

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 1973 and Wednesday, March 14, 1973

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

The meeting came to order at 10:00 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the December 19 and December 26, 1972 minutes be approved in the 1972 Minute Book. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve all minutes for the year 1972. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion and Commissioner Aud made it unanimous.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the January 2, 9, 16, 23, 25, 30-31, 1973 minutes in the 1973 Minute Book. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the February 2, 6, 7, and 9, 1973 minutes in the 1973 Minute Book. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

The minutes of February 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, March 6-7, 1973 were read and corrected.

REQUEST FOR COPIES OF MINUTES

James Dobry entered the meeting and requested copies of the following minutes: January 2, 1973 - Pages 5 and 9, January 16, 1973 - full set of minutes, February 6, 1973 - page 69. Same was provided to Mr. Dobry.

STATE FUNDING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

There will be a meeting in Mr. Fred Spigler's (Governor's Administrative Officer for Education) Office in Annapolis, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 1973 to discuss the funding of the Board of Education.

There will be a meeting Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners' Conference Room with the legislators, Education Association, County Council of PTA, PTA members and officers and the County Commissioners concerning state funding of education.

Mr. John Lancaster from County Extension (President of the County Council of PTA) was invited to the Commissioners' Office and the Commissioners explained to Mr. Lancaster that a committee is being formulated to work with the County Commissioners in requesting the legislative delegation to assist St. Mary's County in increasing state funds for education. Mr. Lancaster was requested to contact members of the County Council and local PTA's to request their participation at the March 17 meeting. Mr. Lancaster stated he would like to attend and he will invite others to attend.

LAND-USE PLAN

Mr. Angelos C. Demetriou submitted a work schedule for the land use plan by letter of March 8, 1973. The schedule is as follows: March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 19. The time and place for all meetings is 7:30 in the County Commissioners' Conference Room.

Paul Raley is to notify Mr. Demetriou and all participants of the time and place of the above-scheduled meetings.

JOHNSONGRASS BUDGET

Present: Mr. R. Johns Dixon

Mr. Dixon presented his budget request for the 1973-74 fiscal year in the amount of \$4,500. Mr. Dixon was requested to submit this information to Mr. Harris Sterling, Finance Director.

VOUCHERS SIGNED

Voucher No. 4424 through 4513 dated March 5 through March 12 were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners and signed by Commissioner Bowles as President.

SECRETARIAL SERVICES

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$100.80 each to Cecelia Adams and Judith Mullins for overtime work. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Commissioners unanimously approved a letter be sent to Dr. Patrick Jarboe, Chairman, Housing Authority requesting said Authority to hold a public meeting as per the request and Petition of the Greenview Knolls Civic Association.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
Paul Raley, Administrative Officer
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

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

Commissioners Aud and Guy were not in attendance.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

TRI-COUNTY AREA MEETINGS

A letter was received from Dr. John Mills stating due to the staff situation and the amount of material to be presented at the Tri-County area meetings (Comprehensive Health Planning and Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice), it is impossible to report all information at the meetings and, therefore, they will send out copies of the minutes to all members. A file will be maintained in this office of these minutes.

SIGN AT GREAT MILLS AND MIDWAY DRIVE

A letter was received from Lt. H. A. Cumberland in regard to a request for a sign reading "Right Lane Must Turn Right" at Great Mills and Midway Drive. He stated such a sign would not be beneficial; at this time the road is not wide enough at that point to facilitate the traffic.

MARYLAND PLUMBING REGULATIONS

Paul Raley stated that Walter Raum of the Health Department suggested that copies of the Maryland Plumbing Regulations be on hand in the Commissioners' Office for \$7.75 each. Commissioner Bowles said the plumbers should order the Regulations themselves.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

John Dennis Gwynn has been hired as a Deputy Sheriff as of March 12, 1973.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

Jack Koegel has accepted appointment on the Board of Directors of the Tri-County Group Home.

TRASH COLLECTION

Paul Raley stated Erva McKinney of CLEAN will not be able to coordinate trash pickup this year as she has in the past but she requests the County Commissioners to ask the public by Resolution to assume this responsibility.

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1

Present: John Hall, Soil Conservation Service
Joseph Weiner, County Attorney

Mr. Hall stated his office has received a letter from the College Park Office of SCS setting forth what it needed in order for them to proceed with the funding of the development of the project. The fee simple title to the Jones heirs has not been provided; however, we have filed condemnation.

D. C. Paper and Pulp Co. has not returned the flood easement agreement and John Hall has tried to contact Mr. R. McDonald to have him submit these papers without success. At the request of Commissioner Bowles, Mr. Weiner called Mr. MacDonald and was told by him that the President of D. C. Paper and Pulp Co. was out of town but would return Monday at which time the easement will be signed and returned to John Hall.

TALL TIMBERS

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated the architect and engineer's report has been reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and is being typed this day and will be mailed to the Office of Emergency Preparedness the next day. Mr. Norris has been in contact with Mr. Al Hahn of OEP relative to the problem and was told he would have an answer by Friday. Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Norris to request State Roads to temporarily close the holes at Tall Timbers. Mr. Norris said he would do this.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - LEXINGTON PARK

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated he received a report from National Home Inspection Service concerning the inspection of the Health Department building at Lexington Park. Said report listed the findings of the inspection and approximate costs. Mr. Norris said the building is basically sound and worth improvement.

OAKVILLE LANDFILL

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated disassembled cars have been received at the Oakville landfill. He said they are not accepting them now.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ROBERT P. THOMPSON

Present: Charles Norris, Attorney representing Besche Oil Co.
John Curley, representing Besche Oil Co.

Mr. Norris stated that Besche Oil purchased Esperanza Car Wash in the Summer of 1972. There were personal property taxes

due and liens against the property. There is a judgment in the amount of \$2,582.80 representing personal property taxes for the years 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72. As part of the purchase of the car wash, Besche Oil took a second mortgage on Mr. Robert P. Thompson's home in Town Creek and procedures to foreclose the second mortgage were taken. Oliver Guyther represented the Thompsons and the Thompsons came up with the money to pay the mortgage; however, Oliver Guyther wants to hold the \$2,582.80. Mr. Norris said the judgment is uncollectible and Besche Oil would be willing to pay the 1970-71 and 1971-72 taxes. There are other judgments against Mr. Thompson prior to this judgment.

Commissioner Bowles stated he would inform the other Commissioners of the situation and will advise them at a later date.

BIDS ON RADIO MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Present: Mr. Robert Gotshall, Radio Shop
Robert Hochberger, Motorola
Larry Harrison, Southern Maryland Communications
Gene Juraskinski, Teltronic

Sealed bids were received on the radio maintenance contract. Bids were as follows:

Potomac Marine Electronic Co.	\$15,012.00 a year
Southern Md. Communications	7,148.80
Radio Shop	7,000.00
Teltronic	5,928.00
Motorola	6,817.20

Mr. Otis Wood, Acting Director of Civil Defense was not able to be present at the bid opening and, therefore, the bid will not be awarded at this time. Mr. Wood will inform the Commissioners of his recommendation within a week.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD

Present: Marvin Kaminetz, Attorney for Alcoholic Beverage Board
Robert Pogue, Secretary
Frank Wilkinson, Chairman
Clarence Bell, Board Member

Mr. Kaminetz explained that Mrs. Lelia Rogers, Recording Secretary to the Board will not be able to work with the Board due to the fact that her work with the Planning Commission will take her full time. Mr. Kaminetz said this would leave the Board with no one to take their minutes or to take care of phone calls and requests for information. Mr. Pogue is in the Office Tuesdays and Thursdays. Paul Raley suggested it could be advertised that the office is just open two days a week.

Mr. Pogue requested that a telephone be put in his office. Commissioner Bowles said this could be taken care of. Due to the fact the other two Commissioners were not in attendance, no decision was made at this time concerning a secretary.

INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS

Bids were received this date for the investment of \$700,000 of County Funds. Bids were as follows:

First Nat'l Bank - \$350,000 for 60 days - 6.30%, 90 days - 6.40%
Md. National Bank - \$350,000 for 60 days - 6.41%, 90 days - 6.40%
Md. Bank & Trust - \$350,000 for 60 days - 5.95%, 90 days - 5.95%

Said investment was unanimously awarded to the highest bidder Maryland National Bank.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 p.m.

J. Wilmer Bowles 4/3/73
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President