

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, May 16, 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, Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting came to order at 9:50 A.M.

Recreation and Parks Department Equipment

Mr. John V. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks Department stated he had requested \$1,500 in his last year's budget to purchase a bus. He needs a "Fun Wagon" to go into the poverty areas, where the children are unable to get out to the recreation areas. He also needs a bus for roller skating. He cannot make out with the bus he has for another year, and he hopes to combine these two needs. He presented a detailed report on income from roller skating at Great Mills, Chopticon and Leonardtown for the period September 28, 1971 to April 30, 1972, which showed a net income of \$6,084.19 and a balance from 1970-71 for the same event, of \$1,047.17. Swimming at the Camp Calvert Pool showed a loss in 1971 of \$1,676.46. He requested the Commissioners to advance him \$750-\$800. He needs the money to purchase a truck. There is a 1967 GMC Van with 47,000 miles on it available. It is in good shape. He would also like to purchase a "Camper Trailer" shell, with nothing in it. He would install shelves to carry the roller skates and make a window that will come down and lock for "Puppet Shows". He would like to transfer the requested funds from the account that has \$5,000 in it. It is his revolving account. The Commissioners advised that they would have the Director of Finance check into this.

Mr. Baggett was informed that the examination for the Supervisor of Recreation position had been scheduled.

The Recreation and Parks-St. Clements Shore Park recreational area agreement was signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Maintenance Man Position

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, brought the Commissioners up to date on the position of Maintenance Man. He is to get the Rating Charts from the Department of Personnel, after which the Commissioners may choose one of the top five (5) applicants.

Certificate of Recognition-Mr. John Hodges

The Commissioners requested that a Certificate of Recognition be prepared for Mr. John Hodges, together with a letter since he had resigned as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Camp St. Florence Road

Mr. Edwin Beitzell sent a request to the Commissioners to have Camp St. Florence Road changed to Gerard Cove Road. The Commissioners were of the opinion that there should be further discussion of this and that it should be advertised before the change was made. They requested that the letter be acknowledged. Mr. Bowles also suggested that Post Cards used to acknowledge correspondence, where immediate action cannot be taken.

Salary Increases for Metropolitan
Commission Employees

Admiral Thurston B. Clark appeared before the County Commissioners to discuss salary increases for the employees of the Metropolitan Commission. He informed the Commissioners that approximately a year or so ago they had approved a salary plan for the Commission, but the State has now introduced a new salary plan. He had promised the employees that they would adopt this new plan, and at their last meeting had done so. It was formerly accepted in March, but had to be taken up again at the last meeting. The increase would not be for just waste water employees, but all employees. They are sending their employees to the Community College in Charles County and when they become certified they take other jobs, so they are losing some of their employees.

The case of Mr. Harold Bracken was discussed. Admiral Clark stated that Mr. Bracken must put in the time with the Metropolitan Commission even though he has become qualified.

Admiral Clark produced a letter with the salary plan and scale outlined for employees of the Commission, which included one change from the State Scale. In the State pay scale, the step and grade raises are automatic. The Metropolitan Commission would give only the step-in-grade increases based on the Efficiency Rating of the employee.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the salary plan and it was signed by President George R. Aud.

Admiral Clark also informed the Commissioners that the Metropolitan Commission had approved the SATAV Water System.

Wicomico Yacht and Country Club

The County Commissioners also discussed with Admiral Clark the situation of the Wicomico Yacht and Country Club. Admiral Clark informed them that the State Health Department has given approval although no local approval has been given to their plan. He further stated that he had submitted a letter to Mr. John B. Norris, the Assistant County Engineer, stating the policy of the Metropolitan Commission. Admiral Clark also stated that the State Health Department has given approval. The club can install a system without consulting the County authorities, and if the Metropolitan Commission had gotten the legislation requested, this would not have happened.

There was also a short discussion on the Sanitary Districts. Mr. Bowles felt that some thought should be given as to what is done and how. Admiral Clark stated that he had sent a letter to Planning and Zoning on this subject.

Mileage Rate for Employees

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, consulted the Commissioners on the mileage rate being requested by Mr. August Wagener and Mr. John Norris of 12¢ per mile.

The Commissioners requested that the mileage reports be returned to Mr. August H. Wagener and Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., for revision at the rate of 10¢ per mile.

Abell's Wharf

Correspondence was received from the realty firm of Ruth Russell with regard to the County abandoning the public landing at Abell's Wharf. A well-known hotel chain is contemplating purchasing the property next to the wharf for recreational purposes. This matter was taken under advisement by the Commissioners.

Junked Cars at Oakville Landfill

It was reported to the Commissioners that Mr. Suter is placing junked cars at the Oakville Landfill. The Commissioners queried as to whether he was given permission to do so by the County Commissioners or the Landfill employees. Attorney Wigginton informed them that when the Landfill was opened permission was implied. Mr. "Honeyboy" Combs is willing to move

them but only with the permission of the County Commissioners. There are approximately 60 or more cars at Oakville Landfill. Mr. Guy stated that he would look into this and also would like to have the State Highway Administration notified with regard to the cars on Route 235.

Bills Approved

Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill - Point Blackistone, 7th
Election District - Cross Sections of Road area \$ 197.00

The Daily Record Company - Court of Special Appls.
Jos. Lee Dyson - CR No. 2864, Art. 5, Sec. 23 \$ 265.26

Vouchers #2061-#2098 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

George R. Aud
President