

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, July 18, 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)  
 Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
 Dick Myers, WKIK  
 Patty Muchow, WPTX  
 Susan Dunn, St. Mary's Beacon

The meeting came to order at 10:00 A.M.

Internal matters were discussed by the Commissioners during the morning session.

RoadsTrash Barrels

Present: Mrs. Erva McKinney, CLEAN  
 Mrs. Betsy Barley, CLEAN

Mrs. McKinney stated that they came in to talk with the County Commissioners about the 14 barrels the Navy gave them over a year ago. They are at the State Roads Garage. Commander Rubble had called her and wanted to know what they are going to do with the barrels. She requested that they be placed along 28 miles of Route 5. She explained that the "Jaycees" will put up a sign stating that the barrels will be placed every two miles to be used by the motorists for their litter.

Mrs. McKinney stated that Mr. Douglas Bond requested they advertise on the sign and on the radio that the barrels are for car trash only.

Mr. Aud suggested that they put the barrels out, and if the people put their home garbage in them, we might have to discontinue emptying them. They should try it for awhile and perhaps it will work itself out. He would talk with Mr. Douglas Bond and if he did not agree to it, they would have a private trash company empty them.

Hermanville Road

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer  
 Mr. Robert Stevens  
 Mr. Maurice Dixon

Mr. Stevens requested an appointment with the County Commissioners to discuss the condition of Hermanville Road, and to request that repairs be made. He produced photos he had taken in 1970, 1971 and June, 1972.

Mr. Stevens said he could use this road going to work instead of Great Mills Road if it were in passable condition. There are about 50 persons living on this road. Also 4 school buses come to the end of the passable section, turn around and go back out. Bus #45 loads at the point of turn around and then goes to Park Hall School. Two other buses are loaded at Carver Heights, go through Willows Road to Park Hall School.

Mr. Stevens further stated that about 514 persons from the Navy Base would use this road going to and from work, which would relieve the conditions on Great Mills Road. The use of Hermanville Road would be of great advantage to these people. Also those persons living on this road have a much longer trip when they have to come to Leonardtown by use of Route 235.

Mr. Stevens said he rents a farm and is inconvenienced in taking his machinery to the farm. Rights-of-ways have been given for this road, and as surveyed, would be a straight road, except at one point. It would be more profitable to construct the road as outlined. He had Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. to inspect the road and Mr. Raley thought it could be constructed for approximately \$30,000-\$40,000. The State looked at it and quoted a price of \$200,000. If the road is not build within three years, there is one owner who wants the property he donated returned to him.

Mr. Aud was of the opinion that if the road was built, it would take some of the traffic off Route 235.

Mr. Maurice Dixon stated he offered to donate the gravel to Mr. Douglas Bond. He also thinks he has another spot where he can secure gravel. He will do this if the County is going to build the road, but not if a private contractor is going to do it.

Mr. Aud informed them that the Commissioners would give them an answer within two weeks.

#### Cooksey Swamp Road

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Assistant County Engineer, said a petition was received from residents of Golden Beach, who would like this road opened. It is the section that goes to Benedict. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Norris contact Charles County authorities and see would they be interested in opening their section.

Three Coves Road

Col. R. R. Boyer requested that the bushes be cut on this road near Forest Landing Road.

Kitts Point

Present: Mr. Victor R. Reynolds  
Mr. Frank Seyer  
Mr. Arthur (Buck) Briscoe  
Miss Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon

Mr. Reynolds informed the Commissioners that he has approval from all the State Agencies and the Navy people, also Economic Development Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission. Also Mr. Norris of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission was quite impressed with his plans and invited him to their meeting at Solomons Island on July 14th. Persons at this meeting stated he had one of the finest treatment facilities for anywhere in the County. He had been invited to come to Charles County and explain the project. Mr. Coulter of the Department of Natural Resources had told him it was a good project. He had also spoken to Mr. Benjamin Beavin, this morning.

The Commissioners were also informed by Mr. Reynolds that since he was down the last time, he has gone further to improve the sewerage plant. He changed the sewerage system altogether. The purpose of this is that there would be 24 hours holding for use in case there would be a breakdown in the plant. He would hold the raw sewerage and it would be aerated. This would be done in a 24-hour, 200,000 gallon pond with fish in it.

Mr. Reynolds said that for the point of discharge they proposed to go into the Potomac River at 12 feet of water at low tide. It would just touch the point of a few oyster bars, but none of these have been producing oysters for years. The discharge of affluent would not affect any of these beds.

Mr. Frank Seyer stated that the regulation of discharge could be so that it would be only on outgoing tides. He was told that the incoming tide is on the top and outgoing on the bottom. He also stated that he does not believe that any other persons coming into St. Mary's County have done their homework as well as they have. He further stated that they have spent between \$75,000-\$85,000 to put this project together.

Mr. Reynolds told the Commissioners he is willing to put up a guarantee that all bulkheading, roads, water and sewerage would be put in before any land was sold. Also, that this is just a land development. A commercial marina would be built the first year. The condominiums would probably be built by an outside company. He would be willing to enter into a joint venture with someone to build home, if he were asked to build them.

When asked by Mr. Bowles why the Watermen did not attend the meeting at Solomons Island, Mr. Reynolds stated he did not know, but intended to ask Mr. David Sayre if he might speak to the Association. Mr. Reynolds left a plat of the proposed development to be posted in the Courthouse.

Bills Approved

Nat'l. Assn. of Counties - County Membership Fee beginning Oct. 1, 1972, ending Sept. 30, 1973	\$ 309.00
Southern Md. Wood Treating Corp. - Assorted Materials	\$ 814.72
Baker-Wendell, Inc. - Reproductions of Specifications and Drawings	\$ 214.58
Baker-Wendell, Inc. - Professional Services in connection with County Airport Hanger	<u>\$2,819.00</u> \$ 3,033.58
St. Mary's Hospital - 50% share of costs for installation of incinerator	\$ 6,566.63
County Commissioners of Charles County - 37-1/2% share of costs for operating Animal Shelter	\$ 2,178.15
So. Md. Regional Library Assn. - One-half of appropriation for St. Mary's County Memorial Library	\$ 39,542.00
Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. - Purchases for Airport (KINDLY INFORM THEM THAT WE DO NOT PAY LATE CHARGES)	\$ 45.92
Mr. August H. Wagener - Mileage for consultation trip to Dept. of Natural Resources, Annapolis Md., pertaining to dredging in Dukeharts Creek	\$ 19.30
Mr. John V. Baggett - Transfer of funds to pur- chase P. A. System	\$ 1,300.00

Vouchers #2593-#2636 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Presentation of Soil Map

Present: Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation Service  
Gen. Robert Hogaboom  
Mr. Francis E. Hewitt  
Mr. James B. Beavan, Resource Conservation &  
Development Projects  
Mr. J. Francis Knott  
Mr. R. Johns Dixon  
Mr. Sam Bailey, Jr.

Mr. Joseph M. Gough  
Mr. Jack Clifford  
Mr. Dick Hall

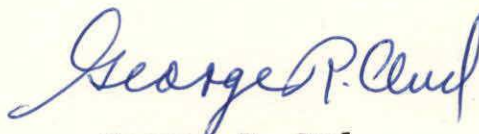
Mr. James B. Beavan was spokesman for the group. He stated they were here to present the Soil Maps to the County Commissioners and Planning & Zoning Commission. The maps are designed for land use planning.

The purpose and use of the map was explained by Mr. Jack Clifford. He stated that persons should go to the Soil Conservation Service before purchasing land and they will know whether it will take a "perc" test.

Mr. Francis Knott stated that the primary functions of Resource Conservation & Development Board are to take care of our natural resources and our local economy. A Tri-County Board was formed last year.

Mr. John Hall stated that they hoped the people who develop the comprehensive plan for the county would use it in developing land use patterns. It is the most accurate general soil map in the country and one of the newest. It uses an interpretative method developed by the State Soil Science Division.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.



George R. Aud  
President