

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, May 4, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 Cecelia B. Adams, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 9:30 A.M.

Proclamation-Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Day

Present: J. Lloyd Goddard, Otis Wood, Gregory Adams, S. B. Vallandingham, George McWilliams, III, R. D. Strain, C. Russell Dean, John F. Mattingly and Sandi Jones.

The Commissioners signed a proclamation designating May 8, 1971 as Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Day. This proclamation urged all citizens to visit their nearest Volunteer Fire Department on this date to become acquainted with their local firemen, their apparatus and equipment and the professional type of service they are lending to St. Mary's County.

At this time, the meeting adjourned while the Commissioners accompanied by the firemen listed above and Mrs. Sandi Jones of the Beacon, travelled to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department where a formal presentation of this proclamation took place.

Volunteer Fire Departments-Budget

The Commissioners and the above listed persons returned to the office where the meeting again came to order.

Mr. Lloyd Goddard stated that last year the fire departments had received the maximum of a request which permitted the Commissioners to grant them \$5,000 per department. They had received this \$5,000 with the remark that for the small amount of money they were donating, the County was receiving much more than they were paying for. This year the fire departments had each requested \$7,000 and hoping to purchase some walkie talkies, had also requested an additional \$5,950.00 through the Civil Defense budget for these radios. They had received word that this appropriation for the radios had been denied. Mr. Goddard did not

feel that the fire departments have been receiving the recognition that they would like to have seen. He wondered if possibly the Commissioners could reconsider this request.

Mr. Aud stated that the Commissioners had a problem to get the budget balance without raising the taxes. It was necessary to cut the budget in various areas, and the radios were one of those areas. Mr. Aud stated that if the fire departments still felt a need for them next year, he would make every effort to get them in the budget.

Mr. Goddard stated that the Commissioners had informed him that as the year progressed, if there was money available, possibly they could purchase the radios.

Mr. Aud stated that he did not see how the Commissioners could single out a few fire companies if all of the radios could not be purchased at once. He stated that if the Commissioners find that the money is available for perhaps seven of the radios, they will get them for the fire companies. The radios would then be made available fo the fire board who would see that they were placed where they would do the most good.

Commissioner Guy inquired as to whether the figure of \$5,950.00 was for new radios and was informed that it was. He inquired as to whether any radios were available from Government surplus. Mr. Wood stated that any radios that they might have would be in very poor condition.

Mr. Goddard stated that approximately eight years ago, legislation was passed allowing the Commissioners to appoint a study committee to study a building code. If there is any possible way they would like to see some progress underway. The Fire Departments have a model building code they are currently studying and will provide copies for the Commissioners.

Mr. Aud stated that at present, the Tri-County Council is making a housing study for the three Counties and the Commissioners hope to have that information by June 30, 1971. They will use Tri-County's recommendations only as a guideline.

Proposed Landfill, Fifth Election District

Present: Mr. Jim Kenney, Mr. Russo Luppino, Mr. S. Mohler and Mr. T. Lorenzo

Mr. Kenney stated that Mr. Luppino of the Regal Construction Company, is proposing to operate a privately owned commercial landfill in the fifth election district. He has a letter of pre-

liminary site approval from the State Health Department. The engineering under existing laws, says that it is necessary that the State Department of Health have an affirmative letter of non-objection from the County Commissioners. After that, the State Department of Health will go through a series of public hearings. The property in question is located one-half mile north from the Halfway House.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether this landfill would be open to the public. Mr. Kenney stated that Mr. Luppino would be prepared on some type of basis to provide services for the northern end of the County. Mr. Luppino advised that they planned to negotiate with the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, etc., and establish collection centers in and around the Metropolitan area and then transport said material to the disposal site in St. Mary's County.

Mr. Mohler, a consulting engineer from Westinghouse, stated that he felt that both he and Mr. Lorenzo were very knowledgeable in the landfill operations. He went on to say that they are providing technical knowledge to meet the Health Department requirements and that in his opinion he would estimate that the life span of this landfill would be twenty years, depending upon what was placed in it.

Mr. Kenney stated that this in a sense would be an industry for that area. Mr. Luppino will have more information to present at a later date, but he would roughly estimate this to be a half million dollar industry. If they can find the manpower in the County with which to staff the facility, they will use it. The soil located at this site is perfect for cover material, and there is a large supply of natural gravel. They plan to reserve an area specifically for the disposal of junk cars, tires, etc.

Mr. Guy informed the gentlemen of the upcoming sediment control hearing and the County's plan to adopt a sediment control ordinance. Mr. Luppino stated that he felt that he could meet all requirements since they have been in close contact with the County's Soil Conservation personnel.

The Commissioners informed these gentlemen that they would take this matter under advisement and they could expect to be hearing from them soon. After much discussion, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to reject Mr. Luppino's proposal to locate and operate this proposed landfill in St. Mary's County. Mr. Robert Wigginton, County attorney, was requested to write a letter to those concerned advising them of same.

Larry Millison-Appointment to EDC

The Commissioners, in view of the fact that there was a vacancy on the EDC Board, recommended that Mr. Larry Millison be appointed to fill this position. The secretary was requested to write a letter to Mr. Millison requesting that he accept this appointment.

Lease Signed-Camp Calvert Pool

A lease between the Sacred Heart Province of the Xaverian Brothers and the County Commissioners was signed, which leased the swimming pool, lavatory facilities and the parking lot situated on the property known as Camp Calvert. This swimming pool and facilities are to be used in the Recreation and Parks swimming program to operate this summer.

1971-72 Budget1971-72 Tax Rate

Commissioner Aud signed a resolution adopting the 1971-72 budget in the amount of \$7,420,489.36 and adopting the tax rate which was fixed at \$2.30.

Mr. Benson and Group, Re: Proposed Trailer Park, Fifth District

Present: Mr. Benson, Director of the Golden Beach Citizens Association, Mr. England, Vice-President, Mr. Bill Wood, Mr. Bill Bursey and wife, Mr. August Wagener, County Engineer and Mr. Douglas Bond, State Roads

Mr. Benson stated that the reason that they were appearing before the Commissioners was that they were on a fact finding mission to see what had transpired since their last meeting regarding the trailer park situation in the fifth election district.

Mr. Benson stated that the Golden Beach Citizens Association felt that the overburdening of the area schools is increasing, even without the added load that trailer courts would create. An additional matter of concern is the potential depletion of their excellent well water supply if they do not use judgment in the manner of useage and in the number of persons requiring it.

He stated that they did not object to permanent type mobile home facilities when located on individual mobile home sites, where needed in the immediate vicinity of a government base. They just did not think that such a need had been shown in the northern end of the County. He informed the Commissioners that the decision that they take in the matter of this proposed trailer

park, could not be taken lightly and must be based upon a long range basis to determine what is good for the future generations as a whole.

Mr. England stated that he had been appointed to serve on a committee to study the pollution of water and streams. It is his concern to keep a watchful eye out to track down any pollution. Any new establishment must be watched as it could easily deliver sewage or some sort of pollution to the streams. The Commissioners commended Mr. English for his work and encouraged him to continue doing so.

Mr. Bill Wood stated that if there has to be a trailer park in the fifth district, where the developer has proposed this one is a suitable place. If that is approved, he would like to see it end there unless the County gets into a tremendous growth problem.

Mr. Bowles stated that it certainly plays a big role to increase lot sizes which would offer opportunities to improve, whereby a small lot would not. He stated that the other problem the Commissioners must be concerned with is that the Naval Air Station, is a great asset economically to the County. It is interested in having more low cost housing being made available to the civilians and military attached to the Patuxent Naval Air Station. If the Commissioners limit this housing to the Lexington Park area, they would be subjecting the military to high rent housing.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. August Wagener and Mr. Douglas Bond

Commissioner Guy reported that Tippet Road is in need of ditching. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

Optimist Club-Picnic Area

Commissioner Guy informed Mr. Bond that he had written to Mr. Al Tate of the State Roads Commission, on behalf of the Seventh District Optimist Club, informing him that they would like to develop a picnic area on the section of abandoned road across from the existing Bethune School. Mr. Guy is awaiting a response to his letter.

Old Dog Warden Truck

Mr. Paul Raley informed Mr. Bond that the Commissioners had agreed to make the old dog warden truck available to the State Roads Commission, to be used as a sign truck. It was his under-

standing that the State Roads Commission will steam clean the truck and paint it the customary yellow color as is the other County equipment.

Beach Court-Golden Beach Subdivision

Mr. August Wagener presented a letter to the Commissioners from Mrs. Doris Hodges of the Golden Beach Citizens Association, requesting that Beach Court be taken into the County Roads System. Beach Court is 400 feet in length, running off Beach Drive in Golden Beach Subdivision. At present, there are seven property owners whose lots border on Beach Court, five of whom depend on this street to enter their property. Mr. Wagener informed the Commissioners that at the present time, the road was not up to County specifications. He will write Mrs. Hodges stating that the property owners must comply with County specifications.

Sanitary Landfill and County Dumps

J. Dennis Raley, Jr. informed the Commissioners of his concern over the mounting cost in maintaining the County trash disposal areas. He presented a breakdown of the cost incurred for this maintenance for a period of February 1, to April 30, 1971 which amounted to \$14,379.86.

Mr. Guy inquired as to whether the amount of trash had increased since the County clean-up operation that recently took place. Mr. Raley answered that it had at least doubled.

Mr. Raley presented the specifications on the self-loading scraper and the wheel type loader to be purchased for use in the sanitary landfill operations. He requested that the Commissioners advertise for bids on this equipment as soon as possible so that the equipment might be received at an early date.

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. reviewed a letter from Mrs. Laura Courtney, property owner of the Ridge dump site. He felt that it would be justified to grant an increase in the amount of rent the County has paid her for one additional year. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Paul Raley to contact Mrs. Courtney to try to negotiate with her, to see if they might arrive at a figure that was agreeable to all concerned.

Bills Approved:

The Commissioners approved a bill in the amount of \$1,202.50 to Loker and Wigginton, Attorneys at Law, for professional services rendered for the month of April, 1971.

Local Income Tax Resolution

Commissioner Aud signed a resolution adopting a local income tax imposed upon the residents of St. Mary's County in the amount of 50%.

Malinda Barnes Trailer Park

The Commissioners reviewed a plat of a proposed trailer park for Malinda Barnes. It was noted that a buffer zone was not shown on this plat. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Wagener advise Mrs. Barnes of this necessary information prior to their reconsideration of same.

Tri-County Animal Shelter-Personnel

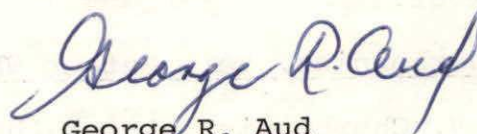
The Commissioners had been contacted by Mr. James Simpson of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, regarding a raise in the salaries of the two full time and one part time employees of the Tri-County Animal Shelter. The total cost to St. Mary's County would be \$500.00 if these raises were given. The Commissioners were in agreement that the personnel be given these raises.

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion District-Tax Rate

The Commissioners and Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, set the Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Tax Rate at \$1.25 per hundred on the assessed base of each property owner.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President