

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, October 31, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President  
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner  
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer  
Judith D. Bowles, Recording Secretary  
Patty Muchow, WPTX  
Jack Kershaw, The Enterprise

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A. M.

The minutes of October 17, 1972 were read, amended and approved.

Maryland Public School Construction Program - Board of Education

Present: Dr. Robert E. King, Jr., Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. James Raley

Dr. King stated the Board of Education would like the approval of the Commissioners for the proposed budget for State funding of certain school construction projects.

Mr. James Raley stated that this request was for the 1974 Fiscal year. He added that the Board of Education needed the Commissioner's approval of the Construction Program as presented to the Commissioners and their signatures on a resolution that was prepared by the Board of Education.

Mr. Raley went on to explain the Summary of Local Education Agency Project requests, item by item.

Commissioner Bowles questioned the heading on item No. 6, entitled, "Outside Funds," and asked why the heading could not be changed to read "Outside Funds not Public Local Funds." Commissioner Bowles stated that he would like this clarified because after the Commissioners have completed their terms of office he did not want anyone to misconstrue that the Commissioners had approved these monies. He wished this clarified to the point so that it is clearly understood by anyone that the Board of County Commissioners was not approving public local funding.

Commissioner Bowles wished the resolution changed to reflect this feeling as well as a notation on the bottom of the Summary of Local Education Agency Project Requests to read, "Not a binding commitment of funds by the County Commissioners."

Dr. King replied that they would make the statement a footnote at the bottom of the resolution as well as the Summary.

The Board of County Commissioners instructed the Board of Education to make the necessary changes to the resolution and the summary after which time they would sign them.

#### Office Space - Drug Abuse Administration

Present: Brother Farrell McCarthy

Brother Farrell stated that they were having difficulty obtaining a site for the drug center and added that the Commissioners did sign an agreement with the Drug Abuse Administration as being responsible for office space. Brother Farrell stated that he came in to see the Commissioners to advise them of what was going on and see what the County was willing to do as far as office space was concerned. Commissioner Aud asked Brother Farrell if he had a particular site in mind. Brother Farrell stated that they were not impressed with the Radar Gap Filler site. He went on to say that they would like to find a place where they would not pay rent, and perhaps someone who was civic minded would give them a place or perhaps a trailer. He stated they needed two office areas for private counseling, and a trailer could fulfill that purpose.

Attorney Wigginton asked Brother Farrell where they would place a trailer if they could obtain one. Brother Farrell stated that he did not know that he was meeting with Dr. King to see what they could come up with.

Brother Farrell stated that the Felix Johnson property belonged to the Board of Education, but it was too close to the police station and would inhibit the patrons enormously. Brother Farrell asked if the County would be willing to pay rent if it comes to that. Commissioner Bowles stated that he was agreeable as were the other Commissioners. Brother Farrell stated that the man that would head the office here in St. Mary's County would be paid \$14,000.00 a year and the State is going to be very interested in seeing the condition of the office he would occupy.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the County has property on St. Andrew's Church Road and a mobile home could be purchased and placed on the property with proper sewerage facilities installed. Commissioner Aud suggested that he could also get some figures from Gibraltar Homes and that Brother Farrell could come back to the Commissioners with some priorities.

#### 24 Hour Hotline

Brother Farrell stated they were having some problems with the telephone company to eliminate toll calls. Commissioner Guy asked Brother Farrell, on the basis of use, would it be con-

ceivable to put in an 800 number. Commissioner Bowles advised Brother Farrell to advise the telephone company that they want a toll free number. Brother Farrell advised that Mr. Cox, Executive Secretary to the Youth Commission, could not get anywhere with the telephone company. Commissioner Bowles suggested that he call Mr. Bernard Beavin to see if he can assist.

### Bills Approved

David M. Gruber - Balance due on school board	
"    "    "    budget .....	\$ 4500.00
"    "    "    - Second Qtr. Fiscal year .....	2250.00
Sheriff, Prince George's County - Service Fee .....	5.00
Mr. Photo, Travel to Hermanville Road, by Forest Road Cornfield Harbor Bridge, St. Geo. Island and Bishop Bridge .....	15.00
17 - 8 x 10 prints at \$2.00 ea. ....	34.00
Travel to St. Geo. Island and photo .....	46.00
Bulkheading damage result of Agnes, travel and photo (tape recorder case) .....	11.00
The Enterprise - 1,000 four page charters .....	50.00
Insurance Buyer's Council - Service contract ending 7-31-73 .....	600.00
Historical Society - Monthly office expense .....	416.66
Repairs to County Docl at Tall Timbers check payable to Tall Timbers Vacation Club and Marina .....	533.64
Delahay's Pile Driving Service - Tall Timbers Erosion District - Work Schedule week of Sept. 25-29..	1920.80
Work Schedule week of Oct. 2 - 6 .....	1751.85
Work Schedule week of Oct. 9-13 .....	4060.31
Work schedule week of Oct. 16-20 .....	1696.00
Work schedule week of Oct. 23-27 .....	1950.00
Frank A. Combs Insurance Agency - Sheriff's Bond ..	93.00
Charles A. Norris - Fee Cr. 2671 .....	500.00

### Resolutions Signed by the County Commissioners

Resolution No. 72-38, Subj.: Admission and Amusement Tax of 2%, effective January 1, 1973.\*

Resolution No. 72-36, Subj.: Center Gardens Tax Abatement abating real estate taxes for the year 1971/72.

Resolution No. 72-37, Subj.: Center Gardens Tax Credit for taxable year 72/73.

\*Commissioner Bowles was in favor of a 4% Admission and Amusement Tax; however, Commissioner President Aud and Commissioner Guy were in favor of a 2% Admission and Amusement Tax.

Roadside Stabilization

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the State Highway Administration indicated they would need \$1000.00 for transportation services under the Roadside Stabilization Program. He added that he understood that the Commissioners would provide this amount.

Commissioner Bowles asked if this would come out of the construction fund or the maintenance fund. Mr. Norris replied that it would come under maintenance. Commissioner Bowles added that he was in favor of this amount providing it was only for use on St. Mary's County roads.

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the \$1000 expenditure to be taken out of our maintenance fund.

Transfer of \$10,000 from Landfill Account to BW Account

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners approval of a \$10,000 transfer from the landfill account to the BW account.

The County Commissioners unanimously approved of the transfer.

Temporary Employee - Office of the County Engineer

Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, requested the Commissioners approval of the first week's salary for the temporary employee working in his office. Mr. Norris requested approval for a \$2.00 an hour wage and when the employee becomes more proficient he would request that he be paid \$2.50 an hour with a mileage allowance of .10 a mile.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to Mr. Norris recommendation and approved the first week's wages for the new employee.

Maryland State Police - Future Building Site for Headquarters of State Police in St. Mary's County at the Fairgrounds

Present: Colonel Cook, Lt. Cumberland and Sgt. Muchow

Colonel Cook stated that the property south of Leonardtown was a beautiful site in that it was centrally located in the County. He added that the land passed the percolation test and everything appears in order. However, at the present time

it is not planned that the State Police would build here that it would be sometime in the future, and added that the priorities could change. Col. Cooke stated that the Maryland State Police did not plan to build on this particular site before 1980 and states that there is every possibility that it could happen sooner than this, but it would be nice to know that this property was available.

Commissioner Aud asked how many acres they would need for their headquarters. Col. Cook replied they would need four acres which would be taken at the intersection of Rte. 5 and Fairgrounds Rd. He also added that the parking from the fairgrounds would not interfere and they would not interfere with the fairgrounds parking.

Commissioner Bowles suggested that an agreement be drawn up with the State Police with a reversion clause; however, the County would need an effective date. Col. Cook replied that it would be ten years and added that from the County's point of view this may be too long. Commissioner Aud stated that the Commissioners wanted to cooperate with them. Commissioner Guy stated that a reversion clause should be added that in the event that the State Police did not want the property in ten years it would revert back to the County.

The Commissioners advised Col Cook that after they consulted with the Fair Board they would a letter of intent to Col. Thomas S. Smith at Pikesville, Maryland.

State Roads Resolutions signed by the Commissioner President, George R. Aud.

1. Children at Play sign at Rte. 472 - Cape St. Mary's
2. 40 mph on Rte. 472
3. Children at Play sign at Morgan Road in Hollywood
4. 30 mph on Morgan Road

Melody Acres - Bond

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the bond in the amount of \$45,000 in the subdivision known as Melody Acres in the 5th Election District.

Principals of said bond are Willism S. Lawrence and Anne Fowler Lawrence. The sureties of said bond are Warren E. Barley Sarah Barley and Walter Wise.

Golden Beach Road

Present: Mrs. Henderson  
Mr. Jerry Day, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Douglas Bond, State Highway Administration  
Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mrs. Henderson stated that she would like to have something done about her driveway that it was a disaster after the new road was put in. She stated that she lived on Golden Beach Road 9/10 of a mile off of Route 5. Her main complaint was that the view was entirely blocked making it hazardous coming out onto the main road. Before the road was built the driveway was completely level and she had a beautiful driveway and now she has a hill and gullies. She added that she had another driveway by a barn on her property and had to stop using it. Commissioner Guy asked Mrs. Henderson if her home had a fence around it. Mrs. Henderson replied that it did and the fence has had to be moved.

Mr. Norris stated that Mrs. Henderson had talked to him and to Mr. Day with the State Highway Administration. Mr. Norris felt that the air needed to be cleared and see what arrangements the County could make. He stated that he could not find anything in reference to the road in so far as construction was concerned. Commissioner Bowles asked Mrs. Henderson if she knew where the road would be before she signed the right of way. Mrs. Henderson stated that she would not sign the right of way and stated that Mr. Elliott Burch told her it would be for the betterment of the community if she would sign the right of way, so she talked her husband into signing the right of way agreement and now she felt they got the raw end of the deal.

Mr. Day remarked that last Spring he had met with Mrs. Herderson and the facts are as she had explained. The road was constructed eight to ten years ago and Mr. Day and Mr. Bond had nothing to do with it, it was constructed at the time Tom Hall was in the County.

Commissioner Bowles asked what the difference in the road was now in elevation. Mr. Day stated that it was six or seven feet higher. He added that Mrs. Henderson would like to have the bank cut down and the driveway leveled and the only thing the State Highway Administration could do was to cut down the bushes. Mrs. Henderson added that she told Mr. Bond the cutting down the bushes did not help and stated that she couldn't even get a tractor on the slope.

Mr. Day replied that the road was built according to plans and specifications. Commissioner Bowles asked how much it would cost to correct the situation. Mr. Day stated that it would cost anywhere from \$8000 to \$10,000. Commissioner Bowles asked Mrs. Henderson if she knew that the elevation of the road would change. Mrs. Henderson replied that she did not. Commissioner Bowles asked Mrs. Henderson if the County had made any agreement with her on the grade. Mrs. Henderson replied that she did not. Commissioner Bowles asked Mrs. Henderson what, if anything, the County had advised her. Mrs. Henderson replied that the County had told her she would have a road she could be proud of.

Commissioner Aud asked if the slope was bad. Mr. Bond replied that it was that the bank is a two to one slope. John Norris asked if there way any other geasible way for another entrance to Mrs. Henderson's home. Mrs. Henderson replied that she did not know. Mr. Norris stated that the amount of money was a large sum to grade the slope and he hoped there was another alternative to relocate the driveway.

Mrs. Henderson stated that she had been in touch with Mr. J. Dennis Raley about four years ago and that she had stated that Mr. Henderson had written a letter to Mr. Snow.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to check out the situation and report back to them.

David M. Gruber - Audit Report (6-30-72)

Present: John Little

Mr. Little presented each of the Commissioners with the audit report of June 30, 1972. Mr. Little explained the figures, etc., to those present item by item.

A copy of the audit can be found in the Commissioner's files.

Bus Route - Bell #50

The Commissioners requested Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, to change the bus route of Bell #50 back to the original route as of September 1, 1972.

Mr. Raley was requested to remove the children from Bell #50 Leonardtown to Bell #40.

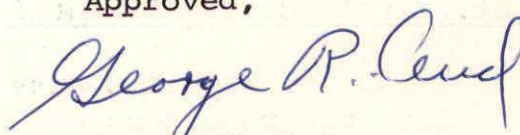
The Commissioners unanimously agreed to the above.

Acquisition of Right of Ways - St. Andrew's Church Road

The County Commissioners authorized Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer to commit the County up to \$1000 per property owner per parcel to secure the right of way on St. Andrew's Church Road. Anything above this amount will have to be bought before the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

Approved,



George R. Aud  
President