

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, June 29, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
 Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.) Secretary (Recording)
 Mrs. Patty Muchow - WPTX
 Miss Susan Dunn

The meeting came to order at 9:40 A.M.

Minutes of the meetings for June 1 and June 15, 1971 were read and approved with corrections.

Reclassifications of Employee

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance presented a memorandum to the County Commissioners requesting reclassification of Mrs. Mary Jane Alvey, from Account Clerk B to Account Clerk D, due to the increase in the duties of this position. This reclassification was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether Mr. Paul R. Raley had received his 6% increase as yet. He was informed by the other Commissioners that it was necessary to pass a Resolution since the increase money-wise would actually be more than 6%.

Judge Dorsey's Ruling - Re: J. Claude Johnson

An Order, signed by Judge Dorsey under date of June 24, 1971, was presented to the Commissioners, stating that J. Claude Johnson should be paid his retirement annuity, retroactive to January 1, 1968; costs to be paid by the defendants and such payment to be made from the General Fund.

Secretary B. Vacancy

Mr. Guy reported that the Secretary B position was now vacant and that Mrs. Cecelia B. Adams was eligible to be appointed to it. It was moved by Mr. Bowles and seconded by Mr. Guy that she be promoted to this position. The motion was carries unanimously.

Increase for Mr. Paul R. Raley at 6%

It was moved by Mr. Aud and seconded by Mr. Bowles that Mr. Paul R. Raley be paid his 6% increase, retroactive to January 1, 1971, and that the necessary Resolution be drawn up.

Office of Civil Defense - Annual Report

Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director of Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency presented his report for the Year 1970. It was a well-developed and concise report, with charts and graphs showing hours worked by employees, number of incidents handled by major agencies, types of Maryland State Police calls, types of calls handled by the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department calls and statistics and Rescue Squad calls and statistics. A copy of this report is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners.

St. Mary's County Watershed Site #2

Present: Mr. Harold Payne
Mr. James Dobry

Mr. Payne and Mr. Dobry met with the Commissioners as spokesmen for some of the residents along Chancellors Run Road, who object to the State Park Recreational area that will adjoin the watershed. Mr. Payne stated that he had approved of the watershed from the beginning, but objected strenuously to the Recreation area. He felt that another State Park was not needed in a residential area, and that at this time they were taking farm land, which is productive for something that was not productive.

The Commissioners informed them that a meeting was to be held on Tuesday, July 6, 1971 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Conference Room for all persons who had questions to be answered. Mr. Spencer Ellis, Director of the State Department of Forests and Parks would be present at this meeting, for this purpose. Mr. Payne submitted additional names of persons to be notified of this meeting. Mr. Paul R. Raley gave Mr. Dobry his copy of the report on the project, which is to be returned to him on the day of the meeting.

Chesapeake Bay Affairs Projects

Mr. Alexander Sandusky of Chesapeake Bay Affairs came in to see the Commissioners with reference to the method of submitting bids and applications for approval by them. He stated that certain procedures were not being followed, which would simplify this, and outlined the steps to be followed.

He also informed the Commissioners of H.B. 1209, which permitted the Chesapeake Bay Affairs Commission to increase their funding from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per project. For parks, piers, etc., they must have legislative approval for anything over \$5,000. He informed the Commissioners that they do have Dukehart Creek on the books for the pier.

Mr. Sandusky also stated that he would inspect the Tall Timbers project and give approval for the work done. The Commissioners requested that he also inspect Bushwood Wharf, St. Jerome's Creek (Southern Prong) and the

Leonardtownt Wharf.

It was explained to the Commissioners that a \$25,000 grant cannot be used to purchase land; the money is for development purposes only, which does include Boat Slips for boats that are being used for recreational purposes.

Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan

Mr. Benjamin E. Beavin, Sr. met with the Commissioners for just a few moments to present to them the up-dated reports for Volume I of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, together with maps. He informed the Commissioners that Dr. Houser had asked for an estimated bill in order that the funds would not revert to the State, so he had submitted a bill this week. He also asked the Commissioners if they had anything else today to add to this report prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Tudor Hall Library Restoration

Present: Mrs. Polly Barber, Mrs. Holger B. Hansson
Adm. Thurston B. Clark, Mr. Orin M. Bullock, Architect
General Robert E. Hogaboom

Members of the Library Board, together with the Architect met with the Commissioners for submission of the changes made in the original plans for the restoration of the Library.

Mr. Bullock reported that basically, they were removing those things now that can be done at a later date, which would leave the bid within the amount HUD will approve. He will revise the plans and resubmit them to HUD and the project would then be re-bid. HUD would approve the three (3) firms who formerly bid and any others.

Mr. Guy stated that from the revisions it looked like they would be retaining some of the old flavor of the building that was going to be removed. He also inquired of Mr. Wigginton if they could give the low bidder the revised plans and let him reduce his bid accordingly. Mr. Wigginton informed him that this could not be done, and that he had sent letters to all the bidders rejecting the bids.

Mr. Bullock also reported that if Phase II is undertaken, HUD will give matching funds, which would include some of the items they are eliminating now in the alternatives - landscaping is one of the items.

Mr. Bowles inquired of Mr. Bullock as to what timetable

he was looking to for revising the plans and getting an answer from HUD. He was informed by Mr. Bullock that it would be about August 15th. Mr. Bowles also inquired of Mr. Bullock the obligation of the Library Board and the County Commissioners to him if these plans and bids are not acceptable to HUD. Mr. Bullock stated that he did not know that the grant was less than \$200,000, therefore, he feels responsible.

Appointment of Housing Authority Members

After considering the names of all persons submitted to them for membership on the Housing Authority, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted on the following persons:

Dr. J. Patrick Jarboe, Chairman	- 5 year appointment	
Mr. Leroy Thompson, Commissioner	- 4 "	"
Rev. Alfonso Harrod, Commissioner	- 3"	"
Mrs. Patricia Glaser, Commissioner	- 2"	"
Mr. Raymond B. Robinson, Commissioner	- 1"	"

Mr. Guy asked if any advanced funds would be given to the Authority with the stipulation that they will repay these funds. Mr. Bowles stated that he thought the Board of County Commissioners should advance monies needed, but place upon them the responsibility to determine the amount needed; also with the understanding that this money would be repaid.

Jail

Mr. Willie Gatton, Jailer, forwarded a request to the Commissioners for new lights to be installed in the Jail. There would be an inspection in July and he did not think the present lights would pass inspection.

Mr. Gatton also requested that part-time help be provided to administer medication to one of the inmates, a Mr. Joseph Berry, who was required to have this medication every four hours. Mr. Gatton said he was unable to do it as it would require him to remain up at night.

Mr. Aud spoke immediately with Judge Parker with reference to the situation and Judge Parker informed him that he would have him released from Jail.

Mr. Paul R. Raley was instructed to contact an electrical contractor and have him inspect the lighting situation in the Jail.

Bills Approved

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, June 21-26, 1971		
4 men and Equipment	\$1,100.00	
Rental of Air Compressor	<u>145.00</u>	\$1,245.00

Vouchers approved, #39840 through #39902.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. August H. Wagener
Mr. Aubrey Cusic
Mr. Lawrence Russell

Mr. Bowles made inquiry regarding the following roads: St. Clements Shore, Rich Neck, Maypole and Medley's Neck from Rt.244 to Brenton's Beach. He also wanted to know when work would be completed on Joy Chapel Road. Mr. Cusic stated he hoped to have the work completed by Wednesday.

Tippett Road

Mr. Aud stated that Mrs. Wood had complained to him with regard to the condition of Tippett Road.

Mr. Lawrence Russell, President of Town Creek Council, met with the Commissioners with regard to a number of problems in Town Creek. He stated he did not represent all of the people in Town Creek, but they would not object to what he was asking. He has received numerous calls about Rt. 235 and would like to know when it will be dualized. Seven Gables Road needs work done on it, also Spruce Drive. The Commissioners informed him that some of those roads were State Roads, maintained by the State and they had no authority over them. Also the State maintains the County roads and they give priority to State roads over County roads, providing they have time to take care of the maintenance. Mr. Guy explained to him that some of the equipment is 15 or 20 years old, and that there is also a freeze on hiring personnel, plus many other problems.

Mr. Aud inquired as to why we could not use some prison labor. They could be secured from Hughesville. Mr. Russell thanked the Commissioners for whatever they could do.

Mr. Ronald Lewis Mattingly, age 16 years and Mr. Daniel Ellis, Jr., age 17 years, were unanimously appointed by the Commissioners as part-time summer employees to work on the State Roads Commission with Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr.

Installation of Security Lights

A Security Yard Lighting Agreement was received from Mr. Robert S. Pogue for two (2) Security Lights and three (3) poles to be installed at the Bushwood Wharf at a cost of

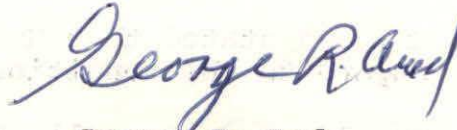
\$84 for the lights and \$24 for the poles, a total cost of \$112.32, which includes \$4.32 Maryland State Sales Tax. Mr. Paul R. Raley was of the opinion that some of this work could be done by the State Roads Commission. The County Commissioners approved installation of the lights with the provision that installation should be handled in the proper manner by Mr. Paul R. Raley.

Housing Authority Appointment

Attorney John F. Slade, III, was unanimously appointed by the County Commissioners to serve on the St. Mary's County Housing Authority in place of Mrs. Patricia Glaser, who was unable to serve. This appointment is for a period of two (2) years.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President