. Commissioner Bowles moved that authorization be granted to proceed, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Aud, and carried by Mr. Burch. Mr. Bowles suggested that a time limit on construction, with penalty clauses, be inserted in the contract and stated that total air-conditioning was a "must". Messrs. Aud and Burch concurred.

Mr. William Groome, FHAFHA Grant for Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan

Mr. William Groome, FHA, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and requested that Mr. Burch co-sign a check in the amount of \$900, payable to The Beavin Company, in full payment for the preparation of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan. This \$900 is the final portion of the \$9,000 grant provided by FHA for this purpose.

Mr. Groome also requested that he be provided with the maps to accompany the final edition of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, and remarked that maps were included with the preliminary edition. He stated that now the preliminary books and the maps included are obsolete. Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that The Beavin Company had provided copies of reproducible maps only and said that Mr. Beavin had stated to him that we could have copies made of them for \$1.00 each. Mr. Raley stated that it would be impossible for him to have the maps reproduced for this sum.

St. Mary's River Watershed

Mr. Groome stated that final approval had been given on the St. Mary's River Watershed project and that we should be receiving a check in the amount of \$250,000 very soon. Mr. Groome stated that the first installment on the loan would be due on January 1, 1975 and that in the meantime, St. Mary's County would pay interest on the principal in the amount of 3.463% interest annually (\$8,750.00).

FHA Public Hearing on Mortgage Money

Mr. Groome stated that there would be a public hearing on October 22, 1970 at 2:00 p.m. concerning the availability of mortgage money from FHA. This will be an informational meeting of general interest to real estate brokers and potential home owners and should open up additional avenues for obtaining money from FHA to prospective home-owners.

Sheriff's Department -- Decisions Pending

The Board of County Commissioners discussed in detail the space alterations proposed for the Sheriff's Department, the acquisition or replacement of patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Department, and the desirability of placing the Deputy Sheriffs under the St. Mary's County Merit System.

It was the consensus of the Board that it would be inappropriate for them to make the decisions under reference reference during this transition period and they wish to obviate the possibility of burdening the new Board of County Commissioners and the new Sheriff with decisions and regulatory procedures which may not conform with their wishes.

Chapman request for Assistance under MIDFA
Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority

The Board of County Commissioners agreed that Wigginton and Loker (County Attorneys) should submit a legal opinion in writing confirming that the Board of County Commissioners can act favorably on Mr. Chapman's request without committing the County to any financial obligation, and without pledging its full faith and credit, present or future. It was also agreed to request Wigginton and Loker to submit a draft suggested reply to Mr. Chapman which would signify Board approval of the request and which would also contain an outline of the procedures to follow, as recommended by MIDFA and to Mr. Robert E. Wigginton.

John N. Thomas, Attendant
St. Andrews Church Road Public Trash Disposal Area

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that complaints have been received concerning the work performance, absences from duty, and attitude of John N. Thomas, attendant at the St. Andrews Church Road Public Trash Disposal Area. It is suspected that Mr. Thomas is not putting in a 40-hour week and that he is riding on McLeod's truck rather than performing his duty as Attendant. Mr. Paul R. Raley was requested to withhold salary, to investigate the matter, and to terminate the employment of John N. Thomas if the allegations in this matter are substantiated.

Zoning Ordinance

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the implementation of the Zoning Ordinance and decided that the first public hearing should be scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 1970. Detailed discussion concerning arrangements for the advertisement of the Public Hearing on the Zoning Ordinance will be held by the Board in the immediate future.

J. O. Hills Trailer Court Extension

The Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of nine sites or spaces to the existing trailer court on the Great Mills Road, Lexington Park, Maryland. This addition was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their regular monthly meeting on June 22, 1970, subject to other approvals, with motion that it be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners. The plat was signed, approving, by Mr. Burch.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch