

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, August 7, 1973

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

Also present were: Pat Bresslin, WKIK; Dave Fox, WPTX;  
Richard Polk, Enterprise.

READING OF THE MINUTES

(Commissioner Aud left the meeting at this time).

The minutes of August 1, 1973 were read and corrected.

(Commissioner Aud returned to the Meeting).

SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling recommended that \$184,301 of revenue sharing funds be set up in a special account at Maryland Bank and Trust. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to this recommendation.

(The Commissioners recessed for lunch).

RECOMMENDATION FOR TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD

(Commissioner Bowles was not present due to the fact he was in the office on the telephone with Senator Beall's office concerning NESTEF).

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the name of Clarence Bell be added to the list for the Tax Assessment Appeal Board submitted to the Governor's Office, seconded by Commissioner Aud. The cover letter, dated August 3, 1973, was signed by Commissioners Aud and Guy.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROBLEMS

Commissioner Aud stated that Lawrence Henderson of St. George's Island had advised him of his complaint regarding the mosquito control spraying program for the St. George's Island Improvement Association. Although his property is not sprayed, the property adjacent to his is being sprayed and is destroying his garden. Also the fumes are causing difficulty in his breathing.

A similar complaint has also been registered by Mr. Golden Clarke of St. George's Island. The property adjacent to his property is being sprayed and the fumes filter over onto his property which has effected his breathing. Paul Raley is to contact the Mosquito Control Office about the situation.

(Commissioner Bowles returned to the meeting).

PINEY POINT SHORES ROAD (HARRY LUNDEBERG SCHOOL)

Present: Mr. Frank Mongelli, Harry Lundeberg School  
Mr. John Dotterer, Harry Lundeberg School

Mr. Mongelli and Mr. Dotterer came before the Commissioners concerning the pipeline to be installed on Piney Point Shore Road from Route 249 at the entrance of the Harry Lundeberg School plus 100 feet. Having the pipeline installed would widen the road and eliminate the hazards caused by the two foot ditch alongside the road, the road having no shoulders. Mr. Dotterer said that Harry Lundeberg School was to purchase the pipes and catch basin covers and the State Highway Administration was to do the installation.

Commissioner Bowles stated that Lee Fridell of the State Highway Administration had telephoned him on this matter and it was Mr. Fridell's understanding that the pipe crossing Piney Point Shore Road should be the County's responsibility and the additional work, including improvement to the street, the pipe and the catch basin should be the school's expense, but was to be done under the State Highway Administration's supervision. Mr. Mongelli said he talked with Mr. Fridell to find out why the work was discontinued, because it was to have been done last Spring. Mr. Fridell had said he would talk with the Commissioners about the school doing part of the job, but in the beginning he had been told they (the school) could not do the work because it is a County road.

Commissioner Guy said a request was sent to the Commissioners to provide \$4,000 to \$4,500 in order to pay for the catch basins. At that time, we were in a controversy about the school taxes and funding was not provided.

Commissioner Bowles said the question now is who will bear the cost of the catch basins and who will build them. Mr. Mongelli said the School could do it themselves but it would entail tieing up people from doing other jobs.

Mr. Mongelli implied that the School would bear all costs of pipe and manhole construction work to be done under the supervision of Mr. Fridell, State Highway Administration and that the grading

required for covering the pipe would be done by State Roads, as is the practice for installing pipes (such as entrance pipes) for all residents of St. Mary's County.

BIDS ON ST. CLEMENT'S SHORES SHELTER BUILDING

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Bids were opened on July 31, 1973 for the shelter building at St. Clement's Shores. Bids were as follows:

<u>GENERAL CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>BIDS</u>	<u>TOTAL BIDS</u>
Melvin Construction	\$16,143.00	
<u>ELECTRICITY</u>		
Owens' Electric	\$ 2,284.55	
<u>PLUMBING</u>		
B. I. Mattingly	\$ 8,880.00	\$27,307.55
	(plus \$1.32 a ft. for digging and backfilling the water lines)	(plus \$1.32 a ft. for digging and backfilling the water lines)

John Baggett recommended that the bids for plumbing and construction be rejected and that it be readvertised. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BIDS FOR ST. CLEMENT'S SHORES SITE IMPROVEMENTS - BALL DIAMONDS

Present: John Baggett

Bids were opened for the site improvements at St. Clement's Shores on July 31, 1973. Bids were as follows:

J. Irving Knott	\$24,884.20
-----------------	-------------

John Baggett recommended that the bid be rejected because he felt the bid was too excessive. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Baggett's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BIDS FOR GREAT MILLS SCHOOL AMPHITHEATER

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated approval from the State was received for the tennis courts and site improvement at Town Creek and bids will be advertised soon.

The Graves property has received approval and will be ready for settlement once the property is surveyed. Mr. Baggett is to have the taxes pro rated as of date of settlement, and he is to contact Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, concerning release of liens to insure that the County is protected.

The Carver Heights playground had been approved by the State for funding and Mr. Baggett said he is ready to advertise for bids on the project.

#### LEONARDTOWN ELEMENTARY-MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS

Present: John Baggett

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

Mr. Baggett stated he is withholding payment of \$10,290.05 to the contractor, B. & J. Nursery pending a decision from Mr. Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, as to whether a check should be issued in one name or in three names (contractor and sub-contractors); also whether the County should require a release of lien from the contractor. \$600.00 of this amount is being held that is due the B. & J. Nursery for the turf on the ball diamonds at Leonardtown School because the contract states that the turf must be acceptable and Mr. Baggett was of the opinion it was not.

#### MAN FROM LA MANCHA

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated the summer stock production of "Man from La Mancha" at Great Mills High School starts tonight, August 7 and continues through Sunday, August 12.

#### ST. ANDREW'S ESTATES SOCIAL AND RECREATION CLUB

Present: Mrs. Ngaire Collins, Secretary  
Mr. Donald Collins, President  
John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Collins came before the Commissioners to sign the deed conveying the property of the recreational area at St. Andrew's Estates to the County. Mr. Collins submitted a check

in the amount of \$10.25 for real estate taxes due for the month of July, 1973. Paul Raley is to determine if all taxes have been paid and request Mr. Weiner, County Attorney, to determine if the property is free and clear of all liens as of August 7, 1973.

CHARLOTTE HALL AND NICOLET PARK

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he had money in his budget for site improvement at Charlotte Hall Military Academy and Nicolet Park. Charlotte Hall did not wish to lease the property for 50 years and the owner of land adjacent to Nicolet Park would not sell the additional property needed to expand the park. Therefore, Mr. Baggett requested that the money allocated for these projects be transferred to site improvement on the Graves property. Commissioner Aud stated there would be criticism from the public if money is taken from one district for a project in another district. Commissioner Guy said that the Graves property could serve the Fifth and Sixth Districts. (Charlotte Hall is in the Fifth). Commissioner Aud suggested Mr. Baggett look into the possibility of using land from the Navy adjacent to the Frank Knox School in the Eighth District.

CHARLOTTE HALL AND NICOLET PARK

The Commissioners advised John Baggett to submit a proposed breakdown of expenditures for development of the Graves property and at that time a decision would be made regarding the use of the monies now in the budget for the Charlotte Hall Military Academy.

SUGGESTED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett submitted a capital improvement proposal setting forth how money might be spent over the next five years in each district for recreation. Each year this would be reviewed in the budget and the Commissioners could decide whether they have the money and would want to include the projects in the Recreation and Parks budget. Commissioner Bowles noted that the second district was not included in the proposal and a five-year plan should include all districts.

In referring to the proposal, Mr. Baggett said the most expensive item for all projects is the clearing and this could possibly be eliminated if County equipment and men were used.

Commissioner Bowles suggested that the following be added to the cover letter to Mr. Allen, consultant for the Recreation and

Parks Comprehensive Plan and said letter be submitted to the County Commissioners for approval prior to submission to Mr. Allen: the capital improvement program is subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners on an annual basis that will comply with the Commissioners' annual budget.

#### OCEAN HALL

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett said Mel Peters from Prince George's County appraised the Ocean Hall property and should submit the appraisal figures in approximately two weeks. Commissioner Guy suggested there should be a public hearing in the community in the vicinity of Ocean Hall and the County's proposal for the property should be heard. Commissioner Guy said that the people in the community do not understand what the County proposed to do. Mr. Baggett is to return to the Commissioners with all information concerning Ocean Hall, including appraisal figures, and then a decision will be made as to whether a public hearing should be held.

#### REGION II BOARD

Joseph Weiner submitted his acceptance of willingness to serve on the Region II Board. The Commissioners unanimously agreed that Mr. Weiner be appointed to the Board. Mr. Weiner and Mr. Wertz of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement are to be notified.

#### TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME BOARD

The Commissioners unanimously recommended John Bailey, Erva Davis, Louis Davis and Major Meil D. Burgee to the Tri-County Group Home Board. Letters are to be sent to the above requesting their acceptance.

#### X-RAY MACHINE FOR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

The Commissioners authorized the hospital to spend \$27,295 for the purchase of an x-ray machine and this amount is to be charged to the hospital's \$150,000 capital improvement budget item.

#### PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR AIRPORT PROPERTY

The Commissioners unanimously agreed and signed the perpetual easement dated August 7, 1973 between Taylor Marshall, the County Commissioners, and Hugh and Helen C. Allston and Aubrey F. and Victoria P. Mattingly for the purpose of clearing all vegetative matter on 4.23 acres of property adjacent to the airport.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

Commissioner Aud made a motion that we abolish the two-day a week meeting and return to the one-day a week meeting due to the hiring of Donald McGlade, Director of Administration; However, the Commissioners would be on call for additional meetings. This will begin the first Tuesday in September. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

The Commissioners unanimously approved vouchers #4481 through #5282 dated March 12, 1973 through June 29, 1973.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

*J. Wilmer Bowles 10/31/73*  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
President