

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingMonday, August 9, 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
 Judy D. Bowles (Mrs.) Secretary (Recording)
 Rick Thompson, The Beacon
 Robin Guyther, Enterprise

The meeting came to order at 10:05 A.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not read; however, the minutes of the meeting of July 6, 1971, were read and approved.

Proclamations - Blood Program Day and Youth Appreciation

Mrs. Dorothy Broun and Rebecca Norris, Chairman of this year's blood drive, were present for the signing of the Proclamation designating Friday, August 13th as "Blood Day", urging everyone to "donate their blood for a vital cause." The press was on hand for pictures.

Mr. John Davidson, publicity agent for the play "Gypsy", and John Baggett, Director of Parks and Recreation, were on hand for the signing of the Proclamation designating the week of August 9, 1971 as "Youth Appreciation Week", urging the people of St. Mary's County "to patronize the drama entitled "GYPSY" that will be presented at Great Mills High School Auditorium on Wednesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 14, 1971. The press was available for pictures.

Time Off-Blood Program Day

It was decided that the employees of the Courthouse would have off three hours in the morning or three hours in the afternoon, whichever the department heads approved, to go and give blood.

Mr. Aud suggested that a directive to the Health Department and Board of Education be sent out asking them to participate in the same type of program as set forth above. This action was approved unanimously.

Bills Approved

Guyther and Raley	\$75.00
Zoning Board of Appeals hearing in connection with Irving Garner	

Delahay's Pile Driving Service \$3000.00
 Tall Timbers Erosion District, Lots 48,
 45, 44, 5, and 6

J. R. McCrone, Jr. \$1090.00
NOT APPROVED. Hold til Gus Wagener, County Engineer,
 receives final plans, etc. and work is complete as out-
 lined in the bill.

Appointments Accepted

Mr. Portee and Mr. Knuckles have accepted their appointments to the Board of Human Relations.

Mr. Charles Ridgell has accepted his appointment to the Board of Directors at St. Mary's County Nursing Home.

Bulkhead - Bushwood Wharf

Application for a 77' bulkhead adjacent to Bushwood Wharf was approved by Mr. Aud.

Watershed Partialals - Approved

Mr. Baggett presented the following to Mr. Aud for approval, at which time Mr. Aud signed each.

Acq. 5 - Parcel 9 - Frank Coppage Property
 Acq. 6 - Parcel 10 - Thomas N. Coombs Property
 Acq. 7 - Parcel 5 - James Owens Property

Great Mills High School - Repairs

A letter from Mr. John Baggett, Director of Parks and Recreation, was brought up at the meeting. In this letter Mr. Baggett was requesting \$4600.00 needed for repairs to the following:

Tennis Court - Anchors to hold net-improperly
 installed and coming loose, should be
 repaired\$2,100.00

Ball Park - Grass in poor condition, needs new top
 soil.....\$1,000.00

Backstops need repair, benches for
 players needed and the ball diamond in
 need of grassing
 cost of both items..... \$1,500.00

Mr. Benedict H. Sterling was called into the meeting at which time he stated that he had also received a request from Mr. Baggett in respect to Great Mills High School, but stated that

the letter the County Commissioners received was different from his in that Mr. Baggett was asking for an additional \$2500.00 from his original request to him.

In his letter Mr. Baggett had requested that the \$4600.00 be taken from the maintenance surplus account of last year. Mr. Sterling stated that there was enough in last year's surplus maintenance to finish Leonardtown School and Ridge School; however, he would have to check into the additional request for Great Mills High School. He did say that we should repair the tennis courts or we would lose them.

Drug Action Committee

Mr. Sterling stated to the County Commissioners that the Drug Action Committee returned the \$1000.00 to the Finance Department due to the fact that they did not want to do a study to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Aud stated that if they wanted help they would have to report to this Board. Mr. Bowles in turn stated that they could not operate independently.

Mr. Sterling also stated that if they could not present the Board with a study we could not authorize them any assistance.

Mr. Wigginton said that they are an arm of this Commission and they would have to present us with a study before any funds could be afforded them.

Board of Education - School Sites

A letter was introduced to the County Commissioners from Dr. Robert E. King, Jr., Superintendent of Schools in reference to the purchase of Millstone Landing Road and Tippett's Road School Sites. The two of these facilities will be used for a special education school and a middle school.

The Millstone Landing Road site will cost \$60,000, and Tippett's Road site will cost \$20,000.

Mr. Sterling stated that the state is going to take over school construction and since this is the case, he felt that it should be on a pay as you go basis. This would be one way of holding them to a certain point as well as doing the taxpayer a favor.

Mr. Bowles stated that he would like the County Commissioners to hold approval for payment until we have received a letter from the Health Department pertaining to: Number of children housed in each school, and whether the soil was receptive to sewerage and for how many years.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. August Wagener
Mr. Junior Raley

Bills Approved

\$36,838.00 - Alban Tractor Co., Inc. - New caterpillar loader

1,740.56 - State Roads Commission - Tennyson Road

6,608.10 - State Roads Commission - Dave Bailey Road

14,637.67 - A. H. Smith - Joy Chapel Road

The Board also approved Mr. Wagener's request to attend County Engineers Association Conference in Ocean City held on September 16, 17, 18, 1971.

Fresh Pond Neck Road - 1st Election District

It was approved to resurface the road this season in lieu of waiting until 1972.

Forest Hall Road

Mr. Aud requested the State Roads to place blacktop over the railroad tracks and take crossing signs away. This was approved by the Board.

Vista Road

Inspect. The road needs patching as well as bushing.

Southward new Rt. 5 from Old Rt. 5 Behind Jackpot House

Mr. Guy requested that a yeild sign be placed on the feeder road.

Baptist Church Road and Old Rt. 5

Mr. Guy stated that a yeild sign was also needed on the feeder road.

Bulkheading

The purchase of 1000' of bulkheading was approved for the State Roads Commission.

Wharf - White Neck Creek

Mr. Bowles stated that the wharf needed to be widened to enable trucks to back up to boats for the hauling of oysters.

He stated that in the past a wheelbarrel has to be used to take the oysters from the boats to the trucks on land.

Mr. Guy stated that after we put a wharf in at Dukehart Creek, we may not need to widen the wharf at White Neck Creek.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Wagener to look over plans of the existing wharf and suggest how to add on the additional width.

New State Roads Commission Equipment - Maintenance

Mr. Junior Raley stated that we had spent approximately \$70,000.00 for two new pieces of equipment. On each piece of equipment there is a service contract of \$1800.00 or 2000 hours. The machinery would be periodically checked every 250 hours in case of any unforeseen problem. Mr. Raley suggested that we also check into a similar plan for the tires. The tires cost approximately \$800 or \$900 a piece (20.5 x 25 for the loader and 23.5 x 25 for the pan). Due to the sizeable investment on the equipment and tires Mr. Raley felt that a service contract be obtained. He stated that his men could maintain the equipment to a certain extent, but not as extensively as it should be.

Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Raley get in touch with the representatives and have them come in and discuss the above.

Hiring of Three Men - Mr. Junior Raley

Mr. Raley stated that he had hired Mr. John G. Lacey, Jr. to help with the other men on the road. Due to the fact that he was only 17, he could not operate heavy equipment. A Mr. Anthony Hill and Mr. Raymond Woodburn were hired by Mr. Raley to help at the landfill.

Pegg Road

In dire need of repair. There are big holes in the road due to the fact that Mr. Walter Wise's trucks are hauling over the road. Also cut down the trees at the corner.

Rich Neck Road

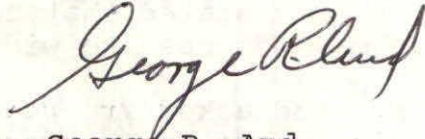
Mr. Aud asked Mr. Raley to work up a figure as to the repair of this road.

Welcome to Board of Education Employees - August 30, 1971

Due to the fact that County Commissioners will be out of town at this engagement, Mr. Raley was asked by Mr. Aud to attend for them. Mr. Raley said he would.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President