

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Judith D. Bowles, (Mrs.) Secretary (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 A.M.

The minutes of February 1 and 8, 1972 were read and approved.

Clements Landfill - Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr.

Mr. Aud stated that we had called Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. before the Board for the purpose of discussing Clements Landfill. Mr. Aud stated that he had a call from someone Sunday stating that people were bringing their trash to Clements and that it was falling out of the containers. The dogs had been in the trash and the wind had blown it all around the area. He asked Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. if he could arrange to get someone to operate the landfill on Sunday. Commissioner Guy stated that Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. could pay a man \$30.00 and still be ahead due to the fact that the dumpsters would cost a little more or the same than an attendant, and we wouldn't need the dumpsters once the attendant was hired on Sundays. Mr. Aud reiterated that the Commissioners would like to have an attendant at Clements on Sunday. He added that we should pay Buddy Thompson for dumpster service for the rest of February, but that he would like to have a man at Clements by March 1, 1972. Mr. Aud stated that St. Andrews Landfill was open on Sundays and that Oakville Landfill would stay closed.

Loader - Crawler

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. called McClung-Logan and asked them when they would deliver our new loader-crawler, and they stated that it would leave their factory on March 18th.

Road Construction

Commissioner Guy asked Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. how he was doing on road construction. Mr. Raley stated that he was cutting right-of-ways at the present time and would start moving dirt in March. He added that at St. Clements Shore he needs a legal right-of-way for a distance of 500' before he can start working on it. He added that he would charge this

work to the landfill account. He stated that he was cleaning up at Ridge Dump and was in the process of covering it up. He stated that Mrs. Courtney would, he thought, give them the land to backfill it. The Valley Lee Dump was in good shape.

Mr. Aud mentioned that there was a gravel pit on Drayden Road if Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. should need any gravel. Mr. Raley stated that he could not use it because it was full of clay. Mr. Raley stated that Mr. Irving Hewitt had a nice gravel pit, but that he would not sell it.

Airport

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that he had put three loads of lime in at the St. Mary's County Airport, and that in March he would go in and seed it. He also stated that as soon as the weather improves he would be seeding Clements Landfill. Commissioner Guy stated that John Hall with the Soil Conservation Service wanted us to cover Clements Dump. Mr. Raley stated that he did not see the necessity to haul top soil to cover it when all it needed was to be seeded with lespedeza, and he would contact the landowner, Mr. Perry Guy and the Soil Conservation Service and discuss with them what could be done.

In leaving, Mr. Raley stated that he would look around for an attendant for Sundays at the landfill, but would like to have a time schedule for him. Mr. Bowles stated that perhaps 12:00 noon until dark would be good. Commissioner Buy stated he felt Mr. Raley should make the decision because he was a better judge. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Raley get the time of the attendant back to them so they could advertize in the newspapers as to the hours at Clements.

Mr. Francis Cecil - Treasurer

Personnel matters - CLOSED

Vouchers Signed

Vouchers #1421-#1457, approved and signed by Mr. Aud.

Tall Timbers Erosion

Present: Mr. Ronald Delahay
Mr. B. Harris Sterling
Mr. Augustus H. Wagener

Mr. Delahay presented the Commissioners with his proposal to do the seawall at Tall Timbers.

One proposal was for a bulkhead 64' in length (pull back and repair bulkhead) \$ 3,350.00

The other proposal was for a bulkhead 233' in
length (replacement of bulkhead) \$ 20,600.00

Mr. Aud stated that he figured that this would be about \$88.00 a foot, which was rather high. At this point the Commissioners and Mr. Delahay agreed to the figure of \$20,000.00 for the total amount of work to be done. The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to award the bid to Mr. Delahay at the price of \$20,000.00 and asked him to start to work immediately. Mr. Guy asked Mr. Paul R. Raley to advise Chesapeake Bay Affairs that we had an emergency situation due to the fact that there are a couple of homes that would be lost if the work were not started immediately, and see if any funding would be available through them.

Mr. August H. Wagener was advised by the Commissioners to develop specifications for a maintenance contract to be advertised in regards to any future construction of piers, bulkheads and other construction in St. Mary's County.

Illegal Trailers - Mr. Thomas L. Cryer - County Inspector

Mr. Cryer stated that he went to Sunnyside Road in reference to illegal trailers that were placed on land on that section of road and remarked that the property the trailers were situated on belonged to a Mrs. Paula Mitchell. He added that one of the three trailers being placed on the lot recently, was a replacement for a small one at the rear of the property. Mr. Cryer stated that he was in touch with Mrs. Mitchell by phone and she guaranteed him that all three trailers would be off of the property within five days.

Mr. Cryer presented the Commissioners with a list of persons he had given tickets to for trailer violations. He stated that there were approximately 40 violations. He added that some of the tickets go as far back as 1967, and the only action that he had taken was to serve them several notices. Mr. Aud asked Mr. Cryer of the 40 violations, how many did not have sewer and water. Mr. Cryer stated about 98% of them.

Mr. Guy suggested that Mr. Cryer write these people a letter giving them 30 days to comply with the Health Department regulations or they will be taken to court. Mr. Guy also suggested that Mr. Cryer check out his list and send the Commissioners a copy of the list of violators and a copy of the letter he sends to these parties.

Mr. Robert Wigginton stated that he had worked up a trailer ordinance as requested by the Commissioners. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Wigginton if the ordinance he had written was limited to residential use. He felt that the ordinance should be inclusive of any trailers used for storage. Mr. Wigginton stated that regardless of the trailer's use, it

will be in violation. Mr. Aud asked if we should try to get this ordinance passed and then take these violators to court. Mr. Wigginton added that we would have to go to public hearing and allow for two weeks' publication in the local newspapers.

The County Commissioners directed Mr. Paul R. Raley to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance for March 3, 1972 at 7:30 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom in the Courthouse.

Correction to minutes, Page 99, March 23, 1971

Commissioners Aud and Guy approved the adoption of the footnote as set forth on Page 99 of the minutes of March 23, 1971 as truly representing what actually occurred. Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles disqualified himself.

Henningson, Durham and Richardson - Solid Waste Plan for St. Mary's County

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to the approval of the contract between St. Mary's County and Henningson, Durham and Richardson for the Solid Waste Plan. The contracts were signed by Mr. Aud.

Forest Warden Selection

Commissioners Aud and Bowles approved the recommendation that Mr. James Francis Knott be awarded the position of Forest Warden for the Department of Recreation and Parks. Mr. Guy abstained from voting as he had been listed as a character reference.

Bills Approved

Seventh Judicial Circuit Court: Court Reporter expense from November 9, 1971 to January 18, 1972	\$ 1,200.00
Petition for Counsel Fees: State vs. Thompson (Attorney Bell)	\$ 200.00
Nursing Home: Advance on Appropriation	\$10,000.00

Brick Wall - Jail

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, presented the Commissioners with two proposals for the brick wall to be installed around the jail.

1. Thomas E. Downs, Inc. - 8" thick wall (solid brick)	\$ 6,075.00
2. Gordon Ragan - 12" thick wall (brick and block)	\$11,500.00

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to award the bid to Mr. Downs. Commissioner Bowles requested that the existing fence not be removed.

Mrs. Viola M. Gardner - Administrative Assistant

Mr. George R. Aud requested that Mrs. Gardner attend this portion of their meeting to discuss restaffing within the office due to the resignation of Mrs. Judith D. Bowles, Administrative Assistant A.

First, and foremost, the Commissioners requested that the minutes of the Board Meetings held each week be the first order of business at the following meeting, and be typed in final after approval for review and signing the following week.

The County Commissioners requested that Mrs. Viola M. Gardner act, not only as their Administrative Assistant, but be responsible for their correspondence and minutes of their meetings. Mrs. Gardner will retain her position in that she and Mr. Paul R. Raley would continue to supervise the outside workings in the Commissioners' Office.

Mrs. Gardner asked the Commissioners if she would still be responsible for the work done at her desk at the present time as well as the work required of her as the Commissioners' Administrative Assistant. The Commissioners replied that she would have the authority to delegate this work and any other work in which she might feel the necessity, to the secretarial pool in the outer office. The Commissioners also requested Mrs. Gardner to take her desk position in their Conference Room.

Mrs. Gardner stated that she felt that she and Mr. Raley could certainly work the situation out amongst themselves. Mrs. Gardner also stated that when she was first appointed there were guidelines to be followed and this was at times not being done. Mr. Bowles replied that if Mrs. Gardner or Mr. Raley had any problems to please bring them to the attention of the Commissioners.

Mrs. Gardner stated that she would try to do the very best that she could.

Mr. Guy stated that he felt that as their Secretary, she would schedule the appointments in such a way that the meetings would not be disorganized.

Mr. Bowles stated that in scheduling appointments, Mrs. Gardner should allow the Commissioners time to go over their work in the morning and allow time to get it done. Mr. Aud replied that this could be done in the morning and that no appointments should be scheduled before 1:00 P.M., or whatever

time it takes the Commissioners to get their work done. The Press Conferences will continue to be held at 11:30 A.M. on the first Tuesday of the month, with no foreseeable problems.

Mr. Aud stated that Department heads would be allowed to see the Commissioners in the morning, providing it did not interfere with the Commissioners' taking care of their work. Mr. Bowles added that there were three people that should be available to the Commissioners in the mornings, and they were: Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Mr. Augustus H. Wagener and Mr. Paul R. Raley.

Mrs. Gardner stated that the above was a very good idea and she asked the Commissioners to please let her know whenever things go wrong.

The Commissioners told Mrs. Gardner that they would give her their full support.

Oiling Schedule - Pratt Road and Cedar Lane (1st District)

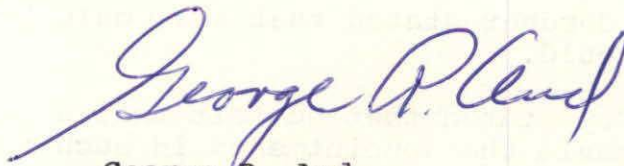
Mr. Aud requested Mr. Douglas Bond to put Pratt Road on his oiling schedule. He also added that Cedar Lane needed to be placed on the oiling schedule. Mr. Bowles disqualified himself from any action on Cedar Lane.

Health Plan - Mr. B. Harris Sterling

Mr. Sterling reported his findings to the Commissioners on several areas as previously discussed in last week's meeting.

The Commissioners and Mr. Sterling had agreed that Massachusetts Life was the better of the insurance companies as presented to them in Mr. Sterling's schedule. They decided to make their decision after Mr. Sterling checked with Massachusetts General Life as to a verification with their agent on claim payment and a thorough check as to the rating of Massachusetts General Life in the insurance industry.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.



George R. Aud
President