

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 11, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
 Commissioner George R. Aud
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
 H. D. McGlade, Director of Administration
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

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

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

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 4, 1973 were read and corrected.

WHITE NECK CREEK ROAD

Commissioner Bowles stated complaints had been received concerning the condition of White Neck Creek Road (Ellis Road). The Commissioners agreed that John Norris should be requested to obtain bids for bituminous concrete for White Neck Creek Road from State Route 242 intersection to White Neck Creek Wharf.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BILL

The Commissioners received a copy of the Financial Disclosure Bill from the Governor's Office, and they will discuss at a later date whether St. Mary's County will develop their own bill, which must be more stringent than the State bill.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

A letter was received from the Department of Employment and Social Services concerning the Public Employment Program (PEP). Presently, St. Mary's County does not have any PEP participants in the Program. \$21,175 is allocated to St. Mary's County for this program. Mr. McGlade is to discuss this with Paul Raley and John Norris, County Engineer, to see if anyone could be used at the land-fill sites or working on the roads.

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Mr. McGlade will attend a meeting September 19, 1973, 10:30 a.m. at the International Tower Building, Linthicum, Maryland, to review the facilities maintenance inventory and survey of schools in St. Mary's County.

CONTROL CENTER

Present: Otis Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense

REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATIONS CLERK - Mr. Wood came before the Commissioners to request an additional full-time communications clerk. The new position would have an annual salary of \$6667, which would be offset by the reduction of part-time help by approximately \$2,000 annually. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Mr. Wood's request, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. This position will be effective as soon as it can be filled.

LEAKS IN THE CONTROL CENTER BUILDING - Mr. Wood discussed the problem of water leaking into the Control Center. He is to look into the possibility of a pavilion type structure above ground over the Control Center.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT - LEONARDTOWN AND TECH CENTER

A letter was received from the Metropolitan Commission dated September 7 setting forth three alternatives for sewage services for the Middle School and High School at the Tech Center site. All three plans require the County to purchase the Leonardtown Sewage Treatment Plan site. The letter further states that the recommendations made by the Ludwig Commission in their letter of August 24 does not carry a firm commitment to meet the future requirements of the Leonardtown Sanitary District and the Metropolitan Commission does not concur in this course of action.

(The Commissioners adjourned for lunch. Due to illness, Commissioner Guy did not return to the meeting.)

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN

Present: Mr. Benjamin Beavin, Sr., Engineer Consultant
Robert Willard, Planning Director
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Beavin presented the final Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan to the County Commissioners for approval. Bob Willard and John Norris are to review the Plan before the Commissioners approve it by Resolution, after which time it will be forwarded to the State Health Department for adoption. Mr. Beavin will provide the Commissioners with 100 copies of the Plan and 12 full-size maps and 100 maps on a smaller scale will be furnished at extra cost.

(The Commissioners recessed as the Board of County Commissioners and met as the County Board of Health.)

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH - REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS

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

Dr. Marek stated there is no mechanism in the County for the handling of dead animals. He mentioned an example of three dead dogs in a vacant house for a considerable length of time. The owner was finally contacted by letter stating that the health laws were being violated. A second incident is the dead fish at MacIntosh Run. There is a substantial number of dead fish and it covers a substantial amount of territory. The Health Department can only issue orders to owners of property along MacIntosh Run to clear up the dead fish on their land. The property owner will have to clean up the fish himself or give permission to let someone on the property to clean it up. If the property owners do not comply then they can be taken to court. Dr. Marek stated some fish are still alive, but will soon die due to the lack of oxygen.

Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense, is to be contacted to be in charge of this project and is authorized to employ the necessary manpower to do the work. John Norris is to assist and the County will bear the cost of the operation. It was decided that the dogcatcher could take care of the first problem.

PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO CAMPER SITE - AIREDELE ROAD

Present: Dr. William Marek
Walter Raum

A Petition registering opposition to a camper site on Airedele Road, Ridge, First Election District, on property owned by G. I. Rupert Lore, was submitted to the Commissioners' Office. Walter Raum stated that Mr. Lore has begun work on the camper site and that he had advised Mr. Lore to stop work until he received the proper soil tests and the necessary application for camper site approval.

(The Commissioners adjourned as the Board of Health and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Present: Mrs. Virginia Meads, Chairman, EDC

Mrs. Meads came before the Commissioners to ask what is expected of her as Chairman of the EDC, what is she obliged to do and what rights and privileges she has. Commissioner Bowles advised her that she is to promote the economic well-being of St. Mary's County. Commissioner Aud suggested she contact the STATE EDC for direction.

Commissioner Bowles suggested she appoint several committees and give them a specific charge. In this way, ideas can be

developed from which she could find direction to pursue and accomplish objectives of the Commission.

Commissioner Bowles advised Mrs. Meads that she should give direction to "Buck" Briscoe, Director of EDC. Commissioner Aud suggested that if someone does not attend the meetings four or five times perhaps they should be replaced.

DEAD FISH AT MACINTOSH RUN

Present: Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense

The Commissioners instructed Otis Wood to work with John Norris and Dr. Marek to employ the necessary people and purchase the necessary equipment to clear up the health hazard due to the dead fish and fish that are dying at MacIntosh Run. This is considered an emergency health hazard and, whatever the cost would be, approval will be given by the County Commissioners.

QUEEN TREE PROPERTY

Present: Mr. Oliver Guyther, Attorney

Mr. Guyther stated that the Queen Tree project was submitted to Planning and Zoning December 6, 1973 and was to have been taken up at the December meeting. The December meeting was overloaded and this project was not discussed. The project received preliminary approval February 26, 1973, conditional upon whether it would be affected by the December 26, 1973 Road Directive. Mr. Guyther said that, at a previous meeting, the County Attorney ruled that any plan that was on file with Planning and Zoning prior to December 26, 1972 would not be affected by the Directive. John Norris is to submit to the Commissioners verification of submittal date of the project to Planning and Zoning.

GRAVES - (DIXON) ROAD

Present: Oliver Guyther, Attorney
Carolyn D. Long

Mrs. Long and her attorney, Oliver Guyther, informed the Commissioners that they would like the Graves Road to be constructed as located on the plat (Job No. L 2659) prepared by J. R. McCrone, dated May 4, 1973. Mrs. Long, representing the Dixon heirs, signed the plat. Mr. Guyther and Mrs. Long took the plat to obtain the signatures of adjacent property owners for approval of the location of said road, after which time the plat is to be returned to the County Commissioners, after which time said road will be opened.

REPLACEMENT OF CARS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Sheriff Larry Williams

Sheriff Williams stated he had requested twelve cars in his Department to be replaced and was given permission to replace

six, and now he requests that eight be replaced instead of six. The mileage on the cars are as follows:

Car No.	1800	50,605)	
" "	1801	68,750)	
" "	1808	87,694)	1971 Ambassadors
" "	1811	94,233)	
" "	1812	96,803)	
" "	1813	90,801)	
" "	1806	155,895)	1970 Chevrolets
" "	1810	113,888)	

The Sheriff said he is in the process of drawing up specifications for eight new cars. It will take approximately four months for delivery. For the two additional cars, it will cost approximately \$6,000 over and above what was allocated in the budget; however, this does not include trade-in value. The Commissioners approved advertising and receiving of bids for eight cars.

DEPUTY FOR DISTRICT COURT

Present: Sheriff Larry Williams

Sheriff Williams stated that Judge Sterling asked if a Deputy can be provided for District Court and he would like to hire an extra man so that one can be provided. Commissioner Bowles requested the Sheriff to meet with Harris Sterling, Finance Director, concerning the State paying half of the salary for a deputy for District Court, after which time the Commissioners will make a decision.

CONFISCATED VEHICLES

Present: Sheriff Williams

Sheriff Williams stated a 1967 Volkswagon Bus had been confiscated and awarded to the County and today the Court awarded a 1967 Mustang to the County. The Sheriff suggested selling the 1967 Volkswagon Bus as is and that his Department use the 1967 Mustang. He is to transfer tags from the VW Bus to the 1967 Mustang and ask for bids on the Volkswagon Bus as is.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING BOARD

Commissioner Aud made a motion to appoint Robert S. Dixon to the Comprehensive Health Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME BOARD

Commissioner Aud made a motion to appoint Major Miel D. Burgee to the Tri-County Group Home Board, seconded by Commissioner Bowles. Tom Scherer is to be notified of this appointment.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to appoint James Kenney to the Tri-County Group Home Board, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

Doris Bracken and Margaret Flannagan are to be requested to serve on the Tri-County Group Home Board if other vacancies exist.

OVERTIME FOR JOSEPH "SKIP" JONES, JR.

Commissioner Aud made a motion that Joseph Jones, Jr. be paid time and a half for overtime for remodeling and improvements at the Courthouse, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

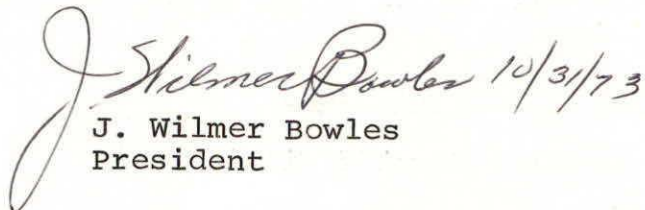
MAINTENANCE WORK AT LEONARD HALL

Paul Raley recommended that Helen Sommerville be hired to clean Building No. 4 at Leonard Hall for a total of \$3.00 an hour, three hours a night. This will be done on a trial basis.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS - ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND

A letter was received from Mr. Al Tate, Highway District Engineer, stating an investigation has been made of the road conditions at St. George's Island and recommended that the road be raised approximately two feet and the road widened to twenty feet. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the improvement of the County Roads on St. George's Island, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

 10/31/73
J. Wilmer Bowles
President