

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 9, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
Commissioner George R. Aud  
Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer  
Joseph Weiner, County Attorney  
Judith Mullins, Recording Secretary

Also present were Patty Muchow, WPTX; Jack Kershaw, Enterprise; and Sharon Camp, Beacon.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 2, 1973 were read and corrected.

At a special meeting on Monday, January 8, the final draft of the minutes of December 12, 1972 were approved.

On Monday, January 8, the minutes of December 19, 1972 were read and corrected.

CRIME REPORT - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Harris B. Sterling, Finance Director  
Sheriff Lawrence Williams  
Deputy Chuck Kerr

Harris Sterling stated that Sheriff Williams had requested four additional men to operate and run the jail. In July authorization was given for four additional deputies over and above the budget and he is now requesting four more men. They would be paid \$3 an hour plus expenses. This is not in the budget.

The Sheriff then presented his report on crime activity in the County which he had previously been requested to provide. Also Deputy Kerr gave a narcotics report. Copy of said reports are on file in this office. Commissioner Aud questioned the item of "Assist State Police." Sheriff Williams said that his office assists the State Police but the State Police do the paper work. Commissioner Bowles asked if there were any additional cars provided that were not in the Sheriff's budget. Sheriff Williams said there was one paddy wagon.

Commissioner Guy stated that not having past reports of other years, it is difficult to see any emergency crime situation to justify hiring four more men.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the cost to the County for the four additional men requested. Mr. Sterling, Finance Director, said it would be about \$32,000 over what is in the budget plus transportation. Sheriff Williams said no additional cars would be needed for the additional men.

Car expenses and mileage costs were discussed and Commissioner Bowles requested that all bills in connection with the Sheriff's Department be sent to the Sheriff for certification and signature

that they are correct before being presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Guy said the Sheriff should know all expenses of the automobiles in his Department and should have an average monthly figure to go by.

Commissioner Aud asked how many additional men have been added to the Sheriff's Department since he has been Sheriff. Sheriff Williams said there were 14 and now there are 20.

Harris Sterling said if these four additional men are hired, they will have to attend school before they can be put on a permanent basis. This may be an additional cost. Sheriff Williams said the tuition expense of the school would probably be borne by the State.

Commissioner Bowles thanked Sheriff Williams for his report and said he would be advised at a later time as to the Commissioners' decision.

BILL FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL - RE: PRINTING COSTS

Mr. Weiner referred the bill received from the Attorney General in the amount of \$1,053.07 for unpaid printing costs to the Daily Record. Mr. Weiner stated he had written to the attorneys in the case and had had no reply. It is the responsibility of the State's Attorney to sue on behalf of the County Commissioners in order to recover the money from the clients. It is the obligation of the County to pay this bill.

ST. GEORGE'S BEACH (LOTS 10 and 11, Block 1)

Harris Sterling stated he received a memorandum from the County Commissioners concerning how to go about selling lots at St. George's Beach. He said he was working with John Baggett of Recreation and Parks on this. Since it is a grant, approval must be obtained from the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of State Planning to dispose of this property. Then we may be requested to refund the original grant of \$1,468.75. Harris Sterling was to request John Baggett to contact the proper personnel to see what course of action to take. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Sterling to obtain a letter from John Baggett recommending that these lots be sold. Mr. Sterling is to provide the Commissioner's secretary with correct data and description of the lots.

LETTER FROM MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Harris Sterling stated that a letter from Maryland Association of Counties was received concerning the amount the County has received from Revenue Sharing Funds. Joe Murnane, Executive Secretary of Maryland Association of Counties is compiling this information from all counties to see if correct amounts were received.

REVENUE SHARING CHECK

Harris Sterling said a revenue sharing check was received in the amount of \$547,148 representing the balance of the calendar year

1972. The first check was in the amount of \$570,184. The difference is the adjustment made from more recent statistical data from the Census Department. Also 5% was held as a reserve in the event that when they get to the final figures this reserve would be there for adjustment.

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONER BOWLES

Commissioner Bowles presented the following statement:

"Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.'s vote against me as Chairman to the Board of County Commissioners, December 12, 1972, was the same as his vote against me in December 1970. Also reference is made to paragraph 3, page 1 of the minutes dated December 19, 1972; the statement contained therein by Mr. Guy in regards to Mr. Wigginton's fee is incorrect. Also reference to paragraph 4 of equal date concerning Mr. Guy's remarks about a County Attorney are totally incorrect. At no time during the day did Mr. Guy express to me or did I hear him express to anyone else any objections to Mr. Weiner or any statement pertaining to any attorney. Also, Mr. Guy did not sit in the meeting with Mr. Weiner as an observer, he sat in as a County Commissioner."

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1 - OWENS PROPERTY

In a telephone conversation with Commissioners Bowles, Guy and Aud on January 3, 1973, the following took place:

"J. Wilmer Bowles was in the office with Paul Raley, Mr. Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, John Hall and Mr. Allan Owens to discuss the purchase of Mr. Owen's property located on Site 1 of the Watershed Project. There is 4.187 acres of which Mr. Owens does not wish to agree to sell unless he can get paid \$400 per acre for it. He wishes the right to remove the timber on or before July 1, 1973. The reason he is asking this price is that this is his home. Development could adversely affect his property, and could interfere with the peaceful use of his property. The 4.187 acres is used by Mr. Owens as pastureland for cattle and, therefore, could have some direct effect on his means of making a living. It is not comparable to the land we have paid \$200 per acre for. He will sign a deed for \$400 an acre. Commissioner Aud said he was in agreement to this.

Commissioner Bowles then spoke to J. S. Guy, Jr. stating the above information and that this was the last tract of land to acquire for the watershed project with the exception of the Jones heirs.

Commissioner Guy said that with the money invested in the other tracts, we should go along with this. Commissioner Bowles said the \$400 figure was discussed by Mr. Wigginton with Mr. Owens according to Mr. Owens. Commissioner Guy said he was in agreement.

Commissioner Bowles said Mr. Owens is here to sign the deed. \$200 would be the purchase price per acre and \$974 would be the punitive damage. The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement."

SEAWALL ASSESSMENT - TALL TIMBERS

Present: William Virnstein

Mr. Virnstein wanted the County Commissioners' opinion on having the assessment changed on the seawall on a front foot basis rather than assessment value basis. He presented a list of property owners, representing 80% of the property owners in Tall Timbers erosion district who wish this assessment change.

Commissioner Bowles stated that this request should be reviewed by the Finance Office and the Supervisor of Assessments as to what effect, if any, this change would have on the method of assessment and collection. It is up to the legislature to change this law inasmuch as this method of assessment has been in operation for a long time. There was some uncertainty as to how this change could be incorporated into their system of operation. Also what effect would it have on the present indebtedness.

Mr. Virnstein stated that William Herbert, Supervisor of Assessments told him it was a terrible arrangement during the entire period it has been in effect.

Commissioner Guy asked if it would take a change in legislation to bring the change about. Mr. Virnstein said he was not sure but that Delegate John Hanson Briscoe said it could be changed as it stands and Robert Wigginton had said it could not be changed.

Commissioner Guy stated that now would be the best time to try to make this change because the legislature would be going in session.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners owe Mr. Virnstein an answer as to what our decision would be. The Commissioners agreed to discuss this with the Finance Director, Supervisor of Assessments and with the County Attorney and they will advise him of their decision. Commissioner Bowles told Mr. Virnstein that Delegate Briscoe should be of some help to him with the corrective legislation on this.

SUBURBAN MOBILE ESTATES ADDITION (Located on Route 246)

Present: Mr. Albert Focer of Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill

Mr. Albert Focer presented plats for a proposed addition to the Suburban Mobile Estates to the Commissioners. Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the number of lots. Mr. Focer said there are 22 in Section Three and 24 in Section Two.

Commissioner Guy asked if there was any variance in the plat that was approved previously. Mr. Focer said there was a slight change in the trailer pads. Commissioner Guy asked if lots sizes complied with Planning Regulations. Mr. Focer said they did.

Commissioner Bowles said it was the Commissioners' procedure to send the plats to Planning Commission for their review and recommendations at their meeting, after which time the Commissioners would make a decision.

Mr. Focer said he would like a decision before the Planning Commission meeting of January 22.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners forward the plats to Planning Commission for recommendations. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowles abstained.

#### CATV

Mr. Weiner stated that CATV has not submitted any proposal concerning the use of County right-of-ways.

Commissioner Bowles mentioned the legislative authority to grant a franchise and impose a franchise tax. This is in our legislative package for 1973.

#### METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - SANITARY DISTRICTS

Mr. Weiner stated that \$10,000 can be allowed each sanitary district for organization and preliminary expenses to be repaid out of first bond issue. Commissioner Guy stated there are ten sanitary districts. Mr. Weiner also stated that for design and construction and establishment of sewer system \$100,000 can be advanced. This can be returned in the sale of the bond. Commissioner Bowles stated that \$10,000 has already been advanced to the Piney Point Sanitary District.

#### TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Present: Dr. Robert Friedman, Director  
Lois Webb, Administrative Assistant  
Clark Gravelle, Criminal Justice Planner, Tri-County Council

Dr. Friedman stated that the Bureau is reaching the conclusion of their second year which will be in February, and they have prepared their current grant request which is to be submitted to the Region II Board and the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement. He stated that they would like suggestions from the Commissioners. The total grant request is \$153,408. \$10,388.49 is requested from each St. Mary's County and Charles County representing 37.5% each and 25% from Calvert County.

Dr. Friedman stated that after this year the Bureau must find other sources of funds to have the program continue or the program will not continue at its present scale or not at all.

Commissioner Bowles asked Dr. Friedman if he had any other sources of revenue in mind. Dr. Friedman said that he hoped by talking with other agencies in the community, they may be interested in helping. Also, he hoped the County would increase their contribution. And perhaps federal, state or local agencies might help fund the bureau. The most critical priority in the next few months will be to locate funding for the next year. They would like to continue their program this year. Dr. Friedman stated that Mr. Simpson, President of County Commissioners of Charles County had agreed to administer the funding and was asking

for a letter of general approval from the Commissioners of each County to be forwarded to him and the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement.

Clark Gravelle stated that additions or deletions may be put in the Grant proposal before the Region II meeting.

Commissioner Bowles asked if the \$10,388.49 could be changed and Clark Gravelle stated that deletion of personnel would reduce St. Mary's County share.

Changes that differed from last year's grant proposal were discussed. Dr. Friedman stated that two new positions have been requested; a clerk typist because of the increased workload and a coordinator of volunteer services for work with individuals and volunteer civic groups in the community and to work with the young people. Also he requested the continuance of the services of the pastoral counselor Father Gardner of St. Peters Episcopal Church.

Dr. Friedman stated that they were concerned whether they should continue to work with the very young children or whether they should give special consideration to teenagers.

One area of particular concern to the Bureau is the Family Life Program and Sex Education for teenagers. This was discussed with the Health Department and they were interested in working with them on this.

Commissioner Bowles asked if the report included the number of young people or families in our County they have worked with. Dr. Friedman said from March 1, 1972 to November 30, 1972 there were 276 youngsters and their families. Of this, 25.5% were from St. Mary's County. Dr. Friedman stated that the success rate was higher with elementary children than with teenagers.

Clark Gravelle stated that he had reviewed the grant proposal and he wished to make some comments on several items.

(1) He did not think that the Bureau should treat the very young, but should primarily treat teenagers.

(2) The percentage of clients from referrals from other agencies has declined since the first year of operation. He suggested that agency referrals should represent a majority of the cases handled by the Bureau.

(3) The initiating and coordinating programs. The Bureau initiates programs and then turns the program over to a community agency and some agencies may feel these programs are being forced upon them.

(4) Mr. Gravelle questioned the Sex Education and Family Life Plan Program and the Mental Retardation Program. He said there may be a need for these programs, but he felt that the Youth Services Bureau should not get involved.

(5) Mr. Gravelle stated that the Advisory Board members should be appointed by the Region II Board or the County Commissioners.

(6) Mr. Gravelle stated that he felt the salaries of the Bureau are not in line with similar positions in the State and should be reduced accordingly.

(7) Mr. Gravelle said he felt that the pastoral counseling is a duplicate of services.

(8) He said it would take longer than three months to find additional funding.

Dr. Friedman said he felt the reduction of referrals was due to the fact that word has been passed from family to family and therefore, a family will call them on their own. In regards to salaries, Dr. Friedman said they are a little above standards for the State scale; however, they are low in comparison to school psychologists in this area. Dr. Friedman said they will be looking for other sources for funding.

The Commissioners thanked them for coming and stated they will review the proposal.

#### SANITARY LANDFILL

Present: John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

John Norris, Asst. County Engineer presented a draft concerning disposing of trash at the landfills for review by the Commissioners.

#### POLICY ON SUBDIVISION ROADS

Present: John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

John Norris presented a draft Resolution to formalize the County Commissioners' policy concerning private roads in subdivisions. Commissioner Guy suggested Mr. Weiner should look at the draft of this Resolution concerning the second paragraph of said draft.

#### NEW PERSONNEL IN ENGINEERS OFFICE

Present: John Norris

John Norris presented drafts of revised specifications for the positions of Engineering Assistant and for Inspector which was received from the State Department of Personnel. Mr. Norris said that because of the lack of staff and the quantity of work, he would like the approval to advertise for these two positions and to have them commence on July 1, 1973, the new fiscal year. Commissioner Bowles stated the positions should be advertised, applications accepted and interviews held. Commissioner Guy inquired as to the time it would take to get an employee from the date of advertisement. Mr. Sterling said from three and a

half to four months. Commissioner Guy said now would be the time to take action on this if Mr. Norris wanted something accomplished by July 1.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners adopt the specifications and that the two positions of Inspector and Engineering Assistant be created. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Mr. Sterling is to notify the State Department of Personnel and advertise the positions and set up examinations.

#### VISTA ROAD

Present: John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

John Norris stated he received a petition from the residents on Vista Road. Preliminary work has been done to correct the entrance of the road. A number of people were cutting through a man's property. The individual who owns the property would be willing to work with the County to straighten the road in return for the old road bed. Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Norris what was being done to improve the existing conditions on Vista Road. Mr. Norris said it has not been completed but there has been some bush cutting. Mr. Norris has agreed to get cost estimates and then a decision will be made on right of way exchange for the old road bed.

#### STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Present: Douglas Bond, Resident Maintenance Engineer

Douglas Bond stated that the shovel owned by the County is not operational due to the worn-out bucket. The cost to repair it would be \$2500. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to have it repaired or would they consider trading it in. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer had been requested to inspect the shovel and determine if it can be repaired and submit a cost estimate.

Douglas Bond also stated that the estimate on the amount of bituminous material used to surface roads is supposed to be in by January 15. Commissioner Aud mentioned Cornfield Harbor Road and Langley Road have needed to be resurfaced since last year. Commissioner Bowles advised Mr. Bond that the Commissioners were waiting for his annual recommendations.

#### VOUCHERS SIGNED

Vouchers Nos. 3915 through 4006 dated December 19, 1972 through January 5, 1973 were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners and signed by Commissioner Bowles as President.



TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

Present: Clark Gravelle, Criminal Justice Planner, Tri-County Council  
Dr. Robert Friedman  
Frank Williams, Governor's Commission  
Tom Scherer, President of Tri-County Group Home

Clark Gravelle stated that a Grant has been awarded to St. Mary's County for the Tri-County Group Home. The Board of Directors has been formed and they would like a contract between St. Mary's County and the Board of Directors of Group Home. St. Mary's County would not have to administer the grant. Mr. Frank Williams submitted a sample contract to the Commissioners and stated the County would be responsible for any misuse of funds.

Commissioner Guy inquired about an audit and who would pay for it. Mr. Williams said they would do their own audit. They had three auditors including himself. Commissioner Bowles asked if something was found wrong would the Commissioners have the right to have it verified by an auditing firm selected by the Commissioners. Mr. Williams said it could be forwarded to the Commissioners whether it was favorable or unfavorable.

Mr. Williams discussed the "Guide for Grant Administration", which he said was very detailed and illustrative. It spells out for a grantee what reporting requirements there are. It centers around a budget that is incorporated into a contract. The budget becomes the vehicle against which the grant is audited. It tells what is allowable or not allowable and what can and cannot be done with federal money. Also it requires that records be kept.

Clark Gravelle stated that Group Home would maintain these records.

Commissioner Guy mentioned that Youth Services Bureau may not be in existence in 12 months if they do not get funding and would the same thing happen to Group Home.

Clark Gravelle stated that the grant would most likely be renewable for three years.

Dr. Friedman stated that the purchase of care funds would handle 85% of costs.

Mr. Frank Williams said that after two or three years of funding they would be self-sufficient.

Mr. Tom Scherer stated that they have had four meetings and there are 15 members of the Board of Directors and they have had perfect attendance at all meetings. He said one more member from St. Mary's County is needed. Phillip H. Dorsey had been requested to be a member of the Board but he has not yet replied.

Commissioner Bowles said that the Commissioners would have the County Attorney review the draft and respond to them at the

earliest possible date and that the Commissioners would see to getting another member for their Board of Directors from St. Mary's County.

Clark Gravelle said the Board of Directors would receive the funds, spend the funds and administer services. Commissioner Guy asked what recourse the County would have. Mr. Williams stated the Board of Directors could be bonded. Also the Director should be bonded as well as the house parents. Commissioner Bowles asked who would pay the cost of the bonding of the staff and board members. Mr. Williams stated that Group Home would pay.

Commissioner Aud suggested that Clark Gravelle get together with our County Attorney.

Tom Scherer stated they are looking for facilities, specifically a five-bedroom house. Mr. Williams suggested he limit himself to listed properties.

The Guidelines are to be reviewed by Mr. Weiner and Paul Raley and they are to report back next week.

#### CRIME IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Commissioner Aud asked Clark Gravelle for data on the crime in St. Mary's County for the last two years and provide the information to the Commissioners.

#### BIDS ON 3/4 TON TRUCK

Commissioner Bowles made a motion to reject the bids received on the 3/4 ton truck from McKay Implement and Truck Co. and Suburban Chrysler & Plymouth and that said truck be readvertised. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Aud made it unanimous. Specifications for readvertising are to be developed by Paul Raley.

#### TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Present: James Dobry            )  
          Claude Jarboe        ) representing Taxpayers Association  
          Allan Cecil            )

          Henry Kanowicz        )  
          Dr. Robert King        ) representing Board of Education  
          Stanley Schroeder)

Harris Sterling, Finance Director

The Taxpayers Association came before the Board of Commissioners to get answers to questions they had previously asked at the December 12 meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - James Dobry asked about the legality of the law requiring the County to pick up the deficit of the Board of Education may have at the end of its fiscal year.

After much discussion, Mr. Kanowicz stated that the Board of Education had not received all the federal and state funds they had anticipated. Their revenues are estimated and their expenditures are firm. If their budget is exceeded, the Board of Education must come before the County Commissioners and present the problem to them. He said the appropriate action is to identify any deficit or surplus in the following year's budget and it must be carried over to the next fiscal year budget.

Mr. Weiner said that if there is a deficit, it would be carried over as would a surplus be carried over.

Mr. Kanowicz told the Taxpayers Association they could come over to the Board of Education one day a week and look at their books.

Dr. King stated that the Taxpayers Association had met with the Board of Education on December 7 and he thought their questions had been answered to everyone's satisfaction. Dr. King made a reference to Mr. Jarboe's statement that the Board of Education was "top-heavy". He said that the state recommends 5% of their personnel be administrative and they have 3.45% which is the lowest County in the State. In regards to the statement concerning transportation, Dr. King stated that they do not have anyone on their staff who makes \$20,000 to \$30,000 using state cars.

Commissioner Guy stated the same problem that happened with last year's budget will happen again this year. The three organizations should work together to find other sources of funding. The responsibility for funding the Board of Education is primarily the State's and since the legislature will start meeting this week, we should work to put pressure on the people in Annapolis for money from the State for the Board of Education.

HARRY LUNDEBERG SCHOOL - Mr. Dobry asked about the back taxes of Harry Lundeborg School. Mr. Weiner stated that in 1971 the Maryland Tax Court decided that the school was exempt in 1970 for personal property taxes. Even though it was an ordinary corporation, all stock was held in trust for the benefit of the school. He said he wrote to the Attorney General to ascertain from him whether they were exempt for 1968-1969 taxes. If they are not exempt, we will sue.

Mr. Dobry asked if the statute of limitations will run out on this. Mr. Weiner said we have until February 10, 1974 to sue.

Commissioner Bowles stated that Mr. Weiner will advise the Taxpayers Association of the Attorney General's opinion.

ROUTE 235 - Mr. Dobry asked about the dangerous situation on Route 235. Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners'

Office had contacted Mr. Al Tate, District Engineer, State Highway Administration and requested that he immediately give his attention to the safety standards and speed limits on Route 235 section under construction. Commissioner Bowles then read a statement made by Mr. Tate in a telephone conversation January 8, 1973 with Commissioner Bowles which states:

"Mr. Tate stated in response to calls from the County Commissioners Office regarding safety and traffic on Route 235 section under construction, Mr. Tate has continuously devoted his attention to the safety signs and traffic conditions in accordance with his traffic manual. The contractor has complied with the traffic manual."

Mr. Dobry stated that only 10% of the flashers were working and also he understood that the contractor received \$1200 to maintain traffic signs over and above their contract. Commissioner Bowles stated we would not have this information. Mr. Dobry said they would like to discuss this when they meet with the Commissioners again and requested the Commissioners to invite Mr. Tate. Commissioner Bowles stated the Commissioners would request Mr. Tate to be present if they wish.

BILL FROM H. VERNON ENEY - Mr. Jarboe stated he objected to Mr. H. Vernon Eney's bill for \$9500 (\$9555.02). Mr. Sterling said that the Commissioners had requested him to write a letter to Mr. Eney for a breakdown of his bill which he has done.

NEW TOPICS - Mr. Dobry said when the Taxpayers Association meets with the Commissioners again they would like to discuss several new subjects which are: 1. the increased trailer taxes, 2. St. Mary's City Commission, including the take line and size of project, 3. legislative program for presentation in the January 1973 session, and 4. Parks and Recreation's budget, personnel, policy, buying procedures, etc.

#### RECREATION AND PARKS

Present: John Baggett

John Baggett requested the Commissioners' signatures on the Application to Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and Application for Program Open Space and Insurance of Compliance of Civil Rights Act, for property (Therle A. James) located on Rte. 235, .076 miles South of the Naval Air Station. Commissioner Guy moved that the applications be signed. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

John Baggett presented a letter to the Commissioners requesting the transfer of \$2500 in his maintenance budget from salaries to contractual services so the money may be used for the construction of ball diamonds. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FOR SOUTHERN MD. ELECTRIC CO-OP

Paul Raley presented a Right of Way Easement for distribution line for services to the Walden Counseling Center by Southern Md. Electric Co-op. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that it be signed and Commissioner Bowles signed same.

SEDIMENTATION CONTROL TASK FORCE

Paul Raley stated that everyone that had been asked has accepted appointment to the Sedimentation Control Task Force except for Bernard Trossback from whom there has been no reply. Commissioner Bowles requested Paul Raley to contact Bradford Reeves and send him a list of those who accepted appointments and request that he call a meeting of this Commission so they can begin their work. Commissioner Aud made a motion to reappoint Mr. Reeves as Chairman. Commissioner Guy seconded. Commissioner Bowles agreed. If Mr. Trossback does accept appointment he is to be included on the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED BY PAUL RALEY

1. Copy of letter from Robert Wigginton to St. Mary's Nursing Home with correction of deed description.

2. Letter from William Sluder, of the Board of Education requesting a meeting with the Commissioners. Commissioner Bowles requested the secretary to call Mr. Sluder to set up an appointment for him.

3. Letter from Board of Education requesting for their Driver's Ed program the confiscated cars that no bids were received on. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to give the Board of Education the following cars:

1963 Oldsmobile, Serial No. 632W02543  
1965 Ford, Serial No. 5F07F205384  
1965 Chevrolet, Serial No. 164375Y197228  
1968 Pontiac, Serial No. 242378P258175

4. Certified letter from Willard A. Morris concerning salary increments for election board employees - Mary M. Joy and Diane M. Moore. All Commissioners were in agreement to pay these increments. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Sterling to look into this.

BILL FROM KINGS ROW MOBILE HOME

A bill from Kings Row Mobile Home in the amount of \$6787 was received for the mobile home for Walden Counseling Center at St. Andrews Church Rd. Paul Raley checked the figure with Joe Horton, President of Kings Row Mobile Home and the correct amount according to bids was \$6753. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Raley to return the bill and have Mr. Horton send a corrected bill. Commissioner Guy suggested approving payment subject to

the receipt of a corrected bill. Commissioner Bowles asked Paul Raley to be sure the unit is the one that was ordered.

BILLS APPROVED

1. B. I. Mattingly for "perc" test for Walden Counseling Center on St. Andrews Church Rd. in the amount of \$30.
2. Raymond Woodburn in the amount of \$216 for grading roads at Walden Center on St. Andrews Church Rd.
3. Note from Ed Cox, Executive Secretary to Youth Commission concerning bill for telephone charges in the amount of \$19.59 for drug abuse program. Commissioners all agreed to payment.
4. Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp. for emergency repair to Smith Creek Wharf in the amount of \$103.68.
5. Robert Wigginton in the amount of \$1,132.05 for services rendered.
6. Special Court of Appeals in the case of Betty Jean Kraft vs. State of Maryland in the amount of \$119.75.
7. B. and J. Nursery in the amount of \$1,718.70 for Leonardtown School Project and \$3350 for Town Creek Project. This was unanimously approved by all Commissioners at a special meeting on January 4, 1973.

RECORDING SYSTEM IN COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM

Paul Raley said he looked into the recording system in Calvert County and in the District Court. He said the disc system was better than tapes because of cost and storage. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Raley to develop cost estimates. Commissioner Aud suggested we should ask for a demonstration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*J. Wilmer Bowles 3/13/73*  
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President

