

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
J. S. Guy (Absent - On Vacation)
Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Judith D. Bowles, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

The minutes of January 11, 1972 were read and approved.

Resignation - John M. Hodges

The County Commissioners received a letter from John M. Hodges stating that he was resigning as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The County Commissioners took no action. Mr. Aud stated that he would like to talk to Mr. Hodges.

Preliminary Plan - Hangar - St. Mary's Airport

The County Commissioners accepted the recommendation of the Airport Committee and Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, and approved the preliminary plans for the hangar, as prepared by Baker-Wendell, to be installed at the St. Mary's County Airport.

James C. Boyd - Medical Scholarship

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the awarding of a medical scholarship to James C. Boyd for \$6,250.00. broken down as follows: 1972 - \$1,250; 1973 \$2,500; 1974 - \$2,500.

Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, to write up a Surety Bond for Mr. Boyd for his signature.

Steven Graves Road - Morganza, Maryland

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sidnor

Mr. and Mrs. Sidnor came in to see the County Commissioners to have some cross pipes placed in Steven Graves Road. Mr. Sidnor stated that three school buses come through the Road and are constantly going into a ditch near the barn that is situated very near the corner. Mr. Sidnor stated that a

pipe should be placed near Oscar's House and one at the barn.

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. (who was present at the time) stated that the County had a forty foot right-of-way through the road. He added that Mr. Dick Arnold was in charge of this area. Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that he would meet Mr. Sidnor that afternoon to look at the location in question and he would make his recommendations back to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Sidnor how many people lived on that road, and Mr. Sidnor stated that there were eight homes on this particular road.

New Crawler-Loader

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. recommended that the County Commissioners award the bid for the new crawler-loader to McClung-Logan, because he stated that their price was the best and their buy back agreement could not be beat.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to award the bid for the new crawler-loader to McClung-Logan.

Landfill Attendants Living in Trailer at St. Andrews Landfill

St. Andrews: Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that the attendant at this particular landfill had no heat previously and put a heater in the trailer at the landfill. He stated that the gas heater cost \$140.00 and added that the County should pay for it. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to pay for the heater in question. He also added that the attendant requested that he be paid directly, his address and name are: Mr. John Thomas, California, Maryland. The Commissioners agreed to mail him his paycheck direct.

Valley Lee Disposal Area: Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that this particular trailer had a heater but no electricity, and the burner will not run without electricity, and requested that the County provide the attendant with a stove. The Commissioners agreed to supply the attendant with a kerosene stove (space heater), but that all the attendants would have to pay for their own fuel.

Seeding - St. Mary's County Airport

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that it would cost the County \$7,983.00 to seed, fertilize and mulch the Airport. He stated that the fertilizing could be done right away and that the seeding could be done in the Spring.

The Commissioners agreed to have the complete job done.

Bills Approved as Budgeted

David M. Gruber and Co. 2nd Qtr. Fiscal Year	\$2,250.00
David M. Gruber and Co. Re: School Board Budget	\$4,800.00
Southern Maryland Regional Library 2nd year's expense at Wilkinson Building	\$1,500.00

Drug Action Committee

Present: Mrs. Ann Christiansen
Miss Donna Thomas
Brother Thomas Crane

Mrs. Christiansen stated that she really did not know where to start and stated that when she called on our office for the \$1,000 that was to be allotted for expenses and research, she was shocked to find out that these funds were not intended for them, and Mr. Sterling stated that these funds just were not available. Mr. Aud at this point stated that Mr. Sterling was the Director of Finance and that the Commissioners did not have the authority to allocate funds.

Mrs. Christiansen stated that she was concerned that the Drug Action Committee had come so far and now they were faced with a brickwall. She added that they were led to believe that they had money to work with. Mr. Aud stated that the Commissioners had not been advised as to what was going on with the Drug Action Committee since it was started two years ago.

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton stated that the Legislators had been informed about the situation and that they are in hopes to do something about it.

Miss Thomas went on to explain what they were planning insofar as a Drug Crisis Center was concerned:

Hotline: To provide an anonymous service to callers for counselling and advice. An immediate link with help. Phones will operate on a 24-hour basis in cooperation with Toehold. Volunteers, as well as staff will man the phones.

Crisis Center: A full professional staff will be available for help in crisis situations. Backed up by resource personnel and community professionals.

Care Team: A group of two highly trained individuals, on call, who will be available to go to a person in

a crisis situation. This has proven to be most successful in urban areas, but has been shown to be invaluable in rural settings.

Counselling: These services will be available both to the young people as well as their parents. Arrangements can be made to have family counselling. The Center will be staffed with volunteers, trained in handling walk-in crisis situations. The initial contact will be youth with youth.

Drop In, Walk-In: The facilities will be set up to resemble a home atmosphere to preclude the possibility of anyone being "labeled".

Crash Pad: Facilities will be available for those that need a place to stay for the night.

Group Therapy: This type of therapy has proven very effective, particularly when working with drug problems.

Rap Sessions: The Center will be open so that young people will be free just to come by and sit with their friends.

Library: A Library on drugs and similar information will be available to the public.

Mr. Aud stated that he would hope that they would continue with their efforts and turn over their information to the Commissioners.

Cars - Sheriff's Department

After careful review by the Board of County Commissioners, it was unanimously agreed that Patuxent Motors, the low bidder, be awarded the bid.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.



George R. Aud
President