

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'S MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
Judy Bowles, Secretary, (Recording)
Christy Selph, Beacon
Patty Muchow, WPTX
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise

Maryland Bank and Trust Co. - Securities

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling stated that we had more securities than cash in Maryland Bank and Trust Company and suggested that we reduce our securities by at least \$25,000.00. Commissioner Guy asked if this was required by law. Mr. Wigginton stated that it was.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to Mr. Sterling's recommendation.

Detention Officers

Mr. Sterling stated that the detention officers would be placed on shifts 4 to 12 and 12 to 4. He stated they reported to work on November 15. Mr. Sterling added that he has contacted Sheriff Williams to keep a check on the new employees.

Group Hospitalization

Mr. Sterling stated that hospitalization was still up in the air due to the freeze on wages, benefits, etc. He stated that Blue-cross and Prudential were pretty much in line pricewise, however, he added that he was waiting to hear from two more insurance companies.

Loader

Mr. Guy stated that Junior Raley called and stated that they are going to need a loader. Junior Raley informed Mr. Guy that specifications would have to be written and bids received. In the meantime, he had called Alban Tractor and they could rent them a loader for \$500.00 a month. There would be a \$500 to \$1000 rebate on a loader depending on how long we rent from Alban and if they win the bid for the new loader. Mr. Sterling asked how soon the loader would be needed. Mr. Guy stated they would need it as soon as possible.

Mr. Bowles asked what the loader will be used for? Mr. Guy stated it would be used at Oakville. Mr. Bowles stated that Mr. Tate advised that we could use any state equipment. Paul Raley was authorized to advertise for bids on a new loader as soon as the bid specifications are received from Junior Raley.

Mr. Guy also stated that Junior Raley's money was running low in his account and is asking that the County Commissioners deposit \$10,000 in this account. Mr. Bowles remarked that the County Commissioners need to project an accurate operating account for next year's budget. Mr. Sterling stated that he would deposit \$10,000 to the landfill account.

Compton Dump

Mr. Guy stated that Junior Raley dumped four loads of gravel in the roadway at the Compton Dump to close it up and keep people out.

Emergency Management of Resources

Present:	OtiseWood	Major Ellisonn
	Grant Healy	John Conant
	Gen. Van Brundt	Capt. Crawley

Gen. Van Brundt stated that Civil Defense had a dual program and the object of their meeting with the Commissioners was to explain how our resources should be handled during a national emergency in order to conserve them. He also stated that this was a state plan and they were trying to have this plan adopted in the counties.

In 1964 the President asked the Governor's of every state to cooperate with the Office of Emergency Preparedness in preparing a plan to conserve these resources vital to the community in case of an emergency.

A chart was presented and explained to the County Commissioners showing them those in the county's administration who would handle certain aspects of our resources should disaster occur.

Bills Approved

Bill Raley's	
Carpeting on staircase at request	\$ 1341.91
of grand	
Delahay Pile Driving	
St. George's Island Wharf	1168.00

Carpeting in Hallway in the rear of the Circuit Court

Due to the traffic in the hallway at the rear of the Circuit Court and the noise and at the request of Judge Parker, the County Commissioners unanimously agreed to have carpeting

installed on the same.

Mr. Raley is to get in touch with Bill Raley's Sales Center to have the carpeting ordered.

Contract on Dukehart Creek - Dredging

Mr. Paul Raley presented the contracts to the Commissioners for their signature from Southern Maryland Dredging Co. in the amount of \$62,062.00. In looking over the contract and plans Mr. Guy was quite concerned that the Turn-around basin was not included in the contract. Mr. George Aud stated that it was not in the plan. Mr. Guy stated that it was in the original plan for the dredging of the creek.

Mr. Raley was asked to check into the matter as to why the turn around basin was not included and see what he could do to have it included in the plan and to check with Chesapeake Bay Affairs to see if we could not receive additional funds for this addition.

The contracts were tabled to a later meeting to investigate the situation.

Contract - Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill

Present: Mr. Red Focer
Mr. Dodds

Mr. Dodds stated that he wished to discuss a long range picture as to engineering in the County and was submitting a proposal to the Commissioners requesting the County Commissioners appoint Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill, Inc. as engineering consultants to the Board of County Commissioners. The purposes of the proposed action include:

1. to achieve coordination and continuity of engineering activities in the County.
2. To achieve undivided responsibility in engineering matters.
3. To provide engineering services at a minimum cost to the County, by eliminating overlapping of engineering matters.
4. To provide a unified center for information on engineering matters.

Mr. Red Focer would continue to serve as the County Commissioners chief representative. Mr. Dodds stated that this would be the most important fact, having Mr. Focer in the County who would always be available to the Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Dodds if the County would be billed only for what is done. Mr. Dodds replied no. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Dodds if he was suggesting a retainer fee? Mr. Dodds stated that he was not. Mr. Focer stated that this proposal was designed to prevent a clash.

Mr. Aud stated that the Commissioners would have to take this proposal under advisement and would let them know.

Board of Education - Impacted Aid

Present: Mr. Kennedy Abell
Mr. Henry Kanowicz
Mr. Harry Ocker

Mr. Kanowicz presented the County Commissioners with information regarding Public Law 874 - monies which are paid by the Federal Government for public school education. Mr. Kanowicz stated that he had written to our congressmen as to an increase in the government funds. He added that they received notice that St. Mary's County would be placed in Group II. The Board of Education stated they advised them that through a miscalculation they put them in Group II and that they should be placed in Group I, however, they did not see fit to do so. Mr. Kanowicz stated that on this basis they lost approximately \$127.00 per pupil.

Mr. Kanowicz requested the County Commissioners to write a letter to the congressmen for their assistance to appropriate these funds. Mr. Aud stated that the County Commissioners would get a letter out as soon as possible as to St. Mary's County being placed in Group I.

Step Increase - Leila Rogers

The County Commissioners unanimously approved a step increase for Mrs. Leila Rogers, Secretary of Planning and Zoning, effective the next pay period.

Roads Meeting

Present: Mr. August Wagener, County Engineer
Mr. Douglas Bond

Bid Opening - White Neck Creek Wharf

Present: Mr. Ronald Delahay

There was one bid submitted by Delahay Pile Driving in the amount of \$7460.00. Mr. Aud advised Mr. Delahay that the County Commissioners would be in touch with him. The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs have to review our wharf and bulkheading bids before they can be awarded.

Delahay Pile Driving - White Neck Creek Wharf - Backfill

The County Commissioners approved payment for backfill to Ronald Delahay. Mr. Harris Sterling was asked to get figures from Mr. Junior Raley and submit them to CBA for a refund to the County.

Shore Erosion - Tanner's Creek

Present: Mr. Bob Lidner, Corps of Army Engineers
Mr. John Hanson Briscoe, Attorney
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blosser, Mr. John Wilkinson
Mr. Harold Duffy, Mr. Peter J. LoMedico
Mrs. Josephine Aquilino, Mr. John T. Courtney, Jr.,
Mr. Charles F. Monroe and Mr. Benton Smith

Mr. Linder of Corps of Engineers stated that his department did an investigation and found the inlet at Tanner's Creek was only 1 yard wide and had a depth of $\frac{1}{2}$ '. He discussed the possibility of an inlet at the southern end which separates the Bay from the lake. He stated that they would have to stabilize the opening with a jetty on one side. The total project would consist of a bulkhead, dredging, a turn basin and jetty. There would also be the additional cost of yearly maintenance. Mr. Linder then presented the County Commissioners with a copy of the Corps of Engineers Tanner Creek report, the total cost would run approximately \$173,000.00. He also stated that the Army Corps would have to justify the improvements as to public facilities and economic justification before the Federal Government would allocate funds. He stated that in the study they found that there was very little recreation and commercial boating going on in this area. Mrs. Blosser stated that there were approximately 110 boats in the creek. Mr. Courtney stated that he had at lease ten boats that could be commercial, but he had no facilities as he couldn't get in and out of the creek. Mr. Wilkinson stated that there were quite a few boats who needed assistance for the mere fact that they cannot get in or out of the opening at low tide. Perhaps there would be a possibility of putting in a boat ramp at the causeway. Mr. Lidner stated that this could not be done because it would be rather an extensive undertaking to place a safe harbor every four miles.

Mr. Linder stated that the Corps of Engineers would make another survey and re-evaluate the number of boats in Tanner Creek. He also stated that he figured 20 outboards and no inboards. The outboard were figured at \$2000.00 a piece. He added that this does not come up to the standards of economic justification saying that dollars of cost was equal to dollars of benefit. He added that he could possibly come up with 300 boats at \$2000.00 to economically justify the dredging 3300' into the creek. Mr. Duffy replied that the biggest problem they had was getting in and out of the sluiceway, stating that the water was too shallow.

Mr. Aud (as to public facilities) asked if an acre of land

would be enough for a public landing. Mr. Linder replied that they should not need more than that; however, if we are talking about possibly 300 boats we would need more land than an acre.

Mrs. Blosser asked Mr. Paul Raley if he had found out whether Recreation and Parks had purchased land from Mr. Greenwell. Mr. Raley stated that he had talked to Mr. Al Wilson and he stated that they will be purchasing it. Mrs. Blosser stated that there was approximately three acres of land there with a Federal sign on it. Mr. Aud stated that we would check into this.

Mr. Linder asked the group if there were 100 outboards in Tanner Creek, they replied there were. Mr. Linder asked how many outboards would be in the creek if it were dredged. Mr. Aud stated an additional eighty. Mr. Blosser replied that with the Park being down there, many people would be using the creek during the Summer. Mr. Linder stated that if we were talking about recreational boating the county would have to pay 50% and the Federal Government would pay 50% of the costs, and if we were talking about commercial boating the Federal Government would pay 100% of the costs. Mr. Briscoe asked if this cost would be pro-rated. Mr. Linder stated that it would. Mrs. Blosser asked if there would be any special breakdown for residents in Tanner Creek. Mr. Linder replied that there would not be due to the fact that this would be recreational for all. Mr. Linder added that he did not want to give them any false hopes, as at there present there was just no economic justification to warrant this expenditure. Mr. LoMedico stated that he felt that if this area were opened up there would be approximately 500 boats in Tanner Creek. Mr. Linder stated that they should remember that the more boats, the more money that would have to be spent providing parking, etc.

Commissioner Aud asked Mr. Linder to re-evaluate the situation.

Mrs. Aquilino stated that the residents in this area were also complaining from a pollution standpoint in that the water is stagnant due to the fact that it cannot move in or out of Tanner's Creek. Mr. Linder brought up the fact that this area was not justified for hurricane protection either because there was no way to justify this because the majority of the cottages were just that summer cottages and we are talking about \$150 to \$200 per foot. He added that perhaps if the homes could be improved would help. Mr. Blosser stated that unless he could be guaranteed that this problem would be corrected they would not mind investing more money into their property raising the value considerably, but stated that he and also a lot of other people in there felt that they could not improve their homes if the situation could not be corrected.

Commissioner Aud stated that they would have to ask for help from the State. He stated that Mr. Phipps from CBA would have to come down and get in touch with you for another meeting. John Hanson Briscoe suggested that they try to get in under a soil conservation district.

Mr. Aud suggested that Mrs. Blosser get a petition together and stated that there would have to be 75% participation of property owners and submit it to this office. Mr. Wigginton stated that Mrs. Blosser should present the above to the Commissioners and send a copy to the Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Aud stated that this office would wait until we hear from Mrs. Blosser and then we would be in touch with the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.

Leonardtwn Commissioners - Law Enforcement

Present: Mr. Raymond Hall, Mr. OtiseWood, Mr. Frederick McWilliams, Mr. James B. Fenwick, Mr. George E. C ark, Miss Christy Selph, Mr. Thomas Crane, Mr. Ben Burroughs, Jr., Mr. Sacks, Mr. John W. Clabaugh, Jr., Brother Farrell McCarthy, Lt. H. A. Cumberland, Lt. R. G. Wolfe, 1st Sgt. Muchow, Mr. Ernest A. Sterling, Mr. J. Wesley, Mr. J. Abell Longmore, Jr., Mr. J. Ernest Bell, Mrs. Jean D orsey and Mr. B. Broun

The Town Commissioners requested to have this meeting in the County Commissioners office.

After a considerable amount of discussion by all parties, the problem seems to have risen over a shoplifting incident that occurred at the St. Mary's Pharmacy and the difficulty in getting a State Policeman on the scene.

Lt. Wolfe, from Headquarters in Annapolis, remarked that there was a difference of opinion as to responsibility for law enforcement in the corporate limits of Leonardtown and that they would in the future abide by Maryland Law 88B, in which case the State Police could assist; however, they could not accept at first request for assistance in the corporate limits of Leonardtown unless requested by the Leonardtown police.

Mrs. Jean Dorsey stated that there were numerous rumors about indicating that the Town Commissioners did not want the State Police in Leonardtown. This was not true and she hoped that in view of this meeting the situation would be corrected.

Vouchers Signed

Vouchers #788 to #884 were approved and signed by Mr. Aud.

The minutes of November 9, 1971 were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Approved,

George R. Aud
President