

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 George R. Aud, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner-Elect
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
 Helen M. Bailey, Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Payments Approved

Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill, Little Kingston, completion of
 sea wall and dredge lines stake out with plan-----\$309.50

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Tall Timbers-----90.40
 " " " " " Tall Timbers-----35.20
 " " " " " Horse Landing----2,073.46

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project:
 Delahays Pile Driving Service, Nov. 16-20, 1970-2,225.00
 Delahays Pile Driving Service, Nov. 2 - 6, 1970-1,705.00

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland-----9,000.00
 (Annual Assessment)

John R. Drury and Son and Irving Hewitt, Appraisal of
 Bennett Property-----40.00
 (Note: Subject appraisals were had in anticipation
 of County Purchase for landfill purposes).

Salary, Joseph Thompson

Mr. Burch reported that Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. had inquired into the possibility of a pay raise for Mr. Joseph Thompson. The Board of County Commissioners requested that the possibility of a pay raise be discussed with the Director of Finance.

Sheriff's Department

The Board of County Commissioners requested that the questions of advertising for Sheriff's patrol cars, installation of radios, and salaries for the Chief Deputy and Deputy Sheriffs be presented at the next Board meeting in order that decisions can be made. Mr. Bowles specifically requested that the appropriate disposition of radios be made prior to the time trade-in allowances were determined.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

Mrs. Jeanne Dorsey and Mr. Bascom Broun III appeared on behalf of the Leonardtown Commissioners to protest the Proposed Ordinance. The questions of operating hours, fees, and services provided by the Town of Leonardtown for the County were discussed in detail. The Town Commissioners feel that with the passage of the ordinance as it now reads that local taxes would have to be raised, especially if Leonardtown has to go into the "trash hauling" business on its own. The additional costs to the commercial haulers due to increased mileage would be prohibitive, in their opinion. It was requested that the Board reconsider the fee schedules and possible exemption from fees for the Town of Leonardtown. A written and detailed summary of their views was presented at the meeting and has been inserted in the official files.

Patuxent River Bridge/Inclusion of Recreational Area

Present: Mr. A. L. Grubb, Asst. Chief Engineer, Design, SRC
 Mr. A. W. Tate, District Engineer, SRC
 Mr. John V. Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks
 Mr. James W. Henderson, Sr.
 Mr. Leon Etzler, Regional Planner, Dept. of State Planning
 Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
 Mr. F. W. Thompson, Bridge Engineer, SRC
 Mr. Donald R. Taidig, Tri-County Council
 Mr. Robert R. Bushnell, Dept. Forests and Parks
 Mr. Robert R. Busher, Dept. of Forests and Parks

The foregoing delegation appeared to discuss in detail the possibility of including a recreational area on the St. Mary's side of touch-down for the Patuxent River Bridge. Mr. Grubb requested that a Task Force be formed in order to firm up definite plans for inclusion at the design stage. It was pointed out that funds for such a project could be requested from the Department of Forests and Parks, Game and Inland Fish, as well as the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.

Mr. Grubb pointed out that the State Roads Commission's policy was to acquire only the land required for construction of the Bridge at the touch-down point, so that any additional land required would have to be negotiated for through other appropriate agencies.

The Board agreed that the appointment of a Task Force would be forthcoming so that proposals could be submitted to the State Roads Commission for inclusion in the last stages of their design. Such proposals would necessarily include parking space, access roads, sanitary facilities, lighting, and policing.

Renovations to Court House

Mr. Paul R. Raley requested permission to purchase four storm windows for the Courthouse, which was approved by the Board. Mr. Burch requested that the front door to the Courthouse be repaired.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

Mr. Benjamin Burroughs, Jr. appeared to protest the fees schedule in the proposed ordinance on the Oakville Sanitary Landfill. Mr. Burroughs advanced the proposition of considering a giant incinerator on 500 acres of land, the cost of which the Board considered exorbitant. Mr. Burroughs stated that unless the fee schedule was reduced, that the three commercial trash haulers in business at the present time would either have to go out of business or double their charges, due to the increased mileage they would have to cover.

Drug Action Committee of St. Mary's County

Resolution No. 70-21 dated November 24, 1970, recognizing the formation and purpose of the Drug Action Committee of St. Mary's County was signed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Cancellation of Resolution No. 66-7(a) of June 20, 1966, Gross Receipts Tax on Drag Strip

Resolution No. 70-22 dated November 24, 1970, rescinding and cancelling Resolution No. 66-7(a) of June 20, 1966 which imposed a 10% tax on the gross receipts on admissions to any Drag Strip or Racing Strip in St. Mary's County was signed by the Board of County Commissioners, in compliance with Court Order received on November 16, 1970 -- Case in Equity No. A-3794.

Railroad Tracks

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, stated that he had determined that so long as there are railroad tracks at the crossings, all school buses would have to comply with the law and make a stop, irregardless of the fact that there are no trains operating. Mr. Wigginton suggested that perhaps the SMECO would be willing to purchase the tracks if they were taken up. Mr. Wigginton stated that this is a matter of concern to the school board for safety reasons. The matter was taken under advisement.

St. George's Park

Mr. Wigginton discussed the progress on land acquisition for the County Recreation and Parks Board at St. George's Park. Mr. James W. Henderson is anxious to take a quitclaim deed to

the property. Mr. Bowles stated that the County should make a determination as to whether we have right of way to the water or not before anything is signed. The Board of County Commissioners agreed to make this determination before further action is taken.

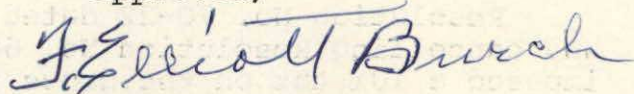
Salary -- August H. Wagener, County Engineer

The County Engineer, Mr. August H. Wagener, appeared to request that his salary be increased to \$18,000 per year and that a contract for one year be signed for his services at this figure. Mr. Wagener stated that he would be willing to stay on until the County had obtained the services of a Zoning Administrator, and that he would perform those duties as well in the interim, except that he would need a draftsman. He stated that at the end of the year, he would like to call it "a deal". Mr. Wagener went on to say that if the Board was not disposed to grant him an increase, as requested, that he would give 60-days' notice, with the request that he be granted two-weeks' leave.

Mr. Burch stated that the Board of County Commissioners would take the matter under advisement and give him an answer at the next regular Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President