

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, April 13, 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  
 Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Secretary (Recording in A.M.)  
 Cecelia B. Adams (Mrs.), Secretary (Recording in P.M.)

The meeting came to order at 9:48 A.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on April 6, 1971, were read and approved with a few minor corrections.

Payment Approved

Henningson, Durham and Richardson:  
 Tanner Creek, Engineering and planning services  
 for Shore Erosion Survey-----\$12,600.00

Vouchers #39110 through 39169

Study Committee on Revenue Raising

Mr. Paul R. Raley reminded the Commissioners of their promise to provide secretarial service for this Study Committee, whose Chairman is Mr. George Sparling. Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners would supply this service with perhaps one of the Secretaries from the Office of the Commissioners and would pay the person for the work. The services would be performed after regular working hours, therefore, would not involve any compensatory time. Mrs. Cecelia Adams was tentatively mentioned as the person to perform these services.

Study Commission on County Government

Mr. Oliver Guyther informed the Commissioners that he would hold a meeting of the Study Committee within the next two weeks.

Cable TV

Commissioner Bowles suggested that the taxation of Cable TV should be given to the Study Committee on County Government for handling. Mr. Robert Wigginton noted that the bill for taxing Cable TV had not been passed in the Legislature.



Appointment of County Liaison Officer

A letter was received from Mr. Spencer P. Ellis, Director of Department of Forests and Parks for the State of Maryland with regard to appointing the County Liaison Officer, and his suggestion that the Director of Parks and Recreation be appointed. The Commissioners unanimously voted that Mr. Paul R. Raley, the Administrative Officer to the Commissioners would be reappointed as the County Liaison Officer for St. Mary's County.

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion District

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that no one was working on this project on April 13, 1971.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners would request an opinion from the Attorney General on Tall Timbers for assessing members on total valuation of the property.

Proposed Sanitary Landfill  
Raymond Tennyson Property

A letter was received from Mr. Ward Barstow, Section Head, Technical Advice and Assistance, Division of Solid Waste, Environmental Health Services of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which letter was preliminary approval for the use of this site as a sanitary landfill. The Commissioners will have Mr. Wagener have the property surveyed.

Courthouse Telephone System

Present: Mr. L. Arnell, C and P Telephone Company  
Mr. Dick Myers, Radio Station WKIK

Mr. Arnell reported that about a year ago, Mr. Raley contacted him and they went over the present system. The survey revealed that the system was inadequate. The switchboard is busy and calls to different people are delayed, as they must go through the switchboard operator. The system that he proposed was an automatic system, and that they should start with the switchboard first. The area to be used for the equipment should be paced off. This equipment comes in two parts. (At this point he displayed pictures of the equipment and explained its operation).

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to whether an operator was needed for this system. Mr. Arnell answered in the affirmative, stating that the calls come in and the operator pushes one of the buttons, which corresponds to the individual's telephone number on his desk.



Commissioner Aud was interested in the number of Trunk Lines. Mr. Arnell said that was too big for them now. According to his records there are presently 35 individual numbers and 16 extensions with 8 Trunks now. At the time he spoke to Mr. Raley, they were hurting for Trunks, but he had only gone to ten (10) Trunks. The Commissioners are paying \$500 a month and this would be increased to \$700 a month.

Commissioner Aud was still interested in why just two more Trunks were added, as he felt that might not be enough. He made inquiry as to the difference between ten (10) and fifteen (15) Trunk Lines, and Mr. Arnell stated \$23.30 per Trunk per month. If the ten (10) were not adequate, he felt certain he could get additional lines. Also there would be a termination charge of \$3,600 for the contract for five (5) years. This charge diminishes each month for the five-year period, if the cabinets are not moved and the files disconnected.

Commissioner Bowles was still quite disturbed with the fact that they were increasing the cost but have not eliminated any persons. Mr. Wigginton, County Attorney, inquired as to what would be done when the operator was at lunch for approximately an hour. Mr. Arnell suggested that one of the persons in any of the other offices could take her place for that particular time. He stated they would train any personnel the Commissioners would like to have trained to operate this system. He informed the Commissioners that the operator could do other work, such as typing, etc., as long as it did not take her away from the vicinity of the board. He told the Commissioners that what they must consider was the tangible against the intangible -- they would be saving time and also giving the public better service, together with saving the time of several other persons.

The Board of Commissioners then voted unanimously to have the system installed.

#### Department of Parks and Recreation Budget

Present: Mr. John Baggett, Director  
 Mr. J. W. Henderson, Member Board of Directors  
 Mr. Joseph Guy, Chairman, Board of Directors  
 Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Further information regarding the budget was given to each Commissioner by Mr. Baggett, who gave a resume of the fall and winter programs, many of which are still running. He advised that there are thirty-three (33) new programs and an additional man is needed. The person for this job will be similar to Mr. Barthelme. He will put him with the Bay District Council, where he can be trained.



Mr. Baggett reminded the Commissioners that the Department had passed one bill through the Legislature worth \$9,000 to the County and they have another which will be worth another \$37,000 to the County. Commissioner Bowles acknowledged the work they had done.

Mr. Baggett was quite concerned about the two buses being used -- one is a 1965 and the other 1967. One is on its last legs. The reason given for asking for another bus was that two buses can be used in the summer. This bus can be used also for transporting the skates. The one location for skating has been very successful, and each time a new Council is formed, they ask for roller skating. He felt it was not feasible to spend \$3,000 for skates and put them at all locations -- keep them stored at one location and then take them to each location one night a week. His reason for not asking for a van was that the bus could be used summer and winter.

Commissioner Aud inquired if some of the skaters owned their own skates, and Commissioner Bowles inquired if the skaters are encouraged to bring their own skates, to which Mr. Baggett stated that he does do this and some do own their own skates. He has 125 pairs of skates now, but needs a total of 150 pairs, as the skates are in all sizes. He charges 25¢ for rental of the skates. He further explained the different programs conducted at each school.

Mr. Baggett again emphasized the need for the additional help, stating that the Commissioners have a list of their programs and next year they would be running thirty-three (33) more, and would be "hurting" for someone to run these programs.

Commissioner Aud told him that he did not want him to feel that they were "picking" on his Department, but they did not want a tax increase. He further stated that Recreation and Parks were doing an excellent job and he would see what could be done.

#### County Agent and Extension Office Budget

Present: Mr. Ben Smith, Extension Agent  
Mr. Weamert, University of Maryland Representative

Mr. Smith reported that the Nutrition Aides Program was started in 1969, employing low-income people. There is a total of 10 working in the community now. They are working with 470 families for a total of 3,310 persons. In the beginning they were federally funded, in the amount of \$73,000, and now they have taken a percentage off of that. Mr. Ben Smith is asking for \$20,605.00.



Commissioner Aud inquired what would happen if they considered the \$20,000 and then the project was scrapped, to which Mr. Smith replied that he could not answer that. If they did not request it, the other Counties, who are asking for it, would be given priority. If the Commissioners could not give them the \$20,605.00, he did not want them to say they would not give any money. If they could give \$5,000 it would help.

Mr. Weamert from the State Office, University of Maryland, stated that since the program had been underway a couple of years, some of the other Counties now want it. The State is advancing 28% of the total. They feel that they should give it to the Counties who can do some of the funding. After three years they felt they should get some sort of balance where the need is greatest. He explained that if the Commissioners did not fund it, it would not come to a halt, but if they could do some of the funding, the program could be expanded and also kept going. Across the State it has been successful.

Mr. Weamert stated that from the standpoint of the University, they are a cooperative Extension Service, and they want to get the programs here that benefit the people of this County. The programs are determined here in St. Mary's County, not in College Park. They have the resources and if told what is needed they will work together on them and give the people the kind of service they desire.

Commissioner Guy then requested that Mr. Smith resubmit his budget in proper form with the necessary justifications and proper breakdowns.

Harry Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc.  
Letter from Law Offices, Berenholtz, Kaplan & Heyman

The Commissioners received a letter from the attorneys for the Harry Lundeberg Maryland Seamanship School, Inc., in which they requested a hearing on a motion for reconsideration of petition for abatement, which was to be filed.

The meeting recessed at 12:20 P.M. for Lunch.



Roads Meeting

Present: Aubrey Cusic, State Roads Commission  
August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Richneck Road

Mrs. Margaret D. Jones appeared before the Commissioners to inquire as to what progress had been made to date on the Richneck Road. Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, reported that the survey of this road had been completed and that the deed had been recorded. The Commissioners advised Mrs. Jones that Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., of the State Roads Commission, would have to present an estimated cost of construction for this road to them. Mrs. Jones reported that persons have begun dumping trash on this road. Mr. Aud requested Mr. Wagener to obtain "No Dumping" signs to be erected there. The Commissioners advised Mrs. Jones that she could expect work to begin in about 90 days. Mrs. Jones requested that a road name sign be placed on the Richneck Road. Mr. Wagener was requested to obtain two signs for this purpose.

Joy Chapel Road

Mr. Aud reported that Joy Chapel Road was full of holes and in some areas, the bushes are leaning out into the road so that when two cars meet each other, one must brush against the branches. Mr. Cusic will trim the bushes and see that the road is patched.

Abell Road

Mr. Guy reported that he had received a request to install a sign on the end of Abell Road, past the Van Word Road, where a sharp curve exists. Mr. Cusic was requested to install a sign at the curve warning unaware motorists of this hazard.

Resurfacing Chaptico to Mechanicsville RoadResurfacing Chancellors Run Road

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Mr. Al Tate, District Engineer, regarding the above two projects. Both projects have been satisfactorily completed. The Chaptico to Mechanicsville Road contract over ran estimated quantities by 300.1 tons or \$3,604.86 and the Chancellors Run Road project over ran 40.10 tons or \$354.11.

Change of Road Name-Webster Field Road

The County Commissioners reviewed a letter from Commander R. N. Winkel of the Naval Electronic Systems Test and Evaluation Facility at St. Inigoes. Commander Winkel requested that Webster Field Road



be renamed to its more proper historical name "Villa Road". The County Commissioners were in agreement that this road name be changed.

#### Pegg's Lane Reconstruction of Section One

The Commissioners reviewed a cost estimate of the construction of Pegg's Lane, submitted by Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., in the amount of \$16,957.42. The Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Raley's tabulations and requested that the Finance Office issue a check in this amount for the project.

#### McLeod Property-Option to Purchase

The Commissioners signed an option to purchase about 200 acres of property owned by Mr. H. V. McLeod and wife, at a price of \$600 per acre, to be used for a future sanitary landfill. This property is located adjacent to the existing dump on St. Andrews Road. Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill have been requested to survey the boundary lines of this property.

#### Piney Point Seawall Bid

Southern Maryland Pile Driving, Inc., advised Mr. Wagener that they would be unable to comply with the plans and specifications, specifically regarding the time and materials. Mr. Wagener then contacted Mr. Delahay from Delahay's Pile Driving Service, who stated that he would be able to meet all specifications. The Commissioners stated that as soon as they had received a letter to this effect, from both bidders, the bid would be awarded to Delahay's Pile Driving Service for their bid in the amount of \$11,818.00

#### Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Raley-Parochial School Transportation

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Raley appeared before the Commissioners regarding parochial school transportation. Mrs. Raley is currently transporting five Academy and Ryken students to school, who cannot ride the buses because they arrive too late in their neighborhood. Mrs. Bettina Lynch also transports several students in this area because Mrs. Raley did not have facilities to transport them all. Both persons receive \$50.00 per month for their services.

Mrs. Raley stated that if the Commissioners would pay her an additional \$50.00 per month to take Mrs. Lynch's group of children, she would purchase a station wagon. Mr. Paul Raley informed the Commissioners that Mrs. Lynch was told that the County would use her services for a period of one year. Mrs. Raley stated that she knew of at least ten students that would need transportation next year.



The Commissioners were in agreement that Mrs. Raley transport up to twelve children, but felt that if any additional children were added to this route, other steps would have to be taken. The Commissioners agreed that Mrs. Raley be given \$100.00 per month beginning next school year to transport these children. Mrs. Lynch will be notified of their decision.

#### Sediment Control Ordinance

The County Commissioners requested that the secretary contact the members of the Sediment Control Task Force and to invite them to the County Commissioners' Sediment Control Ordinance Hearing to be held on May 5, 1971 at 8:00 P.M.

#### Solid Waste Symposium

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from Mr. Gilbert Gude, Honorary Chairman of a Solid Waste Symposium scheduled to take place May 6 and 7, 1971 in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Mr. Gude invited a representative from St. Mary's County to participate in this Symposium. The Commissioners requested that Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., be requested to attend.

#### St. Mary's County Health Dept. Building-Heating Plants

The Commissioners reviewed a letter of recommendations from Mr. August Wagener, County Engineer, regarding the heating plants at the Health Department building in Lexington Park. Mr. Wagener felt that the present boiler and heating plant in the east portion of the Health Department should be left in place. He felt that the wing containing the retarded children's section should have a new combination blowing and cooling system. The radiators he felt, in this section, could be utilized where necessary in the eastern part of the building, and the air-conditioning units in the windows in this section could also be used in the eastern wing.

It would be necessary to install a heating room in the retarded children's section at the point adjacent to the present chimney in the building. A 350,000 BTU heating plant with a ten ton or 120,000 BTU cooling system should be ample to heat and cool this building.

He felt that to install a heating and cooling system in the retarded children's section would cost approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000. To disconnect the old water heater and plumbing would cost approximately \$1,000. The ceiling in this section should be insulated and would cost approximately \$600.00.

There were other minor repairs noted such as broken windows, etc., but the Commissioners felt that Mr. Joseph Jones, who was



employed by the County, could do these at a reduced cost. The Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Wagener's recommendations. Mr. Wagener was requested to advertise for bids for installing an adequate heating and cooling system as he had recommended.

St. Inigoes Neck-Request for Change in Water and Sewerage Plan

Present were: H. E. Sturdevant, V. R. Reynolds, Walter T. Schroeder, F. M. Latham, Walter E. Raum, M. G. Marlay, Dick Meyers, Chuck Lyon, Jack Kershaw and Joseph Weiner.

Mr. Victor R. Reynolds and associates appeared before the Commissioners to request a change in the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, to allow the development of a Community Water and Sewerage System to be located on a tract comprising a total of 920 acres. This property is located in a tract of land known as St. Inigoes Neck, lying between Smiths Creek and the St. Mary's River.

The tract to be developed lies within the Carroll Pond Sewerage and Water area outlined in the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan and is presently designated as being in categories S-5 and W-5, indicating the Community Sewerage and Water Systems are not reasonably foreseeable or will not be programmed for construction during the succeeding ten year period. The developers wish to develop approximately 50 acres of the tract into a commercial marine area, 50 acres into a multiple family residential district and the remaining portion of the tract into two acre residential sites. It was felt that the development of this subdivision into a year round residential community could be expected to proceed at a slow pace with peak development to be expected after an initial 15 year period. Because of the classification of the soil here, an individual disposal system would be prohibited and a sewerage collection system with a central waste treatment site providing high quality waste treatment would be required.

Mr. Reynolds explained that at present they have a firm working on the tremendous erosion problem they will be faced with. They plan to install a bulkhead completely around the 8,000 feet of waterfront. Mr. Reynolds went on to say that he would have architectural control over the homes to be built in this subdivision. He felt that it would be an excellent area for either retired or semi-retired persons.

Mr. Raum stated that as long as they completed the requirements of the State, he would have no reason to object to this request. Mr. Reynolds was asked if he had inquired with the Naval Personnel at Webster Field, adjacent to this property, to



see if they had any future plans for expansion. Mr. Reynolds stated that he had not, but that he intended to do so at his first opportunity.

The Commissioners informed Mr. Reynolds that they would take this matter under advisement and that he could expect to be hearing from them in the near future.

#### Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department-Budget

Attending were: The Press remained from the last meeting. Bob Stevens, Les Hanson, Bob Strain and Mr. Bill Raley.

Members of the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department met with the Commissioners to present a list of their expenses and income for the fiscal year 1970-71. The total amount of income was \$32,024.62 and their expenses amounted to \$22,091.00.

The Commissioners felt that since the Fire Department handles about \$40,000 yearly, it might be wise to have a certified public accountant audit their books. At present, they have an audit committee of their own members. The Department members agreed that this should be done and assured the Commissioners that they would check into this matter at once.

The Commissioners reminded the firemen that any money left over at the end of the year from their budget is required by law to go back to the County so as to try to lower the fire tax. The firemen asked if they could apply remaining funds to a capital improvement and equipment fund. The Fire Department must make the Commissioners aware of their plans in advance.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 P.M.

Approved,

George R. Aud  
President