

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, July 11, 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 came to order at 9:40 A.M.

Jail Operation

Present: Sheriff Lawrence Williams
Deputy Sheriff Ronald Clark
Deputy Sheriff Charles Kerr

Sheriff Lawrence Williams conferred with the County Commissioners with reference to the operation of the jail. He stated that he is to get four men. One applicant is from the D. C. Police Department, and one from Baltimore Police Department.

Sheriff Williams stated that he would like to have four persons and would rotate each man. The applicant from Baltimore Police Department has been through Narcotics School and has just finished Fingerprint School.

Mr. Frost, who is working at the jail now, would like to become a Deputy Sheriff. Also, William Cooper, who is presently working at the Control Center, would like to come in as a Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Guy inquired how many Deputies this would give him, and he replied twenty. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Frost would go to school and two have been to school. Deputies Clark and Kerr would not be included in the shifts to work at the jail, Mr. Gatton would work a shift.

Mr. Bowles requested that the Commissioners have an opportunity to meet the new men when they are hired.

Mr. Guy inquired whether four more cars would be need. The Sheriff replied he would come to that later by using confiscated cars.

During the discussion of cars, the problems of rental cars was brought to the attention of the Commissioners. These cars have not been maintained and serviced as they should have been. Recapped tires are being used. Every time a car goes for servicing they want pay for the work.

The Sheriff further stated he can take six of the old radios when they are replaced and use them in the County. The new channel will be 4 and will not be in old cars. If they have any trouble out of the County, they would use one of the cars with the new radios.

Eight (8) radios have been ordered from General Electric with a grant from LEAA. They purchased four (4) in 1970, and these will be converted to the new channel, and this will give them twelve with all channels.

The Commissioners requested that the Sheriff provide Mr. Paul R. Raley with a list of cars that have been awarded to the Commissioners.

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, discussed gaining possession of the Jailor's house. He stated Mr. Willie Gatton is aware that the residence is going to be used as the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Willie Gatton is on vacation, will return August 4th. The Commissioners requested Attorney Wigginton write the letter to Mr. Gatton.

The Commissioners also requested Attorney Wigginton to confer with Judge Weiner with regard to amending the Court Orders so the confiscated cars may be used. The cars that will be used will be re-inspected.

Sheriff Williams also reported that the insurance on the dog purchased for narcotics work, is covered under the Commissioners' liability insurance as long as he is in the car, but if the dog is used for dog control work and is taken out of the car, he does not know. Attorney Wigginton stated that the dog is covered when Sheriff Williams is performing his duty.

Sheriff Williams stated that he would like one criminal man. If they get a break-in, the man cannot continue an investigation if he gets a call to go on another assignment. He would like one man to do the actual criminal work. The Deputy can initiate the investigation and give the details to the criminal man.

Sheriff Williams thanked the LEAA for sending him to the Convention in Palm Springs. There were 1,053 Sheriffs attending from all over the United States and the Acting Director of the FBI and a Federal Judge spoke. He found the meetings very interesting and every Sheriff in Maryland attended every meeting.

A dog kennel has been purchased for \$25.00 and has been installed at the home of Deputy Sheriff Healy.

Request to Establish a Private Landfill for Tires
by Mr. Herschel McLeod

Mr. Herschel McLeod appeared before the Commissioners and presented a letter in which he asked permission to establish a private landfill for tires and other rubbish that will not be

accepted by the County landfills.

The Commissioners said they would consider Mr. McLeod's request.

Landfill Operations

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer
Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. was to have been present at this meeting, but did not come in.

Mr. Norris had investigated Graves Road and stated he had received a letter from Attorney Joseph Ernest Bell, II, in which he said Mr. Sydnor would deed over a 40' right-of-way to the Dixon property, which would give them an entrance to their property. It would be a relocation of the roadway.

Mr. Guy inquired about Mr. Dixon's present access, and Mr. Norris stated he has access off Route 235 and also through a neighbor's property. The road is not passable even if the fence was taken down.

Mr. Norris discussed with the Commissioners additional personnel for the Office of County Engineer. Mr. Aud stated we have talked about the position of Plumbing Inspector. This person would be available for other duties.

Attorney Wigginton stated that he would like to see the entire office changed to a Department of Public Works.

Mr. Norris informed the Commissioners that he was badly in need of an extra man now. A job description would have to be written. The Commissioners agreed, subject to job description, salary and budget approval.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether these two positions were in the Budget. Attorney Wigginton advised the Plumbing Inspector is required by law, but was not in the Budget. They had budgeted for a Zoning Administrator at \$15,000. Mr. Norris requested an Inspector for Engineering Office and an Engineering Aide. Mr. Sterling was requested to write job descriptions. Mr. Bowles said a person could be employed on a temporary basis and then submit to an examination. The Commissioners unanimously approved the two positions.

Mr. Norris reported he had not been able to make complete observations of the landfills. It may be necessary to change some of the operations. The method by which they are expanding is creating a problem. What is needed at the landfill sites is on-site coverage; someone who will be there all day. A suggestion was to use one of the equipment operators. There must be some on-site supervision. Mr. Norris mentioned Mr. Howard A. Adams for this job. If he cannot be trained, it would be necessary to look for someone else. The Commissioners requested that

Mr. Norris try Mr. Adams for three months. Mr. Norris presented a list of equipment needed, and a place to store tools. Also he needed \$400 for equipment.

Mr. Norris also informed the Commissioners that he was attempting to upgrade the equipment in the office a gave them a list of items needed. The Commissioners approved up to \$1,000 for this equipment.

Mr. Norris had also talked with Captain Sullivan of The Army Corps of Engineers and requested a determination for assistance in replacing the seawall at Tall Timbers.

Mr. Paul R. Raley read a teletype from The Army Corps of Engineers with reference to assistance that the Corps will render to those devastated areas affected by the hurricane "Agnes". It was suggested that perhaps a large amount of the work at Tall Timbers could be done by the Corps.

Right-of-Way Agreement

Mr. Norris also presented a right-of-way agreement to the Commissioners from Steuart Petroleum Co. for the privilege and easement to lay, maintain and operate one or more pipe lines along Wise-St. Andrews Road. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Norris look into this.

Leasing of Space by District Court

Mr. Paul R. Raley presented a Standard State of Maryland Lease Form to the Commissioners, which he had received from Chief Judge Robert F. Sweeney, for the leasing of space in the Courthouse by District Court for 2,367 square feet, at the rental of \$641.06 per month. The Commissioners approved said lease and same was signed.

Bills Approved

David M. Gruber & Co. - 1972 Tax Levy	\$8,000.00	
Direct Costs- 1972 Tax Billing	<u>928.59</u>	\$8,928.59
Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp. \$	856.62	
Materials - St. Geo's. Is. Bulkhead	<u>182.00</u>	\$1,038.62
Mileage Report for period May 1st thru June 30 for Mr. August H. Wagener		\$ 291.60
Expense Report - Mileage, Mr. John B. Norris, Jr.	\$	62.80
Expense Report for Mr. John B. Norris, Jr. Resource Conservation & Development Project Measures Tour		\$ 116.14
Maryland Assn. of Counties - Dues and Assessments		\$2,207.00

Loker & Wigginton, Attorneys-at-Law, for Professional Services - June, 1972	\$ 949.00
Beavin Co. - Engineers & Surveyors - Services of Professional & Technical Personnel	\$ 303.00
Ted Stroud Concrete, Inc. - Replacing concrete curbing, Coral Place & Tulagi Place	\$2,780.00
Delahay's Pile Driving Service: Tall Timbers Erosion District - Work Completed July 1st, 1972 Payroll	\$2,034.18
" June 24th, 1972 "	<u>800.00</u>
	\$2,834.18
J. Lloyd Bowen - Clerk of Circuit Court Calvert County, Michael R. Cooper, et al v. Charlotte Hall Military Academy	\$1,634.00
Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. - Hours at Landfills & Dumps, May, 1972 - 23 hrs. @ \$6.19	142.37
June, 1972 - 28 " " "	<u>173.32</u>
	\$ 315.69

Vouchers #2457-#2533 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.
Vouchers #2534-#2533 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Mr. Paul R. Raley submitted a bill from Mrs. Betty Lacey,
in the amount of \$262.50 for laying hens that had been destroyed
by dogs.

The Commissioners held their monthly PRESS CONFERENCE

Board of Education Request

Present: Dr. Robert E. King, Superintendent
Mr. Henry J. Kanowicz

Dr. King and Mr. Kanowicz requested an appointment with the
Commissioners in order to request the \$156,493.00, which they so
badly need. The Commissioners advanced them \$50,000 with the
understanding that the balance would be paid at a later date.

Roads

Present: Mr. Douglas Bond, Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer

Mr. Bond came in to see the Commissioners with reference
to the electric bills for the Flashing Red Light at Cedar Lane
and Route 5. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Norris to take
all the bills for this light and get the matter cleared up.

Mr. Bond also spoke about Mr. Ridgell's septic tank. Mr.
Norris had inspected this and stated that it was pretty well
smashed, as a result of the St. Andrews Road construction. Mr.

Ridgell has had it out twice and is still having trouble. He is asking that the County purchase the tank for approximately \$100-\$150 and he will install it.

Mr. Bowles suggested that Mr. Norris prepare a letter with reference to the work to be done, relieving the County of any further liability.

Mr. Bond inquired if there were any additional roads to be placed on the oiling schedule. He was informed that Golden Thompson Road should have work done on it, but there are roads in worse condition.

Mr. Aud requested that Mr. Bond have the bushes cut back on Chancellors Run Road; also cut bushes on St. Peters Claver Road off Seaside Park Road, and if necessary, do both sides.

Mr. Raley reported Rev. Louis C. Brooks, pastor of St. Marks Church, Happyland, Valley Lee, Maryland would like to install a water line across Happyland Road. He will not destroy any portion of the roadbed. Mr. Norris was instructed to look into this and advise.

Public Landing - Abell's Wharf

Present: Mr. Earl A. Snyder, Ruth Russell Realty, Inc.
Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Dick Myers, WKIK

Mr. Russell requested to appear before the County Commissioners with reference to the tract of waterfront property formerly owned by C. Benedict Greenwell and now owned by his clients, who are concerned about the public landing next to this property at Abell's Wharf.

Mr. Snyder stated that his clients would like to purchase this public landing to use in conjunction with their anticipated Recreational Vehicle Park. He said the present wharf is somewhat of an eyesore and they would make improvements.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to what other interest would be there other than the recreational park and Mr. Snyder replied none.

Mr. Aud inquired as to whether the public would still be able to use the wharf to which Mr. Snyder replied yes, but there would be a charge.

Attorney Wigginton explained that Abell's Wharf is the oldest public landing in the County and it is used continuously by the Countians.

The County Commissioners informed him that they would take this matter under advisement.

Bid Opening - 1/2 Ton Pickup Truck for
State Highway Administration

The following bids were received for the 1/2 ton pickup truck:

	<u>Without Trade-In</u>	<u>With Trade-In</u>
McKay Implement & Truck Co., Inc.	\$3,075.00	\$2,075.00
Bell Motor Company	\$2,898.00	\$2,451.65
Fenwick Ford	\$3,671.60	\$2,870.00

The successful bidder will be notified at a later date.

Tall Timbers Seawall

Present: Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Mr. Ronald Delahay, Delahay's Pile Driving Service

Mr. Delahay came in to discuss with the Commissioners the rebuilding of the seawall at Tall Timbers. Mr. Wagener explained to the Commissioners how the work might be done. He submitted a letter in detail regarding the work, which letter is on file.

Mr. Delahay explained that heavier equipment and larger cranes would be necessary if the wall was to be put in correctly. This would run around \$175,000. If a new wall went in, there is part of an old concrete jetty that would have to be taken out. Also, some backfilling would have to be done immediately. He stated they were within their limits of the amount of money to be spent until the storm.

The 559 lineal feet of old wall is about eighteen years old and there were no tie backs used.

Mr. Aud requested that Mr. Wagener and Mr. Norris attempt to get an answer for them from the Office of Emergency Preparedness with regard to the \$100,000 for this work.

Mr. Wagener was instructed to revise his estimates if he feels it will take \$50,000 more than the \$100,000.

Dukeharts Creek

Mr. Wagener discussed with the Commissioners the 200'x400' area in Dukeharts Creek which the people living in that area would like to have dredged out. He said that Mr. Wilson stated it would be around \$20,000 to extend the dredging to this point. Mr. Phipps of CBA had informed him that there was no money in the budget to do this extra dredging, and there was no way he would be involved in this deal. If the County wanted to do it

on their own, all right.

Mr. Guy questioned the cost of the extension in comparison with the cost of the turning basin.

Mr. Aud suggested Mr. Wagener discuss the costs again with the contractor and inform him his figure is too high and ask him to cut back on the width.

Leaks in Emergency Operations Center Building

Present: Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director

Mr. Wood discussed with the Commissioners the leaks in the building. Mr. Bowles suggested that Mr. Wood contact a responsible contractor and secure prices. He felt Mr. Carl Loffler could make an inspection of the work to be done and the corrective methods to be used, and submit an estimate.

Langley Trailer Park

A letter was read from the Planning & Zoning Commission wherein the Commission had granted approval for fifteen (15) additional spaces for the Langley Trailer Park. The Commissioners granted their approval for the fifteen (15) spaces pending the approval of other agencies involved.

Watershed - Site #1

Present: Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. John Hall of Soil Conservation Service came in to see the Commissioners about the negotiations for land rights in Site #1 of the Watershed. There is one person who has not been negotiated with at all for the Jones heir tract. They are hoping to get all land bought and the project started by the end of the summer. He stated that there are still nine (9) tracts to be purchased. He will talk with Attorney Wigginton with reference to the deeds and easements. The properties of Messrs. Combs and Owens needs firming up. Mr. Owens will want extra compensation for losing water rights for his pigs. He was asked if he would be willing to accept \$200 an acre.

Mr. Hall also stated that Mr. Irving Hewitt was satisfied with the price offered, but not satisfied about the land that they want to take.

Mr. Hall informed the Commissioners that Mr. Louis Phipps would like to have the Commissioners forward a letter to him immediately requesting someone from his office to make an inspection of the damage at Tall Timbers. Mr. Phipps also stated that the Commissioners should make the repairs at Colton's Point and they will pay up to \$5,000.

Mr. Hall further stated that they were having a little difficulty with Messrs. Clark, Combs and Norris and he would like Mr. John V. Baggett and Mr. James Henderson to talk with these people. The Commissioners were in favor of them negotiating with them and told him to follow through on this procedure.

Mr. Aud informed Mr. Hall that the Commissioners had received a copy of the revised Watershed Work Plan Agreement.

Mr. Hall stated that farm product relocation costs would have to be added to the price of the land. Mr. Owens will probably be the only person affected by this since he is losing additional land.

Mr. Hall stated that Soil Conservation Service in connection with R.C. & D. has developed a regional soil map and would like to present it to the Commissioners.

Budgeting & Accounting System of County

Present: Mr. John A. Donaho, John A. Donaho & Associates
Mr. John Inman, John A. Donaho & Associates

Mr. Donaho requested an appointment with the County Commissioners in order to discuss with them the budgeting and accounting systems of the County. He brought with him samples of the budget documents of Carroll County, also sample documents of Baltimore County, explaining the uniformed justification of accounts. With this you will always know where you stand. It includes Budget Accounts and Reporting. To get such a thing requires Budget instructions. This would also include a Five-Year Capital Budget Program.

Attorney Wigginton asked how that would tie up persons coming in office other years. Mr. Donaho stated that it would be for the first year and then adjustments would necessarily be made for each year.

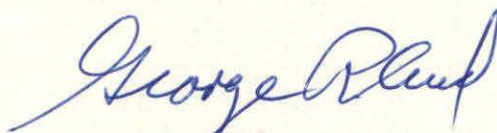
Mr. Donaho advised that this is something that should be done regardless of whether you go to Charter Government or not. He also stated that if Charter Government is adopted, the County Commissioners would have very little time to adopt this. \$70,000 would be his fee for setting this up. It would not require any additional personnel except a Budget Officer. He suggested that some of the work could be done at the Charles County Community College, which is used by the Board of Education. It would take approximately ten or eleven months to do this.

Appointment to Commission on Aging

The County Commissioners suggested Miss A. Hope Swann to be

Chairman for the Commission on Aging, and instructed that a letter of request be sent to her.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George R. Aud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

George R. Aud
President