

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 1973 and Wednesday, April 4, 1973

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

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

The meeting came to order at 9:30 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 27-28, 1973 were read and corrected.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20-21, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6-7, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13-14, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of March 17, 1973 (Funding for Education) were read and corrected.

PRESS CONFERENCE

The regular monthly press conference was held at this time and is on tape in this office.

Those attending were: Patty Muchow, Beacon; Jack Kershaw, Sunny Schust, Enterprise; Dave Fox, WPTX; Dick Myers, WKIK. Also attending were Harris Sterling, Finance Director and John Little, C.P.A., of David R. Gruber & Company.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners:

Delahay's Pile Driving Service - \$1,646.00 and \$780.00 - for work at Tall Timbers during the week of March 24-31, 1973.

BW (LANDFILL) ACCOUNT

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

John Norris said he received a letter from J. Dennis Raley, Jr., of the State Highway Administration, in which he stated there was a deficit in the BW (Landfill) Account in the amount of \$706.64. The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement that \$1500 be put in the account to insure protection of the account subject to Harris Sterling, Finance Director, stating the money is available in the budget.

TALL TIMBERS

Present: John Norris

John Norris stated that the Army Corps of Engineers projected a construction date for the permanent repairs at Tall Timbers to be July or August.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD - RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITIONS

Present: John Norris

John Norris stated all signatures have been obtained on the Deed for the St. Andrews Road construction.

SALE OF RAILROAD TRACKS AND TIES

Present: John Norris

John Norris inquired about the sale of remaining tracks and ties, and Commissioner Bowles advised him that the Commissioners have received permission from GSA to sell the remaining tracks and ties of the former U. S. Government railroad right of way from Patuxent River to Hughesville. Mr. Norris and Paul Raley are to develop bid specifications for advertisement and submit same to the Commissioners for their approval.

COOLING TOWER - CONTROL CENTER

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris said the bids received from Southern Maryland Mechanical Contractors, Inc. and J. Carroll Morgan & Son are in order and they were bidding on the same equipment to be installed. Mr. Norris is to request Mr. Otis Wood to submit a letter to the Commissioners with his recommendation for awarding the bid.

APPOINTMENTS IN APRIL

The Taxpayers' Association had requested an appointment with the County Commissioners. Due to the fact that the budget has priority during the month of April, and taxpayers have the opportunity to express themselves as a citizen or as a group at the

budget hearings, the Commissioners voted not to give an appointment to the Taxpayers' Association.

MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS

Present: Oliver Guyther, Attorney - Guyther & Raley

Mr. Guyther presented a proposed change in the law whereby a surcharge would be imposed on each lot in a subdivision for the cost of maintaining County roads serving the subdivision.

INDIAN CREEK ESTATES

Present: Oliver Guyther, Attorney

Mr. Guyther stated he had met with John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, regarding the review of the plat of Indian Creek Estates located on the North side of Oaks Cooksey Swamp Road. As a result of that meeting, the plat was changed to reduce the number of entrances from ten to two. A letter was received from Mr. Norris which said the proposed subdivision was served by a County road and therefore would fall within the category of subdivisions having a moritorium. Mr. Guyther requested that an exception be given Indian Creek Estates and he would deed to the County without cost a 20 foot strip of land adjacent to the North side of Oaks Cooksey Swamp Road, and he would obtain, at his cost, at least another 1,200 foot strip, 20 feet in width, to the West of the subdivision and deed it to the County without cost. In addition, Mr. Guyther said he would donate \$200 per lot for each lot recorded. Mr. Guyther is to submit a letter to the Commissioners setting forth his recommendations.

BID OPENING FOR THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT AT HERMANVILLE RADAR GAP SITE

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks  
Val R. Bryanteson, St. Mary's Salvage Co.

Sealed bids were received on the equipment at the Hermanville Radar Gap Site as follows:

St. Mary's Salvage (for FPS-18 & FST 1 Radar Units)-\$106.43  
John A. Combs (for all equipment)- - - - - \$354.50

Mr. Bryanteson said he conceded to Mr. Combs and Mr. Bryanteson's check in the amount of \$106.43 was returned.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to award the bid to Mr. John A. Combs for the equipment at the Hermanville Radar Gap Site, seconded by Commissioner Guy and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Mr. Baggett is to write to Mr. Combs informing him the bid was awarded to him.

GRAVES PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett said the option agreement to purchase the Graves property was changed to read \$1,200 an acre instead of \$1,000 an acre.

Commissioner Bowles advised John Baggett that a legal interpretation of the sentence added by the sellers is necessary before the Commissioners can take any action.

ALLEN REPORT

Present: Mr. Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated that the progress report from Nov. 10, 1972 to March 15, 1973 was the preliminary report of Mr. Stewart Allen, and was the only report received.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Present: Cecilia Adams, Secretary

Letters were sent to 80 different organizations throughout the County, and 16 replies have been received.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - The Commissioners selected the following for appointments to serve on the Economic Development Committee:

Dr. Julius Levay (at large)  
G. Bradford Reeves, Jr. (Agriculture)  
Francis Dean (Contractor)  
Harry Lee Smith (Banker)  
John R. Drury, Jr. (Real Estate)  
Virginia Meads (Retailing)  
James T. Marsh (at large)

Effective date - June 1, 1973, for two year terms.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE - The Commissioners selected the following for appointments to serve on the Airport Committee effective July 1, 1972:

George Sullivan (2 year term)  
Joseph Dunn (2 year term)  
Dr. George E. Clark (3 year term)  
Robert F. Gabrelcik (3 year term)  
Thomas McGuire (1 year term)  
F. Elliott Burch, Sr. (1 year term)

RECREATION AND PARKS - James C. Henderson was selected to be reappointed to the Recreation and Parks Committee for a 4 year term from December 31, 1972.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LAND USE - The Commissioners selected the following for appointments to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Land Use:

E. Stanley Edwards	Gary Hopple
Rev. George Jennings	Mrs. George Swann Barnes
Dave Roberts	Mrs. Agnes Whalen

BIDS ON AIR CONDITIONER FOR WALDEN COUNSELING CENTER

Paul Raley presented two bids for air conditioning the Walden Counseling Center mobile unit:

Haywa (Byron Pepitone) 3-ton air conditioner	\$620.00
Burke Mobile Home	795.00

Commissioner Guy made a motion to award the bid to Haywa, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

The meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 1973

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

Also present were Patty Muchow, Beacon; Dave Fox, WPTX.

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

UPDATING OF COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN

Present: Benjamin E. Beavin, Sr.  
Walter Raum, St. Mary's County Health Department

Mr. Beavin presented his proposal to update the comprehensive water and sewage plan. Said plan will cover the period from July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1973 and should be complete three or four weeks after the fiscal year. Mr. Beavin said the cost of updating the plan would be \$9,800.

Mr. Beavin discussed acquisition of land for sewage treatment plants and said some sites may not be used, but the land could be used for recreation or wildlife or could be sold.

Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Beavin if the sewage of St. Mary's City would be going to Pine Hill Run, and Mr. Beavin said his plan called for that.

The sewage problems of the proposed Kitts Point area were discussed. Mr. Beavin talked about the pollution of St. Mary's River. Kitts Point is a low area which causes problems for pumping sewage. Mr. Raum said consideration would have to be given to the sewage that would be generated by the development of the area. Mr. Beavin said St. Mary's County should go all out to protect its farm land "from being carved up piecemeal, because if not protected it could never be farmed economically again." Development should be confined to

areas where pollution already exists or where there is a chance of pollution coming. Mr. Beavin said the only industry he felt would be of help to St. Mary's County would be very modern farming.

Commissioner Guy asked Mr. Beavin about sewage treatment for the airport. Mr. Beavin said a couple of years ago he estimated it would cost about a million dollars for sewage treatment. Commissioner Guy said 1,000 acres had been designated light industrial and said a million dollars would be a good investment because of the job opportunities in the area.

Commissioner Bowles asked about the problems at Point Lookout State Park. Mr. Raum said they were experiencing difficulty with sewage and it was being monitored. Discussion was held regarding how the State could be made to conform with the Regulations that they themselves have imposed upon the County to enforce.

The problems of the Leonardtown sewage treatment plant accepting affluent from Society Hill and the Tech Center area were discussed. Mr. Beavin thought the Tech Center site sewage collection should be the Leonardtown Plant but not Society Hill. Mr. Beavin mentioned the possibility of spray irrigation for the Society Hill area. Mr. Raum said it is the Health Department's policy to look at spray irrigation very cautiously.

Mr. Beavin said he would like to get together with the local health officer to discuss the different problems and also the County Engineer. Commissioner Bowles suggested Mr. Beavin should also meet with Mr. Demetriou, Planning Consultant for the Land Use Plan, and with a representative from Henningson, Durham & Richardson, who is doing the Solid Waste Plan.

Mr. Beavin is to contact Paul Raley to give him dates he would be available for these meetings.

A letter of acceptance of Mr. Beavin's proposal for scope of services at a cost of \$9,800 is to be sent to Mr. Beavin.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept the scope of services as outlined in Mr. Beavin's letter of March 13 in the amount of \$9,800. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### INTERVIEW WITH APPLICANT FOR PLANNER

The Commissioners and John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, interviewed applicants.

#### BILLS APPROVED

Present: John Norris

The following bills were unanimously approved.

Southern Maryland Dredging Inc. - for dredging at Dukehart's Creek - Invoice No. 6, dated April 3, 1973, for \$10,717; Invoice No. 7, dated April 3, 1973, for \$7,500.

NEW PHOENIX EQUITY AND INVESTMENT CORP.

The opinion denying the rezoning request of the New Phoenix Equity, prepared by Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, was unanimously approved and signed this date.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD LIGHTS

Present: John Norris

Commissioner Aud requested John Norris to have mercury lights installed at each end of St. Andrews Church Road.

FOXWELL POINT

Present: John Norris

Commissioner Aud informed John Norris that trash needs picking up at Foxwell Point at the end of Camp Calvert Road. Mr. Norris is to ask John Baggett to request a grant of \$5,000 from the Department of Natural Resources to pick up the trash at all recreation sites.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

 J. Wilmer Bowles 4-19-73  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
President

