

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingMonday, July 26, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President  
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
J. S. Guy, Commissioner  
Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney  
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer  
Judy D. Bowles (Mrs.) Secretary (Recording)  
Rick Thompson, Beacon  
Patty Muchow, WPTX  
Robin Guyther, Enterprise

The meeting came to order at 10:02 A.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Mrs. Dorothy Broun - Re: Blood Drawing

Mrs. Broun discussed the need of St. Mary's County to become more involved in the participation of a blood drive. She pointed out that the bloodmobile comes to St. Mary's County six times each year and our goal for the fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, is 1600 pints of blood or 275 to 300 pints of blood given at each visit. However, on the last trip we only averaged 138 pints of blood; 80 of which were donated by St. Mary's Countians and 58 donated from Patuxent River. In June St. Mary's Hospital alone used 103 pints of blood. These 103 pints of blood should have lasted us two months. At this rate no major surgery will be able to be performed at St. Mary's Hospital.

The minimum age for blood donors is 18 and the maximum age is 64. It was also brought out that any member of the family that donated blood entitled the entire family to coverage in case of surgery or accident. For individuals who have never given blood, nor any member if their family, should the need arise that they should have to have blood, the cost per pint of blood is \$50.00.

Mrs. Broun stressed the fact that if we do not solicit enough cooperation from the countians to donate their blood, we may lose our blood bank. She stated that we definitely needed an aggressive campaign.

It was unanimously decided to issue a Proclamation setting aside the day of Friday, August 13, 1971, as "St. Mary's County Blood Program Day." The location of the blood drawing this year will be the National Guard Armory. Next year we will take into consideration the Technical Center, due to the fact that it is air-conditioned.

Letters of Protest - Bluestone Estates

Three letters of protest were read from Messrs. Alfred Kessler, Thomas B. Clark, Sr., and Thomas Protz, concerning the renting of trailer plots from Mr. James Stokes adjacent to Bluestone Estates on St. Inigoes Creek.

Mr. Aud suggested that this is a matter for Planning and Zoning.

Acceptance of Appointment - Human Relations Board

Mr. David Grossman and Mrs. Dorita Down have accepted positions on the Board of Human Relations.

Navigational Aid - St. Jerome's Creek

The Corp of Army Engineers has informed this office of the availability of buoys. The Coast Guard has requested that we place six buoys in St. Jerome's Creek. They will position the buoys in the channel; however, we would be responsible for removing them in the winter due to ice damage.

Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Raley contact the Coast Guard and request that they take them up in the winter since we did not have the facilities to perform the job.

The cost of the buoys is \$35.00 each or a total cost of \$200.00 to place six of them in the channel.

Mr. John Baggett, Recreation and Parks - Re: Bus

Mr. Baggett stated that at the present time he had at his disposal two buses, one of which is over ten years old and in poor condition. The bus had been used for the hauling of roller shates and he would need a new bus as soon as possible. He discussed the fact that he had rented a bus from Mr. Kessler and Mr. Kessler advised him that he (Mr. Kessler) would rent him the bus and apply this amount, over a three month period, toward the purchase of the bus and then simply title the bus over to Mr. Baggett. Mr. Baggett stated that the bus was approximately 10 years old. At this point, Mr. Wigginton stated that pursuant to State law, a bus could not be over ten years old and used as a passenger vehicle. Mr. Guy stated that in case of an accident, there could be numerous remunerations against the County should the bus be ten years or older. He also stated that he would like the County to get out of the bus business. At his point Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Baggett get in touch with GSA or some surplus agency of the government to see what was available in vans the County could purchase.

Tudor Hall

Reviewed a copy of a letter from Mr. Orin Bullock to

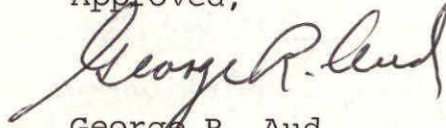


Mr. Bowles suggested that the Commissioners should plan according to development.

NO ROADS MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud  
President