

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, March 16, 1971

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

The meeting came to order at 9:45 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meetings which were held on March 2, and March 12, 1971 were read and approved.

The Board of County Commissioners did not hold a meeting on March 9, 1971.

Drug Action Committee

Acting upon a request for \$2,000 additional for operating expenses for the Drug Action Committee, the Board unanimously agreed that inasmuch as it was their understanding that the \$1,000 requested previously would carry the organization through to the end of the current fiscal year, the \$2,000 request would be disapproved.

Switchboard Operator

Mr. Sterling reported that he had been unable to hire a relief switchboard operator and suggested hiring a roving worker to fill in at peak periods in the various Departments. The Board disapproved this concept and it was agreed that Mr. Sterling would advertise for a relief switchboard operator.

Stenographer

Mr. B. Harris Sterling was requested to advertise the existing Stenographic vacancy in the Board of County Commissioners Office in this week's newspaper and to schedule the examination for same in approximately three weeks.

Mr. Guy suggested that the Board should consider having an extra secretary available, or a stenographer, for the use of the Commissioners.

### Courthouse Telephone System

Mr. Guy motioned, and it was carried, that the Administrative Officer have the Telephone Company update their proposal for installation of a centrex or console telephone system for the Courthouse Offices, such a system to obviate the need for a full- or part-time switchboard operator. The discussion covered proper utilization of available manpower as being wasted on the switchboard as a relief operator; the fact that the Telephone Company could publish a flyer listing the new Courthouse numbers if a new system is installed; and that considerable savings on long-distance charges can be realized by the use of direct-dial. In addition, it was felt that the incumbent switchboard operator could be employed to better advantage in clerical operations within the Office of the Board of County Commissioners.

### Administrative Officer's Salary Adjustment

Mr. Paul R. Raley's recent promotion came under discussion and it was revealed that the State Merit System guarantees a 6% raise whenever an employee is promoted or reclassified. Mr. Sterling asserted that this ruling was something new that turned up since last July and that his regulations did not cover the subject. Mr. Sterling was requested to investigate the situation at the State level in order to affirm the Board's understanding that Mr. Raley had, in fact, been denied appropriate salary advancement and to effect the salary increase retroactively from the date of his promotion. Further, the Board requested that clarification of this matter vis-a-vis an impending increment increase be established since it appears that the Office of the Director of Finance did not grant the full 6% increase at the time of Mr. Raley's promotion because he was due an increment increase within two-months' time.

### Compensatory Leave, Mrs. Helen M. Bailey

Mrs. Helen M. Bailey, Administrative Assistant, submitted her resignation effective March 19, 1971, by memorandum to the Director of Finance on March 3, 1971.

Mr. Guy motioned, and it was carried that Mrs. Bailey be paid for her earned compensatory overtime, since she has been unable to take time off from her duties due to the pressure of work.

1971-72 Budget

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, stated that the recommended budget for fiscal 1971-72 would be ready for preliminary review during the forthcoming week.

State Roads CommissionBond Authority Available to St. Mary's

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, stated that the SRC had announced by letter of March 9, 1971 that the net remaining available bond authority available to St. Mary's was \$741,000. However, Mr. Sterling disagrees with the bonds outstanding figure as of June 30, 1970. The Board requested that Mr. Sterling audit his figures for comparison with the figure submitted by the State Roads Commission and report back to the Board an agreed figure so that a decision can be made as to whether St. Mary's wishes to participate. The cut-off date for entering an agreement with the SRC is April 1, 1971.

Payments Approved:

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| John M. Wible, Jr., Blacksmithing and Welding,<br>Back-hoe work, Sanitary Landfill operation-----    | \$46.00  |
| John M. Wible, Jr., Blacksmithing and Welding,<br>Health Department, Lexington Park-----             | 271.85   |
| James A. Bean, Chairman, Board of Supervisors of<br>Elections, mileage and lunches-----              | 35.10    |
| Diana M. Moore, Board of Supervisors of Elections<br>Mileage, etc., 18-year old registrations-----   | 16.10    |
| Elinor Peabody, Board of Supervisors of Elections<br>Mileage Executive Board Meeting, Annapolis----- | 13.10    |
| St. Mary's County Economic Development Committee<br>\$2,500.00 appropriation for printing-----       | 2,500.00 |
| Orin M. Bullock, Jr., Architect<br>Tudor Hall Restoration-----                                       | 2,940.08 |
| Loker and Wigginton, County Attorneys<br>Professional services, month of February-----               | 872.50   |

J. Spence Howard, Jr., Appraisal Services  
 Dukehart Creek-----\$350.00

Abell Signs, Avenue, Maryland  
 Sign for Compton Dump----- 80.00  
 Sign for Valley Lee Dump----- 80.00

John Thomason Signs for Oakville Sanitary  
 Landfill----- 240.00

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project:

Delahay's Pile Driving Service 2/22-2/26/71---1,185.00  
 Delahay's Pile Driving Service 3/1-3/5/71----- 795.00  
 So. Md. Wood Treating Invoice 7281----- 248.40  
 So. Md. Wood Treating Invoice 7219----- 164.60  
 Mel-Don Company, backhoe work----- 112.00

Mrs. John L. Richards  
 Route 1, Box 106, Leonardtown  
 Damages for loss of sheep----- 25.00

Library Restoration, Tudor Hall

Present: Orin M. Bullock, Architect  
 Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom  
 Adm. Thurston B. Clark  
 Mrs. Polly Barber  
 Mrs. K. Hurrey  
 Mrs. Janssen  
 Mr. Chauncey Karstens, The Beacon  
 Mr. Dick Myers, Station WKIK

The Board of Library Trustees presented the final plans, Phase II, for the restoration of Tudor Hall, to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval prior to seeking the approval of HUD and advertisements for bid. The architect's projected cost is \$161,561. A minimal number of changes were discussed, including the plan for stuccoing the building so that it will appear as "stone". Unanimous approval was given by the Board.

The Library Trustees reported that the roofing had been completed according to specification and requested the approval for payment to Russell Frazier in the amount of \$1,013.00, which was granted.

Planning and Zoning Assistance from  
Department of Agriculture

Present: Mr. John W. Hall, IV, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. John W. Hall, IV, appeared to state that he and Mr. Daniel J. Donnelly, who is of the University of Maryland Extension Service, had been authorized to offer St. Mary's County some assistance regarding "land use" and that they were prepared to work up a series of instructional meetings for the benefit of the St. Mary's citizens. Mr. Hall feels that working with the visual aids (aerial photographic maps, soil mapping charts, etc.) which have been completed by the Department of Agriculture, he and Mr. Donnelly will be in a position to disseminate important and useful information to the public, and to receive a useful cross-section of opinion from the public. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed with Mr. Hall's presentation and approved the project in entirety. The Board also agreed that it would be useful for Mr. Hall and Mr. Donnelly to meet with Mr. Anthony Wiles, Senior Associate, Barton-Aschman Associates, which firm has been engaged to submit a detailed zoning ordinance study.

Metropolitan Commission

Request for Right-of-Way Easement from SMECO, Railroad Property

By letter under date of January 29, 1971, the Metropolitan Commission transmitted a proposed deed of easement and agreement among the County Commissioners of St. Mary's, the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc., and the Metropolitan Commission which would grant the Metropolitan Commission the easement to construct, maintain and operate sewers, drains, water pipes and related appurtenances in and across the land and easement granted to the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, subject to certain conditions. The Board of County Commissioners agreed that the Metropolitan Commission could have the use of this right-of-way without charge by the SMECO. Mr. Wigginton was requested to convey this decision to the Board of Directors of the SMECO.

Railroad Tracks and Ties

Commissioner J. S. Guy made a motion to ask for bids for the removal of the railroad tracks and ties from the County's northernmost line to the Naval Air Station.

Mr. Bowles seconded the motion and it was carried. The Administrative Officer was requested to advertise for the bids and to notify all those who have sent in requests on this subject. The County Attorney was requested to interpret the terms of the agreement with the SMECO and advise the Board as to appropriate disposition of monies received from the sale of the tracks and ties. Mr. Bowles recommended that the monies received be escrowed into an interest-bearing account to be used for the development of the future needs for a railroad.

H. V. McLeod Property  
Proposed Sanitary Landfill

Having received notification from the State Department of Health as to site approval, the Board of County Commissioners requested the County Attorney to proceed with appraisals, if necessary, on the H. V. McLeod property (200 acres) and to negotiate for an option to buy. Mr. Wigginton was requested to work with the Director of Finance to determine methods for obtaining, or the availability of, funds for this purpose. It was also requested that a survey of the land be ordered.

Raymond F. Tennyson Property  
Proposed Sanitary Landfill

The County Attorney was requested to proceed with appraisals, if necessary, on the Raymond F. Tennyson property, 4th Election District, comprising 46.5 acres, to have a survey made and to negotiate for an option to buy. A request for site evaluation has been requested from the State Department of Health and test borings are being conducted.

Bid Opening, Sanitary Landfill Equipment  
Tractor/Tandem-Lowboy and Winch

Having been duly advertised, the bids were opened on equipment desired for operation of Sanitary Landfills:

|                 | <u>Tractor</u> | <u>Tandem Lowboy</u> | <u>Winch</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| McClung-Logan   | No bid         | \$5,870.00           | No Bid       |              |
| Fenwick Ford    | \$9,604.39     | 5,870.00             | \$2,250.00   | \$17,724.39  |
| McKay Implement | 10,700.00      | 5,274.00             | 3,639.00     | 19,613.00    |

Suburban Mobile Estates  
Cook and Kaine

Present: Messrs. Cook, Kaine, and Focer

Messrs. Cook, Kaine and Focer (Lorenzi Dodds & Gunnill) appeared to present the final plans and plat for the proposed development of a trailer park to be known as Suburban Mobile Estates, to be located on Great Mills Road. All approvals had been obtained with the exception of the Planning and Zoning Board. The Board of County Commissioners gave tentative approval pending acceptance by the Planning and Zoning Board. The proposed plan will accommodate 275 units on a space-rental basis.

St. Clement's Shores  
Recreation Area

Present: August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Commissioner Guy inquired as to the progress being made on locating the alignment for the road into the proposed Recreation Area at St. Clement's Shores. Mr. Wagener mentioned that Mr. Baggett was negotiating a land exchange in the area which would more easily accommodate the problem. Mr. Wagener stated that there was some consideration toward using Baltimore Road the entrance approach so that costs would be reduced. However, the route preferred by the residents is King's Road and Long Leaf Road. In any event, Mr. Wagener stated that the road construction costs would be approximately \$8,000. Commissioner Guy requested that immediate steps be taken so that construction can commence without further delay, and so that the bid can be let.

Norman Ray  
Traffic Problem, Town Creek Manor

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved payment for the installation of a mirror on the utility pole opposite Norman Ray's driveway in Town Creek Manor, provided permission can be obtained from the SMECO.

Dog Warden's Vehicle, Installation of Radio, and Dispatching

Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, reported that the new Dog Warden vehicle is in operation, complete with the installation of cages and equipment.

The Board of County Commissioners requested that the old vehicle be surplussed and advertised for sale to the highest bidder.

#### Radio Installation for Dog Warden

The Board also requested that a two-way radio be installed in the new Dog Warden vehicle, so that calls for service could be dispatched from the Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Guy inquired if the Dog Warden should not properly be under the supervision of the Sheriff's Department and Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that he would have to be a Special Deputy in that case, but that the County Code does state the Dog Warden is considered a police officer and has arresting powers. The Board requested that Mr. Raley make the appropriate arrangements with the Emergency Operations Center, the Maryland State Police, and the Sheriff so that the base of operations for the conduct of Dog Warden activity can be transferred out of the County Commissioners Office.

#### Piney Point Seawall

##### Letting of Bids

The Board of County Commissioners requested Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, to readvertise for bids for the construction of the Piney Point Seawall. The specifications for this project have been up-dated and rewritten.

#### Airport -- Revolving Antenna Beacon

The Administrative Officer was requested to check out the status of the installation of the revolving antenna beacon light with Professional Flight Services at the airport.

#### County-Owned Pond, Mechanicsville

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, read a letter from Mrs. Lucy Ann Abell which reports that the County-owned pond abutting her residence is polluted and dangerous. President Aud motioned that the pond be cleaned out, it was seconded by Mr. Bowles and carried. Commissioner Guy suggested that it might be appropriate to erect a fence around the pond, and this possibility will be investigated at the time the clean-up work commences.



### Lexington Park Health Department Building

Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, was requested to obtain a heating and ventilating engineer to appraise the problem at the Lexington Park Health Department Building with regard to the heating system, the radiator system, and the air-conditioning system, and to report back to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for correcting the problem. Commissioner Guy stated that the conditions under which the employees and patients and the children in the Day-Care Center are required to operate are a disgrace to the County, and that immediate remedial action to provide for their comfort is critical.

### Termite Control for Health Department Buildings

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that termites have been discovered in the Lexington Park Health Department Building as well as the Leonardtown Building. Prices will be obtained prior to the award of a three-year contract for termite control and protection.

### Miscellaneous Maintenance Problems

Electrical and plumbing problems in the various County-owned buildings came under discussion as well as the Fire Marshal's reports on other situation which need correction. The Board stated that they would be pleased to have the corrective maintenance work in both plumbing and electrical work spread around among the several in business in the County and that more careful attention should be given to maintenance problems and complaints.

Mr. Raley was requested to follow up on the sidewalk construction which is required on the Courthouse grounds.

### Claude Johnson Request for Pension

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, was requested to review Mr. Johnson's application for a pension and to make appropriate recommendation to the Board.

### Department of Forests and Parks St. Mary's River Watershed, Site #2

The County Attorney and the Administrative Assistant were requested to work together in drafting a letter to the Department of Forests and Parks requesting advance approval from property owners prior to surveying watershed properties.

7th District Delegation  
Planning and Zoning Protest

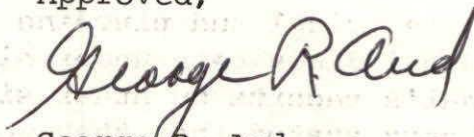
A Delegation from the 7th District, headed by Mr. Nick Hall, appeared to present a petition from the residents of the 7th District, which protests zoning as R-1 (Residential). Mr. Hall was accompanied by Mrs. Lettie Dent Gough, Mr. Charles J. Mattingly, Mr. James D. Raley, and Willard Broms, Esquire.

Mrs. Gough stated that she is confident most of the dissatisfaction with the Planning and Zoning Ordinance as it is written stems from unfamiliarity with the purpose, but that the 7th District is and always has been primarily an agriculturally-oriented district.

The members of the Board of County Commissioners assured the Delegation that their protest had considerable merit, and that reconsideration of the zoning allocation would become a priority.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud  
President