

Board of County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, December 15, 1970

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

The meeting came to order at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Chauncey W. Karstens was present for the morning session.

District Court System

Mr. David J. Saari, Director, Court Management Systems, A Division of Lex Computer Systems, Inc., 6935 Wisconsin Ave. (Maryland) Washington, D. C. 20015 appeared to inspect the premises of the Trial Magistrate's Courtroom and offices, and to acquire information concerning the salaries of the personnel employed in the present system. Mr. Saari's firm has been employed on a consulting basis by the Governor's Office, to prepare recommendations to the Governor's Office for efficient implementation of the new District Court System which will go into effect on July 1, 1971. Mr. Saari gave the Board a detailed briefing on this subject and, in turn, requested certain fiscal information, which was provided by the Director of Finance. As soon as his recommendations have been reviewed and/or approved by the Governor's Office, a copy of the proposal will be sent to each County in Maryland for their information.

Mr. James P. Shea, Thomas B. Bourne Division of
Henningson, Durham & Richardson

Mr. James P. Shea presented his firm's proposal for engineering and planning services in connection with the preparation of a Study of Shoreline Erosion along Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of Tanner's Creek, which was reviewed in detail by the Board. For the services outlined in the scope of work, Mr. Shea's firm proposed a lump sum fee of \$12,600 payable upon submission of the completed report. A contract was duly executed for the services contained in the proposal by Richard D. Stewart, Assistant Vice President, of Henningson, Durham & Richardson and George R. Aud, President, Board of County Commissioners, and attested to by Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant.

A copy of said contract has been placed in the official files. The Board requested that Mr. Paul R. Raley follow through by notifying the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs that subject contract had been executed so that the \$5,000 available and allocated to St. Mary's County by CBA for such a feasibility study can be encumbered.

Piney Point Seawall - Shore Erosion Project

A proposal for the completion of a seawall at Piney Point was submitted by Delahay's Pile Driving Service in the amount of \$12,000.00. The Board of County Commissioners requested Mr. Paul R. Raley to advertise for bids for completion of such a seawall and to retain the Delahay proposal in confidence until such time as legal advertising has been accomplished. Mr. Delahay is to be apprised of such action.

Payments Approved

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp.	
Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project	
Invoice No. 7064-----	\$1,043.40
Invoice No. 2454-----	1,203.00
Loker and Wigginton, County Attorney, November, 1970-	
	765.00
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill	
Dukehart Creek Survey	535.25
Part of Lansdale Survey	1,500.00
Bussells & Company, Richneck Road Engineering-----	382.50
Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project	
Delahay's Pile Driving Service-----	2,745.00
Mel-Don Co., backhoe work-----	244.00
Hugh W. Wilkerson, Survey work St. Andrews	
Church Road-----	1,160.00

St. Jerome's Creek

President George R. Aud signed a letter to the Honorable J. Millard Tawes, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources requesting that the work contract awarded to the American Dredging Company of Silver Spring, Maryland, be extended to include the dredging of the southern prong of St. Jerome's Creek. Work on the mouth of the creek is scheduled to be completed by the end of January, 1971 and it is estimated that the additional cost for dredging the Southern prong would approximate \$2,500. Inquiry was also made as to whether there are any State funds available to St. Mary's for this purpose.

Commercial Trash Haulers

At the request of the Board of County Commissioners, the three principal commercial trash haulers and one person who is interested in opening up such a business were present to discuss the fees and the license fees proposed in the Ordinance for the Oakville Sanitary Landfill.

Benjamin Burroughs, Jr., Walter Wise, Mr. McLeod all agreed that costs will rise if they are required to haul from their pick-up points to only the landfill at Oakville. Mr McLeod estimated that the added mileage and personnel required would sent costs to the users up at least 25%. In answer to Mr. Burroughs query, Mr. Bowles stated that a sanitary landfill would be opened in the Lexington Park area as soon as it was possible to acquire the necessary land that is required. In this regard, Mr. McLeod agreed to forward to the Board a proposal for leasing his land (approximately 100 acres), and an alternate proposal for purchasing, in order to provide more convenient landfill space. A discussion of the operating hours brought forth the suggestion that the commercial haulers be allowed to use the dumps after normal hours, entering by means of a key, and that any of them violating the regulations would provoke cancellation of the privilege. No action was taken in this regard.

Messrs. Burroughs, Wise, and McLeod agreed that the license fee of \$25 was fair but felt that the fees per load would escalate operating costs to the point where their charges to the customer might go up 50%. The Board of County Commissioners took the matter under advisement, but indicated that in all probability the landfill would be opened for use without charge except for a licensing fee, to be imposed in order to retain control and to insure that the operating regulations could be enforced. Mr. Paul R. Raley was asked to develop some minimum standards on equipment.

Change of Signature Cards and Persons authorized to sign on St. Mary's County checking accounts

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton counseled that the Board of County Commissioners should sign a Resolution designating authorized signing authorities on St. Mary's County checking funds and recommended that the Board seriously consider the appointment of "alternates" in the event of disability or absenteeism. Mr. Bowles suggested that the County Attorney and the Director of Finance prepare a resolution which would be satisfactory to St. Mary's County needs and present it for signature at the next regular meeting.

Committee and Commission Appointments

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to officially request both the Republican and Democratic State Central Committees for their recommendations for appointments to a Task Force to study the reorganization of St. Mary's County Government; and, in addition, to recommend nominees to fill vacancies on the Metropolitan Commission, and the Economic Development Committee. The letters were prepared and signed on December 15, 1970.

Metropolitan Commission Appointment

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to invite Mr. Julius James Finnacom of the 2nd Election District to accept appointment to the Metropolitan Commission for a term of three years. Mr. Finnacom would represent the 2nd and 9th Election Districts and he resides in the 2nd District, Tall Timbers. A letter was prepared and signed on December 18, 1970.

Petition against Proposed Trailer Park on Old Baptist Church Road, 5th Election District, Mechanicsville

Mr. William H. Wood, Jr., President, Upper St. Mary's County Citizens' Association, accompanied by Mr. Frank Schindler and Mr. Fred Pumphrey, appeared to present a petition signed by 563 citizens who live in the vicinity of a trailer park (proposed) on Old Baptist Church Road in Mechanicsville, Maryland. Mr. Wood stated as follows:

1. Our schools are already overcrowded to the extent of necessitating the use of trailers for classrooms, and the establishment of a trailer park in the area would create a bigger problem for the School Board and place an additional burden on the taxpayers, especially for the property owners.
2. The establishment of a trailer park in this area constitutes a general nuisance and lowers the property values in the surrounding areas.
3. Generally, such parks attract transient people who contribute little or nothing to the County, but make great demands on it for such services as schools, roads, police, and fire protection.
4. The residents of trailer parks do not pay a proportionate share of the County taxes.

5. Trailer parks generally make great demands on the water supply in the area and do not provide proper sewage treatment and thus create health hazards.

Mr. Aud advised the committee that the Board has not yet received an application for the trailer park, and that the past three applications for trailer parks in that area had been disapproved.

Mr. Wood pressed for a moratorium on all trailer park applications. Mr. Aud stated that the Board would be happy to receive the petition and keep it on file. Prior to leaving, Mr. Wood asked for a public hearing in the event an application is presented for this particular trailer park. Mr. Wood asked if the Commissioners would receive any financial interest from the approval of this Park; that he would like to go back and tell his people that they did not. The Commissioners advised Mr. Wood that they had no objection to him telling his people that.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Aud reported that rip-rap is needed down at Piney Point on the State side, just before you get to the Bridge.

Mr. Aud reported that he has been the recipient of many complaints about trash on the road at Compton. Mr. Cusic, who was present on behalf of the State Roads Commission, was requested to check with McKay Implement to insure that their truck was properly covered to protect the trash from falling onto the roadside.

Mr. Aud reported that Matt Blair Road, off Marie Grayson's, needs to be named and a sign erected.

Mr. Aud reported that a storage lane is needed at the Callaway Corner, coming out of Piney Point. Mr. Cusic said that he felt the State had acquired sufficient land to accommodate this improvement.

Mr. Aud reported that the Cherry Cove Road needs scraping and widening. Mr. Cusic stated that this might be a good project for J. Dennis Raley, Jr.

Mr. Guy reported that Mattingly Johnson in the 7th District stated the ditches on his road were draining into his field. This road (Grampton) will be inspected by the SRC and the County Engineer.

St. Peter's Key Sub-Division

Upon inquiry from the County Engineer, Mr. August H. Wagener, the Board reaffirmed their decision to accept the roads into the County system.

Salary Contract with August H. Wagener

A contract for one year's services with the County Engineer, at a salary rate of \$16,380, was duly executed. The contract had been revised to guarantee Mr. August H. Wagener a full year's contract, with Mr. Wagener reserving the right for severance upon sixty days' notice.

Christmas Holiday

The Board unanimously agreed that December 23, 1970 would be pay-day for all County employees since the regular pay-day would fall on Christmas Day and that all County employees would be granted Christmas Leave on December 24, 1970.

Dukehart Creek

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton reported that the Toombs heirs were asking \$4,000 for any land taken in the dredging of Dukehart Creek. The Board agreed that the asking price was high and requested Mr. Wigginton to obtain an appraisal.

Metropolitan Commission

The Board approved payment of \$3,000 to the Metropolitan Commission for completion of the Piney Point Sewage Disposal Plant. The \$3,000 is the balance due the Metropolitan Commission out of an original approval of \$10,000 for this project. Mr. Aud stated that there are several citizens who are anxious to build in the area and that building permits cannot be issued. Mr. Wigginton was asked to determine whether it would be permissible for the County to issue interim permits, provided the owners agreed to hook onto the public sewage system once it is constructed.

Mr. Clyde Rigsby, Pace Pipe Line

Present: Mr. Forrest Coakley, SMECO
 Mr. Charles Wible, SMECO
 Mr. Dick Myers, WKIK
 Mr. John Schilling, The Enterprise
 Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney

Mr. Clyde Rigsby, right-of-way Agent for the Pace Pipe Line Company, under contract to Steuart Oil, met with the Board of County Commissioners and representatives of the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. to present a formal proposal as an agent for the Steuart Investment Company, subject proposal being quoted as follows:

1. We will assign to you all of our right-of-way, which consists of 20-foot width permanent easement and a 50-foot construction easement within the area of your corridor.

2. We will ask for the same right-of-way rights that we have from present land owners.

3. The Steuart Investment Company will pay an annual rental in the amount of \$36,000 for the above.

Because of the obligation we have, we will have to limit this proposal to the term of February 1, 1971, for an answer from you. We hope that this proposal will be satisfactory in your plans for a utility corridor through the center of the County and wish to help in any way possible."

Mr. Rigsby further stated that "our only interest in making this offer is that we will save approximately \$200,000 in construction costs if a straight line utility corridor is run down the county. We are, of course, deeply interested in working with the county and other utilities for the future and the progress of the county. When you figure construction at \$17.00 a foot, it is easy to see where this utility corridor, in a straight line where ours is curved, would save us several hundred thousand dollars".

Mr. Coakley stated that SMECO was planning on using its existing rights-of-way as much as possible and not planning on acquiring additional rights-of-way for this purpose; however, he would be happy to take the entire matter before the Board of SMECO and report back within two weeks.

Mr. Aud stated that the Commissioners would contact the telephone company to see if they are interested and await SMECO's decision before making any decision to develop the project further.

Resignation, Mrs. Elinor A. Mattingly, Secretary

The Board of County Commissioners accepted the written resignation of Mrs. Elinor A. Mattingly, to

become effective January 22, 1971 and requested that the existing list of eligibles be exhausted prior to advertisement of a position vacancy and the scheduling of an examination of same. Mr. Paul R. Raley has action in this matter.

Clements Public Trash Disposal Area

The Board requested that a letter of inquiry be written to the St. Mary's County Department of Health, requesting them to take samples from the stream at the Clements Public Trash Disposal Area to determine whether or not the Trash Disposal Area is contributing to the pollution problem in St. Clements Bay.

Cab for County Bulldozer

The Board authorized the purchase and installation of a cab for the County bulldozer from the Alban Tractor Company, authorized Caterpillar dealer, for a cost not to exceed \$1,550.00.

Fidelity and Surety Bonds, County Treasurer, and County Sheriff

Surety bonds for the County Treasurer in the amount of \$100,000.00, and in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Sheriff were approved by the President of the Board, Mr. George R. Aud. Both bonds are bound by the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland.

Opening of Bids, Sheriff's Vehicles

Bids for the six vehicles which were duly advertised were opened and recorded as follows:

Aldridge Ford, Inc. net bid-----	\$18,142.92
Bell Motor Co., Inc. net bid-----	17,733.00
Fenwick Ford, Inc. net bid-----	19,096.18
Horton Dodge, net bid-----	16,833.60
Patuxent Motor Sales, Inc. net bid-----	15,398.60
Suburban Chrysler Plymouth, Inc.-----	20,328.00

Note: Bid received from Suburban Chrysler Plymouth, Inc. was incomplete and non-conforming, and therefore it was rejected.

The bid, by unanimous consent, was awarded to the low bidder, Patuxent Motor Sales, Inc.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on December 8, 1970 were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved,

George R. Aud

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President