

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, April 4, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

Meeting called to order at 10:15 A.M.

Bills Approved

Loker & Wigginton - Legal Services Rendered
 for Month of March \$ 991.00

Vouchers #1744-#1823 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

St. Mary's County Plumbing Board

The Board of County Commissioners held a discussion on the requests of the Master Plumbers for the formulation of a Plumbing Board for St. Mary's County. They requested that a Release be prepared for the news media for a meeting on Tuesday evening, May 9, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom. Members of the State Board of Plumbing are to be contacted and asked to be present along with Master Plumbers, all plumbers and all parties interested in plumbing rules and regulations.

Zoning Hearings

Due to a zoning hearing scheduled for later in the day, a discussion ensued pertaining to costs of advertising for these hearings. The costs are approximately \$55 per newspaper for a two-week run. Zoning hearings require advertising for three weeks each for Planning and Zoning and afterwards for the Commissioners. The parties requesting the hearing deposit \$200, which does not cover the costs of the advertising. The Commissioners requested that a letter be forwarded to Mrs. Leila R. Rogers, Secretary of Planning and Zoning informing her to increase the deposit in order to cover the costs of advertising, and to also place the advertising for the County Commissioners.

Permanent Status for Equipment Operators

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, discussed with the County Commissioners the permanent status for two (2) Equipment Operators, namely, Charles Anthony Hill and Francis Woodburn. He was holding up the request for Mr. Woodburn as he was thinking of leaving. The County Commissioners approved permanent status for Mr. Hill.

Dobry (Darby) Road

Mr. Paul R. Raley was advised to have Mr. Wagener look into the status of Dobry (Darby) Road in the 6th Election District. A request had been received to have the road repaired.

Landfills and Dumps

Mr. J. S. Guy, Jr. brought up the matter of not charging persons for using the landfills. He stated that Mr. McLeod charges \$2.00 per load to pick up trash and take it to the landfill.

It was reported that the Navy is continuing to dump trash at St. Andrews Landfill. Mr. Aud stated he would check into this as he had talked to Capt. Day at the time of fire on the base and had given him permission to take some of the debris to St. Andrews, but he did not know that they were continuing to dispose of material at the landfill.

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that the Ridge Dump can be used longer than one year. He will talk with Mrs. Courtney to see if she will renew her contract for another year.

Tennyson's Old Barn

Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles inquired into Deputy Joseph L. Somerville's request to use the material from the old barn on the Tennyson property. Mr. Raley stated that negotiations are in progress with Mr. Tennyson to lease the farm land and barn. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to Deputy Somerville stating this, and that at this time the Commissioners cannot grant his request.

Dualization of Route 235 - Environmental Study

Mr. Paul R. Raley brought to the attention of the Commissioners the Environmental Study which had been done on the dualization of Route 235, and asked the Commissioners for their recommendation for the use of either Plan A or Plan B.

The County Commissioners stated that they would go on record as recommending the use of Plan B. This would leave the northbound lane as is, and the southbound lane would follow the railroad right-of-way.

Extension of Leonardtown Sewer and Water Lines

Present: Dr. Robert E. King, Jr.

Mr. James M. Raley

Dr. King stated that at a previous meeting, the matter had been discussed about Leonardtown extending its sewer and water lines down to the Technical Center site. He had asked Mr. James M. Raley to explore the possibilities, and get cost estimates.

Mr. James M. Raley passed out copies of the approved construction projects for this year of funding, from the State. The approved schools are, Leonardtown High School, \$252,000 and Leonardtown Elementary School, \$4,000,000 in planning funds. In order to get these projects on the road, they must have site approval. It is assumed that they will get a portion of the land on the Technical Center site. They are interested in whether they will be able to get sewerage. A lot of money is being put into these projects and they must get \$16,000,000 in school construction money. They are also including a new Office Building on the site, but have not had it approved. If they feel they are getting too many people on the site, then they will have to find another site for the Office Building.

Sewerage tests are going to be taken on the Technical Center Site. The following requirements were given to him by Mr. Raymond Hall: 8" sewer line down to the Pumping Station, which is in the "Willows Restaurant" area; 4" main to the town, which is up hill. They feel they need guidance from the County Commissioners before they approach the Town Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to whom the line would belong. Mr. Raley informed him it would belong to Leonardtown, and there would not be any fee. Mr. Raley further stated this would have to conform to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. The approximate costs for Leonardtown Middle School would be \$32,000 for sewerage and \$18,000 for water. Leonardtown High School costs would be \$64,000 for sewerage and \$30,000 for water. This is for on site sewerage and water. He informed the County Commissioners that the Interagency Committee for State Public School Construction made a ruling they will no longer pick up the costs of the extension of any sewer line. They consider a mile or mile and one-half, as within a reasonable distance.

Mr. Aud inquired if there was any way to negotiate between themselves and the Committee. Mr. Raley informed him that they were given tentative approval on Leonardtown Middle School. Mr. Aud stated there has been some exceptions to the rule, and requested them to explore further with the Leonardtown Commissioners and report back to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles commented on the site plan. He felt it would be better to stick to one entrance on Route 5, and if another is needed, go to Route 244.

Mr. Guy stated that Dr. John H. Mills of Tri-County Council has the whole proposition of Leonardtown sewerage under consideration in A-95 Project review.

Mr. Aud informed them that there may be some Federal funds available.

Mr. James M. Raley stated he would explore on site sewerage and keep the Commissioners informed.

The Commissioners went into session for the PRESS CONFERENCE.

Request for Voting Machines to be placed in Schools

Attorney Joseph A. Mattingly appeared before the County Commissioners with the request that they send voting machines around to the High Schools for a few days in order to have the young voters learn how to use them.

Mr. Aud informed him that the Commissioners would look into the matter with the Election Supervisor's Office.

Establishment of Plumbing Board

Present: Mr. Thomas F. Fowler Mr. Deedy Garner
 Mr. J. H. Copsey Mr. Joseph H. Henderson, Jr.
 Mr. John R. Butterfield Mr. B. I. Mattingly
 Mr. V. H. Mast, State Health Dept.
 Mr. Walter Raum, St. Mary's Health Dept.
 Miss Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon
 Mrs. Patty Muchow, WPTX
 Mr. Jack Kershaw, Enterprise

Mr. Aud informed the group that the County Commissioners will advertise in next week's papers, and for two weeks thereafter, of a general meeting of plumbers and anyone interested in plumbing, to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom. A representative from the State Plumbing Board will be present to answer questions.

Mr. Fowler and some of the other plumbers were interested in knowing how soon they could expect some action to be taken.

Mr. Aud informed them that the Commissioners expected to follow right through after the May meeting.

Mr. Guy stated that he hoped everything would be explained to all persons involved in the plumbing business, and that they would try to understand the policies and procedures.

Mr. Fowler informed them that they have the law and all the regulation they need.

Attorney Robert E. Wigginton told the group that the Commissioners want to know what kind of agreement is needed to operate under. Mr. Pierson, of the State Plumbing Board, had informed him that he would make up the agreement, but he is not familiar with all the problems.

Mr. Fowler was insistent that some action be taken on the matter. He stated that all the plumbers want is a letter to the State Board that will enable them to give the State Examination, which is a reduced examination. If the applicant doesn't pass the first time, he tries to pass the second time. The applicant can operate for two years under a St. Mary's County license, then he can take the Master Plumber's examination.

Attorney Wigginton explained to the group that there were certain procedures that would have to be followed, and that is why they are having the State representatives attend the meeting in order to explain to everyone just what we must do to have everyone comply. We want to know whether our contract with the State Board can be negotiated; we want to find out what we can do and what we cannot do; we want to step into this in the right way. He further explained that an agreement must be executed between the State Board and the County, and he has not as yet seen the agreement.

Mr. Aud assured them that as soon as the agreement was executed, immediate action would be taken and that the Commissioners had set a deadline date of June 1, 1972.

Zoning Hearing - Mayjack, Inc.

Present: Mr. Robert Mayer, Secretary, Mayjack, Inc.
Mr. A. J. Focer

The Rules were suspended and tape recorders were permitted.

Mr. Aud made inquiry as to whether there were any persons present who objected to the proposed zoning, and if there were any persons present who were in favor.

Mr. A. J. Focer submitted a plat on behalf of Mayjac,, Inc. Most of the property is located on Route 235 and is zoned "commercial".

Mr. Aud stated that the applicant's request had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission with no objections and the Commissioners have no objections, and none have been registered at this meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to change the category to "commercial".

Bid Opening - Airport Hangar

Present: Mr. Robert F. Gabrelcik, Chr. Airport Committee
Mr. F. Elliott Burch, Airport Committee
Mr. Charles A. Norris, Airport Committee
Mrs. Grace Loffler, Loffler Construction, Inc.
Mr. R. D. Hoerner, Nicholson Construction
Mr. S. Melvin, Melvin Construction Co.
Mr. Robert H. Morazes, Mgr., St. Mary's County Airport
Mr. G. Boniface, Boniface & Hill Construction Co.
Mr. James K. Hill, Bonifact & Hill Construction Co.
Mr. M. Wendell, Baker & Wendell
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Downs
Mr. Harry Abell, Jr.

Mr. Aud inquired as to whether anyone present had any

questions. Since there were no questions, he proceeded with the opening of the bids.

Nicholson Construction Co., Inc.	\$181,945.00 - Bond 10% Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.
Thomas E. Downs, Inc.	\$168,064.27 - Bond, Certified Check for \$17,000.00
Melvin Construction Co., Inc.	\$163,941.00 - PASCO \$162,200.00 - STAR \$154,514.00 - ATLANTIC STEEL (Dixie) - Bond 10%, Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.
Loffler Construction, Inc.	\$155,969.00, Deduct Change Order No. 1 (Atlantic Bldg. Systems Hangar - \$2,840.00) Bond - 10%, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Co.

With deduction of Change Order No. 1, Loffler Construction Co. was the low bidder.

Proclamation - "White Cane Week"

Present: Mr. John Welch, St. Mary's County Lions Club
Mr. Bernard Beavans, St. Mary's County Lions Club

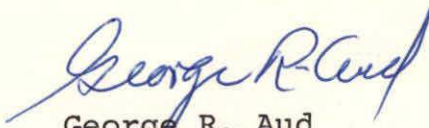
The Commissioners presented a Proclamation to Mr. John Welch and Mr. Bernard Beavan, members of the Lion's Club, designating the week of April 21 through April 30, 1972 as "White Cane Week". This Proclamation recognized the Lion's Club's outstanding support of sight conservation and urged all citizens of St. Mary's County to obtain and wear their White Cane proudly in the knowledge that they have supported this worthwhile project.

Appointment to Planning and Zoning Board

Discussion was had regarding the existing vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. John Hodges, whose term was not due to expire until December, 1974 resigned as Chairman. The terms for Mr. Joseph M. Gough and Mr. Arthur Mirfield have also expired. Mr. Aud made a motion that Mr. Francis Hewitt be appointed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. John Hodges' resignation. Mr. Bowles seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

A letter will be sent to Mr. Hewitt requesting that he accept this appointment. The Commissioners will discuss the other two vacancies and will arrive at a decision on a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.



George R. Aud
President