

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 1972

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles  
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
 Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney  
 Cecelia B. Adams (Mrs.), Recording

Tri-County Council

Present: Dr. John Mills, Director  
 Mr. John Parran, Chairman  
 Mr. J. Frank Raley, Jr., Member

Dr. Mills advised the Commissioners that because of the recent change in legislation, the St. Mary's County Commissioners must select one member at large to serve on the Tri-County Council. This persons' name will be submitted to the legislative delegation for their approval.

Dr. John Mills also discussed the APO Certification with the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requiring a Citizens Advisory Committee of which St. Mary's County will have six members. This membership is needed as soon as possible.

King Kennedy Estates Entrance Road

Present: Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer  
 Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer  
 Mr. Clarke Raley, Miss Christie Selph and  
 Mr. Jack Kershaw and Mr. Richard Meyers

Mr. Clarke Raley appeared before the Commissioners representing a client, Mr. David Jarboe, of Great Mills, Maryland. Mr. Raley explained that in September of 1971 the SATAV organization had engaged his client to pave the entrance road to King Kennedy Estates and the proposal provided that the paving would be done in accordance with County specifications. Upon completion, the work would be inspected by the County Engineer and the Maintenance Engineer of the State Highway Administration. The work began in November of 1971 and was completed in April of 1972. Mr. Douglas Bond of the State Highway Administration notified Mr. David Jarboe that the paving met with his approval. Mr. Raley continued stating that as his client had been contracted



to put this road in, they had been entitled to \$2,650.00 since April of 1972. His clients' request is that the County stop holding up payment of the money that is due and owed to him.

Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, stated that the road had been graded and graveled and was inspected that way. Since then the road has been surface treated and is not holding up. The patches put in the road after the utilities were installed are sinking. Mr. Norris continued stating that the entrance has pot holes that are six to eight inches deep and four to eight inches wide. The gravel is beginning to come through. The money is being held in an escrow account until such a time as they make the necessary repairs. Mr. Douglas Bond of the State Highway Administration has gone with Mr. Norris to inspect the site recently and agrees with Mr. Norris.

Mr. Clarke Raley stated that there may be other money in the escrow account for seeding, sodding, etc., but this is not Mr. Jarboe's contract. He stated that Mr. Jarboe's original proposal was dated September 13, 1971 and read 1,200 linear feet of road double surface treated according to County specifications for the amount of \$2,560.00.

Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, stated that he could not approve the road in its present condition and to date an approval has not been given by the County Engineer's Office to release any of the money being held in the escrow account with Planning and Zoning.

#### ½ Ton Pick-Up Truck Bid

The Commissioners reviewed the bids opened on July 11, 1972 for the purchase of one ½ ton pick-up truck to be used by the State Highway Administration. It was unanimously agreed to award the bid to McKay Implement and Truck Company, the low bidder, for their bid with trade-in of \$2,075.00. A letter to this effect will be sent to the successful bidder.

#### Trash at St. George Island Bridge

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, reported that she had received a complaint regarding trash and debris being dumped at the St. George Island Bridge. Mr. John Norris was requested to contact Mr. Douglas Bond of the State Highway Administration, requesting him to install a "No Littering" sign.



### Watershed Work Plan Agreement #1

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, presented copies of a review draft of the supplemental Watershed Work Plan and a Draft supplemental Watershed Work Plan Agreement which would incorporate certain provisions and the updatings of project costs and benefits for the St. Mary's River Watershed. These documents have been sent to the Commissioners for their review and comments, if any, so that they might be considered in the preparation of the final documents.

### Bills Approved

The following bills were approved for payment by the Commissioners present: Commissioners Bowles and Guy.

State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in the amount of \$25,482.00, for the quarterly billing required for local appropriation for hospital in-patient services.

Andrew McWilliams, in the amount of \$72.50, for mileage tabulation report of 725 miles @ \$.10 mile.

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, in the amount of \$2,473.00, for work completed at the Tall Timbers Erosion District.

### Highway Safety Administration-Annual Work Program

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, presented a letter from the office of the Highway Safety Coordinator, which stated that St. Mary's County is required to submit an annual work program for fiscal year 1974 to their office in order to obtain Maryland's share of the Federal Highway Safety funds.

All agencies desiring to participate in the program will have to furnish their office with a preliminary estimate of their federal funding requirements for fiscal year 1974.

The Commissioners requested that this letter be referred to Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, requesting that he give them a report on same.

### Camps Program Membership

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, presented a



letter from Mr. Myron V. Wotring, Regional Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The letter stated that he is charged with obtaining proper representation of their staff in the CAMPS activity of each of the Counties involved. He nominated Mr. Frank Combs, rehabilitation counselor in Leonardtown, to represent his agency in the CAMPS program. The Commissioners requested an appointment be scheduled for Mr. Combs to meet with them to discuss this possibility.

#### Emergency Operation Center-Air Conditioner

Present: Mr. Carroll Morgan and Mr. Otis Wood

Mr. Morgan stated that since the Emergency Operations Center has been having operating difficulties with the air-conditioning system, he had the engineering factory representatives in the area yesterday. Mr. Morgan stated that these representatives quoted him a price of \$2,867.00 for replacing certain parts of the system. They also quoted him a price of \$5,156.00 for installing an entirely new system. Acid has built up and after certain replacement parts are added, it could be two months or two weeks before the compressor might be in need of replacing.

Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, stated that it sounded as if they were not getting adequate cooling in the heat exchanger. Mr. Morgan stated that the problem was caused mainly because there is a leak in the chiller where gas enters.

Mr. Norris will meet with Mr. Morgan in the morning and they will review the situation. Mr. Norris will report his findings to the Commissioners.

#### Volunteer Fire Departments (Executive Session)

Present: Mr. Al Raley, Mr. J. H. Raley, Mr. Luther Copsey, Mr. William H. Simpson, Mr. J. F. Mattingly, Mr. S. B. Vallandingham, Mr. Robert G. Dean, Sr., Mr. George McWilliams III, Mr. Otis Wood, Mr. Gregory Adams, Mr. Robert G. Dean, Jr., Mr. John Bailey, States Attorney, Mr. Fred Burris and Sheriff Lawrence Williams.

Mr. George McWilliams, III, Chairman of the group, requested an executive session. The executive session began at approximately 3:00 P.M. and lasted until 3:45 P.M. Following the Commissioners' executive session, the Commissioners resumed their regular meeting scheduled. It was unanimously agreed by both Commissioners present, to provide funds to the Sheriff's Department on an emergency basis



to cover the expenses of additional deputies to work overtime if necessary in order to provide sufficient police protection at the local fire department carnival activities.

Personnel, County Engineer's Office

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

Mr. Sterling stated that Mr. Norris was requesting two new personnel in his office (an inspector and an aide). He inquired as to whether the Commissioners were in favor of transferring money from the Planning and Zoning funds for their proposed administrator (zoning) to be applied to the new positions in the Engineer's Office.

Mr. Bowles stated that Mr. Norris was to confer with Mr. Sterling and prepare the job descriptions for the personnel discussed. This would then be forwarded to the Commissioner of Personnel for evaluation and corrections from which they would determine the salary scale. Then the Commissioners would be in a position to discuss the money involved.

Mr. Sterling requested Mr. Norris to gather information pertaining to the necessary job descriptions since he was in a position to do so.

Termination of Contract-August H. Wagener

The Commissioners requested a letter to be written to Mr. August H. Wagener, who will terminate his contract with the County on July 31, 1972 as County Engineer. This letter is to thank Mr. Wagener for his services and to wish him continued success in his endeavors.

Board of Education Budget

Mr. Sterling reported that he had received the Board of Education budget which Mr. John Little, Auditor, was in the process of reviewing.

Mr. Bowles requested that prior to the Commissioners signing same, a statement be added to the effect that it was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in so far as local funds are concerned and in accordance with the budget adopted for St. Mary's County and that said statement be cer-



tified by Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance and Mr. John Little, Auditor.

#### Recreation and Parks-Mileage Reports

Mr. Sterling reported that Mr. Al Barthelme of Recreation and Parks was paid an annual sum of \$1,000.00 for his mileage expenses. The new employee, Mr. Ed Atkins, is not being paid in the same manner since he is submitting a mileage report to be paid for 10¢ per mile. Mr. Sterling inquired as to whether the Commissioners would be in favor of paying Mr. Atkins under the same arrangement.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Mr. Atkins should continue submitting regular expense reports. They also requested that Mr. Al Barthelme be informed that he will no longer continue to be paid this fixed amount for mileage. He must also submit a regular mileage expense report.

#### Appointment to Nursing Home Board

Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr. requested that Miss Harriet Reeder of Morganza, accept appointment to the St. Mary's County Nursing Home Board to fill the vacancy created when the term of Mrs. Elberta Hayden expired.

#### Solid Waste Plan Environmental Services

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, presented a letter from the Department of Environmental Services regarding the County's Solid Waste Plan. She inquired as to whether the Commissioners wanted to make application to Mr. Shields at the Department of Environmental Services, for federal funds.

Mr. Bowles suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to the firm of Henningson, Durham and Richardson, who have been employed to compile a Solid Waste Plan for the Tri-County area. This copy should be accompanied by a letter requesting them to provide Mr. Shields with information requested at their earliest possible convenience.

The Commissioners requested a letter be sent to Mr. Shield's

Office, advising him that St. Mary's County wishes to be included in their application to EPA for financial assistance and we have so advised the firm of Henningson, Durham and Richardson to make themselves available to Mr. Shield's Office.

It was agreed that both Mr. Bowles' and Mr. Guy's suggestions would be done.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George R. Aud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

George R. Aud  
President