

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 1973 and February 28, 1973

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

Also present were Dave Fox, WPTX; Patty Muchow, Beacon;  
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise; George Clark, WKIK.

The meeting came to order at 9:45 A.M.

READING OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the corrections of the minutes of December 5 - paragraph added on Page 290 of 1972 Minute Book. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion; Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 1972 in the Minute Book. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion; Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

RECORDING SYSTEM FOR COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Paul Anderson, Sales Representative for Lanier Products  
(who purchased Edison Company)

Mr. Anderson demonstrated the Edisette Recorder which replaced the Edison Voice Recorder which his company no longer makes. Edisette with the dual recorder, rack and mixer would be comparable. The Edisette by itself costs \$349; with the extra attachments which will be available in the Spring the total cost would be approximately \$850. Mr. Anderson demonstrated a small tape recorder which costs \$139. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation.

COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION AND PARK PLAN

Present: Mr. John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks  
Mr. Stewart Allan, Allan Organization - Recreation and  
Park Planner

Mr. Baggett stated he invited Mr. Allan to speak with the Commissioners and give a progress report of the Comprehensive Recreation and Park Plan.

Mr. Allan explained the study is being done on a regional basis; however, there will be three separate plans. A rough draft will be submitted to the Commissioners when it is 50% complete for their preliminary review. When the other 50% is complete this will also be submitted.



Mr. Allan said a citizens meeting was held with those who were interested in recreation for the county to ascertain what the people in St. Mary's County would like in the way of recreation for themselves and their families. Mr. Baggett stated there will be a meeting with the Board of Education, the Commissioners and other people will be invited. The Commissioners would have an opportunity to make any changes they would like.

At this time Mr. Allan discussed some changes he would be recommending including subdivision regulations for the dedication of land for the use of recreation. Mr. Allan was of the opinion that the Director of Recreation and Parks would have full approval of every site under five acres that is offered.

Commissioner Bowles said the Commissioners would like to see the report and improved communication between Mr. Baggett, Mr. Allan and the Commissioners.

Mr. Allan said the project for St. Mary's County would be complete in May or June. He told the Commissioners to contact him if they had any questions.

#### ST. CLEMENTS SHORES PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett explained the need of a shelter for St. Clements Shores Park. Five "perk" tests have failed and Mr. Baggett suggested holding tanks which would be pumped and hauled away, subject to Health Department approval. He stated the building is needed for shelter and storage. Mr. Baggett asked if the building should be built with the plumbing roughed in until such time a more efficient method of taking care of the sewage is developed, or should he ask the Health Department to approve holding tanks which would cost \$300 to \$400 per year to pump and haul.

Commissioner Bowles stated that should the Commissioners decide to build the building, the possibility for sanitary facilities would have to be explored. Mr. Baggett said he would proceed to see if the Health Department would approve holding tanks. Commissioner Bowles told Mr. Baggett to report to the Commissioners after he had talked with the Health Department.

#### KITTS POINT

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he would make recommendations for park land at the Kitts Point Project.

#### KITTS POINT FILE REVIEW

Present: Mr. Joseph Weiner, County Attorney  
Mr. Harris Sterling, Finance Director  
Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Commissioner Aud suggested a study should be made by the



Tri-County Council to determine the environmental and economic impact. Also, schools, roads, police and sewage aspects should all be reviewed. Commissioner Guy suggested that Mr. Angelos Demetriou should review the file. Commissioner Guy stated that the Commissioners should review the entire project to determine what Mr. Reynolds has to offer and to make an evaluation of what we will save or what it would cost to say yes or no to the project. Commissioner Guy asked Mr. Weiner about the threat of a lawsuit because Mr. Reynolds has said he has been denied the courtesy of a public hearing as to his sewage proposal. Mr. Weiner said he did not feel we should commit ourselves.

Commissioner Aud stated the Commissioners should have all the facts and figures before we have the public hearing. Mr. Weiner said 15 or 30 days notice could be given for a public hearing.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Dr. John Mills of Tri-County Council and Mr. Angelos Demetriou enclosing the information from the Kitts Point file requesting they make a study of the proposed project and request the time period in which such a study can be completed. Mr. Baggett was requested to submit his recommendations to the County Commissioners as soon as possible so it could be sent to Dr. Mills and Mr. Demetriou.

#### ASSESSMENT APPEAL HEARING - RUDOLPH BALIKO

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to sustain the assessment of the property of Rudolph Baliko, Lot 11, Andover Estates, and West side of Cherryfield Road, near Drayden, as made by the Assessor's Office. Mr. Baliko is to be informed of this decision by letter.

#### VOUCHERS SIGNED

Vouchers numbered 4319 through 4360 dated February 20 through February 23, 1973 were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners and signed by Commissioner Bowles as President.

#### TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Edward Cox, Executive Secretary of the Youth Commission, Commissioner Bowles made the motion to appoint Mr. Joseph Ernest Bell II and Mr. John Koegel to serve on the Tri-County Group Home Board of Directors. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion, and Commissioner Aud made it unanimous. Letters are to be written to Mr. Bell and Mr. Koegel asking if they would serve.

#### COLVIN, BURROUGHS & COOKE

A letter was received from Colvin, Burroughs & Cooke estimating the charges for auditing the Metropolitan Commission to be \$4,500 to \$5,500. Commissioner Aud made the motion for the firm of Colvin, Burroughs & Cooke to do the audit of the Metropolitan Commission. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. A letter is to be sent authorizing them to do the audit.



COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN

Commissioner Bowles suggested inviting proposals to update the Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan. Letters are to be sent to Henningson, Durham & Richardson; Beavin Company; and Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. inviting them to submit proposals on or before March 15, 1973.

PLUMBING CODE

A letter is to be sent to Delegates Briscoe and McKay and Senator Bailey requesting they introduce legislation concerning the plumbing code.

BILLS APPROVED

\$416.66 - to Historical Society for office salaries, St. Mary's County Tourist Information Center for February 1973.

\$250.00 - Scholarship for Miss Helen Baker for the Spring semester 1972-73 at Hampton Institute.

\$11,340 - to Henningson, Durham & Richardson as partial payment for development of a solid waste management plan.

\$108.00 and \$90.00 - to Raymond Woodburn for grading at Walden Counseling Center

\$12,851.36 - to Mervell M. Dean, Inc. for Payment No. 10 (final payment) in connection with the restoration and improvement of Tudor Hall.

\$64.90 - to John Norris, Assistant County Engineer for mileage, January 1973.

\$104.95 - to Daily Record, representing printing costs for the State's brief in the case of Albert Jack Mayfield in the Court of Special Appeals.

\$6.60 - to Joseph Ernest Bell for overpayment of revenue stamps.

RETIREMENT COORDINATING OFFICER

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling requested approval of Mary Lou Norris as Retirement Coordinating Officer for St. Mary's County. All Commissioners agreed.

JOB CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling recommended approving the federal grant application for the development of a job classification system which

is a joint tri-county project. Commissioner Aud made a motion for the approval, Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mrs. Albertine Lancaster accepted appointment to the Board of Library Trustees.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Lee Broadbent accepted appointment to the Mental Health Advisory Committee.

JURORS

Letter from Dorothy Kucher, Clerk of the Circuit Court, requesting 28 jurors instead of the present 25. A letter was to be sent to Mrs. Kucher requesting her to submit this as a next year's budget item.

TANNER CREEK

Letter from Louis N. Phipps, Jr., Department of Natural Resources, stating all funds have been appropriated for this fiscal year. However, the development of a shore erosion district for Tanner Creek will be in the 1974 appropriations.

RESOLUTION FOR "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGN

Commissioner Aud made a motion that a "children at play" sign be erected at the end of St. George's Island at Thompson's Crab House. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed the Resolution.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

A letter was received from Raymond J. Karpen of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene stating they have reviewed the second progress report on St. Mary's County Solid Waste Management Plan, enclosing copy of Regulations Governing Solid Waste Management Facilities. Paul Raley is to contact John Mills of Tri-County Council for review and recommendations.

LETTER FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Allegany County Health Department has requested authorization from the FCC to use the Local Government Frequency. Otis Wood of Civil Defense wrote a letter to the Commissioners stating this would not normally interfere with transmission or reception; however, there may be some days they would experience a skip condition. A letter is to be written to the Allegany County Health Department requesting information as to the type of emitting to be done; height and type of antenna; direction of the antenna, and power of the transmitter.



BIDS ON CARPETING

Bids were received for carpeting to be installed in three offices of the Courthouse. Bill Raley's submitted a bid of \$653.10 for carpet and installation and Griffin Carpets submitted a bid of \$556.00. Commissioner Aud made a motion to award the bid to Griffin Carpets. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ROAD - RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the payment to Edward and Myrtle Abell - \$1,100 for land to relocate the trailer of Agnes Abell. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Mr. Norris stated the Deed has been approved by the County Attorney.

KEITH COURT AND KENNETH COURT (GILLENS GROVE)

Mr. Norris requested approval of a property road bond to insure the construction of Keith Court and Kenneth Court (Gillens Grove). The principals of the bond are Hugh and Helen C. Allston. Said bond has been reviewed by the County Attorney and has been sealed and witnessed. The bond is in the amount of \$21,500. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the bond. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

SANITATION TRUCK INSPECTION

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

John Norris stated that during the preliminary review of the Solid Waste Plan, it was recommended that the local Health Department inspect all commercial sanitation trucks in compliance with the state and local codes. All Commissioners unanimously agreed.

The meeting recessed at 4:30 P.M.