

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Tuesday, July 17, 1973 and Wednesday, July 18, 1973  
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Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
 Commissioner George R. Aud  
 Paul Raley, Administrative Officer  
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

Also present were: Dave Fox, WPTX; Eleanor Clifford, Guardian Review; Dick Myers, WKIK; Jack Kershaw, Enterprise.

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

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 10, 1973 were read and corrected.

(Commissioner Guy left the meeting at this time.)

REVIEW OF PLANS FOR NURSING HOME ADDITION

Present: Chauncey Karstens  
 Ed Perrygo  
 Virginia Thomas, Administrator, Nursing Home  
 John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Karstens presented the plans prepared by Cross & Adreon, Washington, D. C. for the new wing of the Nursing Home. Mr. Karstens stated that the total cost may be approximately \$400,000 for building, furnishings and equipment. \$353,000 was the previous estimated cost. \$175,000 is the approved allocation from 701 (Hill-Burton) Funds. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Karstens to determine the cost and advise the Commissioners before advertising for bids.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling presented a memorandum giving his interpretation of the Resolution for bond issuance by the Metropolitan Commission and the Articles of Sale. Mr. Sterling said that we should have a letter from the Metropolitan Commission stating that they do not intend to request any advance payments pertaining to this particular sale of bonds. Commissioner Bowles suggested Mr. Sterling call Thurston Clark of the Metropolitan Commission requesting such a letter.

INVESTIGATOR COORDINATOR

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve signing the necessary forms for Investigator Coordinator for States Attorney's Office, Grant No. 3103-CT-4, seconded by Commissioner Bowles and signed same.

(Commissioner Guy returned to the meeting at this time.)

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the County hire Henry Donald McGlade for the position of Director of Administration, Acting Budget Officer, and Advisor to the County Commissioners, effective August 1, 1973, as per contract dated July 17, 1973 between the Commissioners and Henry Donald McGlade, Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

PUBLIC WHARVES

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks  
John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the status of the construction of the wharves located at White Neck, Piney Point and Dukehart Creek.

WHITE NECK - Mr. Norris stated that the contract had been awarded to Delahay's Pile Driving Service, and a schedule of construction had been requested from Mr. Delahay; however, this information has not been received to date. Mr. Norris is to write to Mr. Delahay requesting him to commence work within a two or three week period and the work must be completed within a reasonable number of working days. Failure to comply with the schedule would render the contract null and void and could jeopardize future contract work.

PINEY POINT - Mr. Norris stated profile data had been received two or three weeks ago; however, there is a problem in locating the wharf. Mr. Johnson, Waterway Improvement Technician, Department of Natural Resources, will be meeting with Mr. Norris next week to discuss location of the wharf. Commissioner Bowles inquired about a retainer wall from the south side of the boat ramp to Island Bridge. Mr. Baggett is to start the paperwork for a permanent wall.

DUKEHART CREEK - Mr. Norris stated that the dredging has been completed, the design for the recreational area has not been started and the contract has been advertised. Bids will be open July 31.

John Baggett, John Norris, and Paul Raley are to meet with Mr. Johnson of the Department of Natural Resources next week to review the list of projects which the Department of Natural Resources has approved funding and is holding for St. Mary's County. Paul Raley is to submit a completed report to the Commissioners.

PAY SCHEDULE FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS ON SATURDAYS

Present: John Norris  
Harris Sterling

John Norris recommended that the pay schedule on Saturdays for equipment operators would be for a minimum of two and a maximum

of five work hours, the operator will receive an equivalent of ten hours straight-time pay. All hours beyond five will be time and a half. Mr. Norris said this was agreed to by the employees.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### OAKVILLE LANDFILL CARETAKER

Present: John Norris  
Harris Sterling

Mr. Norris stated that John Alderman has resigned as caretaker of the Oakville Landfill and recommended that James Webster Sweeny be hired in that position. Commissioner Guy made a motion that John Norris be authorized to hire James Sweeny at \$1.60 per hour, effective July 23, 1973. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion, and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### ST. ANDREWS LANDFILL

Present: John Norris

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the County purchase 1.02 acres of property adjacent to the St. Andrews Landfill from Herschel McLeod in the amount of \$700. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### BIDS FOR WATER AND SEWAGE FOR TRAILER ON ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris

No bids had been received for installation of water and sewage for the trailer owned by Agnes Abell located on St. Andrews Church Road, and John Norris had requested and received prices from B. I. Mattingly - \$950.00 and J. C. and W. A. Guy - \$2150. Mr. Mattingly informed Mr. Norris that he could not do the job for \$950 as bid. John Norris recommended that the bid be awarded to J. C. and W. A. Guy in the amount of \$2150. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept John Norris's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### TALL TIMBERS

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated that in reviewing the Tall Timbers project with the Army Corps of Engineers, it was determined that COE needed assurance that they have a right-of-way on the shore line and along the shore erosion district for access to the wall for construction. Mr. Norris is to draft a letter for the Commissioners' signature indicating the county's responsibility for the maintenance of the wall and the fact that we have had continuous maintenance along the wall; therefore, access does exist for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the wall.

BUILDING PERMITS FOR TOWN OF LEONARDTOWN

Present: John Norris

Commissioner Bowles made a motion for the County to continue issuing building permits in the Town of Leonardtown, seconded by Commissioner Guy and Commissioner Aud made it unanimous. Commissioner Aud stated that in support of this decision, the County has to give services to Leonardtown which must be paid for.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

John Norris mileage and expense report for the month of June - \$147.69.

International Election Systems Corporation, Invoice No. 00136, dated 6-2-73, for four voting machines - \$9,000.00.

POLICE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Commissioner Guy made a motion for Commissioner Bowles to sign form including St. Mary's County in the Police Mutual Agreement (exchange of deputies), seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

TRASH REMOVAL AT RECREATIONAL AREAS

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

John Baggett stated that the grant for trash removal has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

TENNIS COURTS - LEONARDTOWN

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated that the tennis courts at Leonardtown are now 90% complete.

ST. ANDREWS ESTATE PARK

Present: John Baggett

Commissioner Guy made a motion for approval of Program Open Space Acquisition in the amount of \$5,550 for St. Andrews Estates Park, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles and signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion for approval of Program Open Space Development in the amount of \$22,200 for St. Andrews Estates Park, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles and signed same.

CHANGE OF CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC BIDS FOR RECREATION AND PARKS

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated that Mr. Weiner, County Attorney, had reviewed the proposed contract for public bids and gave his approval.

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he had talked to John Hall, Soil Conservation Service, and they were in agreement that when everything is in order and completed, that all property in Site 1 be deeded in accordance with the original plan. Paul Raley is to send a letter of intent to Fred Eskew, Director, Program Open Space, Department of Natural Resources.

SECURITY LIGHTS

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett recommended that no security lights be placed at Forrest Landing and Chaptico Wharf.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

George McWilliams, III, submitted his acceptance of appointment to the Metropolitan Commission, for a term to expire July 1, 1976.

YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Stuart W. Hobbs submitted his acceptance of appointment to serve on the Tri-County Youth Services Advisory Board.

HOURS APPROVED FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT CARNIVALS

The Commissioners unanimously approved that the Sheriff's Deputies be paid for a total of 54 hours at the Mechanicsville carnival and 74 1/2 hours at the Valley Lee carnival.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD

A bill was submitted from the Alcoholic Beverage Board in the amount of \$112.50 for special legal fees. The Commissioners deferred payment of this bill and requested Paul Raley to draft a letter to Mr. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Board, stating that bills for special legal fees will not be honored unless said fees are part of their budget and so identified as such.

YOUTH SERVICES USA, INC.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to cancel the letter of June 26, 1973 to Richard Wertz, Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement,

approving the transfer of approximately \$3,000.00 from Tri-County Group Home to Southern Maryland Youth Services, USA, Inc. The transfer of funds is to come from Tri-County Youth Services Bureau. Paul Raley is to write a new letter to Mr. Wertz with this information. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

(Commissioner Guy left the meeting at this time.)

#### PROGRAM PAPERS FOR FISCAL 1974 (CIVIL DEFENSE)

Commissioner Guy made a motion for Commissioner Bowles to sign the Program Paper for Local Civil Defense, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### RENTAL FEE FOR VALLEY LEE AND RIDGE DUMPS

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated that the Valley Lee and Ridge Dumps will remain open for another year and payment for rent is to be made to Mrs. Joseph E. Bennett for Valley Lee and Laura Courtney for Ridge.

#### DOC'S LANDING

The Commissioners were in agreement that Paul Raley request the County Attorney to file Declaration of Judgment on Doc's Landing.

#### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Present: John Norris

The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement that John Norris appoint John Coffey or Dale Cropper for approximately 60 days as temporary Plumbing Inspector to get the program initiated.

#### MEETING OF JULY 31, 1973

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 1973 due to the fact it is a fifth Tuesday.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18, 1973

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

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

The Commissioners reviewed the Board of Education Budget with Mr. Sterling and Mr. Sterling certified that the figures are true and correct in accordance with the budget adopted by the St. Mary's County Board of Estimates May 1, 1973, and recommended the Commissioners sign same.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS

Present: Harris Sterling

The Commissioners reviewed the Resolutions of the Metropolitan Commission concerning the sale of \$650,000 of bonds for the acquisition of the Patuxent Water Company, Inc. by the Metropolitan Commission. Commissioner Guy questioned signing the Resolution at this time because of outstanding debts owed the Metropolitan Commission. He stated he would like more information on this before making a decision. Harris Sterling is to obtain this financial information.

MALPRACTICE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Present: Dr. William Marek, Health Department  
 Walter Raum, Health Department

Dr. Marek stated that the Health Department's malpractice liability insurance expired July 1, 1973. The renewal is going to require a substantial increase in the premium from \$1800 to \$4,988 to cover what had previously been covered. In order to get the insurance, the Health Department had to become part of the blanket county policy. The county's policy is to be renegotiated before November 1, 1973, the date of expiration, and Dr. Marek requested that the Health Department's insurance be renegotiated with it. It would cover all employees as they perform their duties within the sphere of health. Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Sterling if the County can obtain an endorsement to the County's present policy to cover this. Mr. Sterling said this has been done. A binder will be on the County policy from July 1, 1973 to November 1, 1973. Prior to November 1, a bid will be put out on the entire package.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Present: Dr. William Marek  
Walter Raum

Dr. Marek stated that Dr. King, Superintendent of Public Schools and James Raley of the Board of Education looked at the Health Department building in Lexington Park and they did not think the building could be made suitable for their purposes without a considerable amount of work and money. Dr. Marek mentioned the survey from National Home Inspection which considered the Lexington Park building worth improvement.

Commissioner Bowles asked Dr. Marek if the Leonardtown building would serve their needs if they were to get the total building. Dr. Marek said it would accommodate their present staff plus a little expansion.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the possibility of funds being made available now or next year through 701 or a replacement program that would provide funds for a new and larger building that would serve their needs for the next 10 to 20 years. Dr. Marek said they are looking into this possibility, but have not been able to obtain a firm commitment from the State as to what funds would be available.

Commissioner Guy said we should recognize there is nothing we will be able to do in the terms of space in the immediate future; therefore, what would be the cost for the renovation and improvement of the Lexington Park building. The Commissioners will review the survey made by National Home Inspection and report back to Dr. Marek of their findings.

SANITARIAN FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Present: Dr. William Marek  
Walter Raum

Dr. Marek stated that the workload is increasing, especially in Environmental Health and they are in the process of trying to recruit an additional sanitarian. To date, there has been no success. Commissioner Aud suggested private companies performing perc tests. Mr. Raum said this has been tried by surveyors but was not successful.

PRESENTATION OF BOOKLET TO THE COMMISSIONERS

Present: Mr. Arthur "Buck" Briscoe  
Mrs. Lois Kenney, Economic Inventory Specialist of Maryland

Mrs. Kenney presented the Commissioners with a booklet entitled Community Economic Inventory - St. Mary's County,



Maryland. The Commissioners in turn, presented Mrs. Kenney with a St. Mary's County Cookbook.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

*J. Wilmer Bowles 10/31/73*  
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