

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 1974

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud
Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary
(Commissioner Bowles was not present.)

The meeting came to order at 9:45 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 5, 1974 were read and corrected.

NURSING HOME PROJECT

Present: Chauncey Karstens

Mr. Karstens pointed out the minor changes that were recommended by HEW on the plans for the Nursing Home Project. Mr. Karstens stated that bids are to be opened March 22, 1974 and because of the time element, and after consultation with Ed Cox and Mr. McGlade yesterday, advertisement for proposals on the project were submitted to the newspapers. The Commissioners approved of Mr. Karstens' actions.

STATE POLICE BARRACKS

Present: Dale Cropper, Engineering Inspector

Mr. Cropper inquired of the Commissioners what procedures were necessary to expedite the construction of the State Police Barracks on the fairground property. Commissioner Aud stated that he would contact Colonel Smith, Superintendent, Maryland State Police, to determine the status of the project.

Mr. Cropper also inquired about the possibility of having signs erected on the property designating it as the future site of the State Police Barracks. Commissioner Aud stated that this authority has already been given the State Police.

BILLS APPROVED

The Commissioners approved the following bills:

Dale Cropper, Engineering Inspector, mileage expenses for the month of January - \$137.13;

State Highway Administration, dated February 1, 1974, for construction inspection and material testing services on St. Andrew's Church Road for the month of November 1973 - \$2,812.07;

St. Mary's County Historical Society, for operating expenses for the operation of the St. Mary's County Tourist Information Center for the month of February 1974 - \$416.68;

George Young, Chopticon High School, for services for four hours on January 19, 1974 for test given at Chopticon - \$7.40.

BOND FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept and sign the bond in the amount of \$75,000 for Mr. Francis Cecil, Treasurer, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

PROPOSALS FOR LARREDORE ROAD

John Norris solicited proposals for a centerline stake-out to obtain the right-of-way for Larredore Road. Proposals were opened February 13, 1974 by John Norris in the presence of Judy Mullins, Secretary to the County Commissioners. Proposals were as follows:

Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill - \$3,250

J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc. - \$3,550

Free State Surveying and Land Planning, Inc. - \$1,300.

On this date John Norris forwarded a recommendation to the Commissioners that Free State Surveying be authorized to provide the centerline stake-out in the amount of \$1,300. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION CENTER

Ed Cox advised the Commissioners of the meeting held February 14, 1974 concerning the above with the following people: Clark Gravelle, Tri-County Council; Joseph Killeen and Paul Showell, Community Corrections Task Force; Will Broms, Assistant State's Attorney; Sheriff Larry Williams, Don McGlade, Comptroller; Ed Cox, Chief Clerk and James Hickey, Intern. Mr. Cox stated they had discussed the Resolutions signed by Charles and Calvert Counties and the fact that the Resolution, if signed by St. Mary's County, would commit the County to construction of the Center. At that meeting approval was given for the Commissioners to send a letter of intent to Donald Pointer, Deputy Secretary of Correction, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, stating that St. Mary's County would be interested in a feasibility study concerning the proposed Correction Center. However, the endorsement of the feasibility study should in no

way be construed as a commitment to actual construction plans or operational costs. Commissioners Aud and Guy gave their approval to Ed Cox to forward said letter.

YOUTH COMMISSION

A letter was received from Les George, Chairman, Youth Commission, concerning the problem of police assistance for school and community activities in the County because of Atty. General Burch's ruling that Deputy Sheriffs cannot act as policemen on off-duty hours.

Commissioner Guy stated that this was discussed at the last Recreation and Parks Board meeting and that the Chairman of that Board will discuss this with Les George and contact the Sheriff, State Police, State's Attorney, and Board of Education to determine how this situation could be resolved, after which time they would make a presentation to the County Commissioners.

ELECTRICAL BOARD LEGISLATION

A request was received from the Board of Electrical Examiners dated February 12, 1974 to have certain changes made in the 1972 Supplement to the Code of Public Laws. Commissioners Guy and Aud requested Ed Cox to forward this change to Annapolis to be included in our 1974 Legislative Package.

REQUEST FOR ACCESS ACROSS RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris stated he received a request from Leonard T. and Phyllis M. Dixon for a 50-foot right-of-way access across the railroad off of Route 235, north of Hollywood. The Commissioners requested John Norris to draft an Agreement for their review giving a 20-foot right-of-way and stating that the access would be cancelled at the option of the County Commissioners, and that the use of the right-of-way by the land owner could not encumber the County's future use of the railroad right-of-way.

MASTER PLUMBER LICENSE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris stated that Albert Wise had passed the examination for a license for Master Plumber; however, the Agreement the Commissioners signed with the Plumbing Board required that a person derive at least 40% of his income from a plumbing business, and he was at that time working at the Naval Air Station. Mr. Wise has subsequently retired and is desirous of continuing his part-time plumbing business, but making it a full-time business. The Commissioners requested John Norris to draft a letter

to the State Plumbing Board requesting that Mr. Wise be reviewed again for the possibility of granting him a license.

TALL TIMBERS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The Commissioners requested Ed Cox to forward a letter to the Citizens Association of Tall Timbers advising them that the contract had been awarded for the replacement of the seawall and that work will begin soon.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve Vouchers Nos. 6953 through 7187, dated January 3 through January 31, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

GASOLINE CARDS

The Commissioners requested Ed Cox to have cards made up for County employees who use their vehicles for County business to enable them to purchase gasoline on any day. At the present time, residents of Maryland are restricted to purchasing gasoline on odd or even days according to their license tag numbers because of the current fuel shortage.

TERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT AIRPORT

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director
John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris stated that \$6,202.29 for engineering services and legal fees was disallowed by the auditors for FAA in closing out the construction project on the Airport. John Norris requested the Commissioners' concurrence with the FAA that this amount be disallowed. There is \$84.63 in excess of the grant application and Mr. Norris and Mr. Sterling recommended that the Commissioners waive reapplication for a grant to claim on the additional \$84.63. \$15,010 is now due St. Mary's County as a result of the final audit by FAA.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' and Mr. Sterling's recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Aud. Mr. Sterling and Mr. Norris will draft a letter to that effect to FAA.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Present: John Norris

The Commissioners approved and signed the Employment Contract for Martin Patrick Callan, as a temporary employee in

the Office of the County Engineer, for completing specific engineering projects (develop plans and specifications for hangar at Airport), effective February 19, 1974, at an hourly salary of \$12 per hour.

TAX MAPS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Present: Robert Willard, Planning Director

Mr. Willard requested permission from the Commissioners to expend \$240 for the purchase of updated tax maps of St. Mary's County for the purpose of aiding in the writing of the Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this expenditure, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

CEDAR COVE PROJECT

Present: Robert Willard, Planning Director

Mr. Willard stated that he is willing to negotiate with the Cedar Cove people if there is anything additional the Commissioners would require from them.

COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commissioners selected Judge Clarence Dodge to serve on the Commission on Aging, effective upon receipt of his letter of acceptance.

RECREATION AND PARKS - PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett submitted two options for the purchase of two tracts of land. The first option is for the purchase of five acres from Katherine W. Daugherty, located behind the Lexington Park Elementary School. The purchase price is \$25,000; however, Mr. Baggett stated that the County could purchase that amount of acreage equal to the appraised price up to the total cost of \$25,000. The remaining portion of the five acres beyond the cost of \$25,000 would be donated to the County by Katherine W. Daugherty. Commissioner Guy made a motion to enter into the Agreement with Katherine W. Daugherty as set forth above, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

The second option is for the purchase of 20 acres from Katherine W. and George T. Daugherty located approximately one mile south of Lexington Park on Willows Road under the same terms for the above option for the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Guy made a motion to enter into this Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

RECREATION AND PARKS - LAUREL GROVE DEVELOPMENT NO. 1

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Commissioner Guy made a motion to sign the Assurance of Compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 regarding the above project, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to sign the Laurel Grove Park Development No. 1 Project Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Aud. The project is in the amount of \$70,000 - \$35,000 from Federal, \$17,500 from the State, and \$17,500 from St. Mary's County. (See minutes of January 8, 1974.)

Commissioner Guy made a motion to sign the Land and Water Conservation and Maintenance Agreement for the above project, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

MILEAGE EXPENSES FOR COUNTY INSPECTOR

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling recommended that the amount allowed in the 1973-74 budget for gas mileage for the County Inspector, Leonard Cryer, be increased by \$1,000. This amount is to be taken from the Contingency Fund and placed into the account for the County Inspector. Said funds should be sufficient for the Inspector until July 1, 1974. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

COUNTY-COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

Present: Dr. Renwick Jackson, President, St. Mary's College
Dr. Frank van Aalst, Director of Off-Campus Learning
Don Taylor, Public Information Officer
James Hickey, Intern
David Robbins, Intern
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

The above individuals came before the Commissioners to formalize the County-College Intern Program at the Courthouse. James Hickey is working with Ed Cox in the Office of the Chief Clerk, and David Robbins is working with Don McGlade in the Comptroller's Office.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the above program, seconded by Commissioner Aud. In addition, the Commissioners approved the distribution of the Press Release setting forth the Program.

GOLDEN BEACH CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION - ROADS

Present: Fred Pumphrey, President
John Benson, Chairman, Roads Committee
Julia Richardson
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Benson submitted a letter dated February 19, 1974 from the Golden Beach Citizens' Association describing the needs of the road system serving the Golden Beach Subdivision. A copy of this letter is on file in the Commissioners' Office. Mr. Benson stated that the Golden Beach access road is foremost on their list. Mr. Pumphrey stated this road is no longer adequate to accommodate the amount of traffic in that area.

John Norris stated that the Golden Beach area should be one of the first areas taken care of on the next schedule by the State Highway Administration due to the fact that this area was on last year's schedule and the work was not completed.

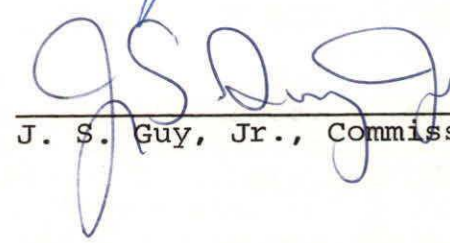
Commissioner Aud stated he had discussed the road problems of this area with Commissioner Bowles and Commissioner Aud suggested that the three Commissioners meet with the Golden Beach citizens and determine the needs of the area. Commissioner Guy said the Commissioners would know how much bond money would be available by May or June and, in the meantime, Mr. Pumphrey should reassure the members of the Association that the Commissioners are aware of the problems at Golden Beach.

LEONARDTOWN WHARF

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the public boat ramp facilities located on Breton Bay, Leonardtown, and to authorize Commissioner Bowles to sign the form requesting a State grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the repair of same. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.


George R. Aud, Commissioner


J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner