

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, September 3, 1974

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
 Commissioner George R. Aud
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
 H. D. McGlade, Comptroller
 Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

VISIT TO ABELL'S WHARF
(SAND AND GRAVEL PROJECT)

The Commissioners visited the Abell's Wharf site to look at the sand and gravel project being done at that location.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 27, 1974 were read and corrected.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

Present: Rev. Tom Daigle, Nanjemoy Baptist Church

Rev. Daigle presented a right-of-way agreement between the Commissioners for St. Mary's County and Nanjemoy Baptist Church requesting a right-of-way for ingress and egress across the railroad right-of-way for the proposed traffic entrance for the Hughesville Baptist Church. The Commissioners requested that the Agreement be amended to include a cancellation clause by the County Commissioners and that the existing railroad track be kept at its present level.

Rev. Daigle returned and presented the amended Agreement as requested by the Commissioners. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept the right-of-way agreement between Nanjemoy Baptist Church and County Commissioners of St. Mary's County regarding the railroad right-of-way, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

CANCELLATION OF PRESS CONFERENCE

The Commissioners were requested at 10:30 a.m. to meet with the Grand Jury today at 11:30 a.m. Therefore, the regular monthly Press Conference was cancelled.

SAND AND GRAVEL PROJECT
ABELL'S WHARF

Present: Trueman Haskell, Potomac River Association
Orin Wilkerson, Citizens' Coalition
Ann Waring
Ann Loker
Alec Loker, Jr.
Mrs. Charles Greenwell
John S. Mattingly
Catherin Chinni
Ester E. Watson
Joseph Weiner, County Attorney
John Norris, County Engineer
Richard Platt, Zoning Administrator

Mr. Haskell and Mr. Wilkerson opened the meeting by thanking and complimenting the Commissioners for their actions concerning Steuart. Mr. Wilkerson inquired about the requests made in the letter to the Commissioners from the Citizens' Coalition. Ed Cox explained that as had been requested in that letter, letters were forwarded to the Department of Water Resources, Army Corps of Engineers, and Department of Assessment and Taxation. Copies of all material previously forwarded to Mr. Witten and Mr. Koegel, Citizens' Coalition, were provided to Mr. Haskell and Mr. Wilkerson. Copies of the correspondence to the above agencies were given to the Press.

Mr. Haskell came before the Commissioners to express the Potomac River Association's concern over the sand and gravel project being conducted at Abell's Wharf by C. J. Langenfelder Inc. of Baltimore. He stated that the Association's purpose is to protect our Potomac River and its tributaries. He questioned if this project was in violation of the Zoning Ordinance.

John Norris explained that a grading permit was obtained prior to the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance allowing them to mine 400,000 square yards. Mr. Haskell inquired as to how much expansion would be allowed and would the Zoning Ordinance have any affect on the work now being done. Commissioner Bowles said a legal determination would have to be made as to at what point the Zoning Ordinance would affect a project that began before the adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Platt, Zoning Administrator, was of the opinion that only what was permitted by the grading permit at the time of issuance would be allowed, and anything additional would require another grading permit.

There were other objections made by those in attendance as to noise, unsightliness and pollution to oyster beds at Breton Bay and local ground water.

Mr. Haskell requested the Commissioners to keep in touch with the situation.

John Norris said that personnel from his office have been making weekly inspections of the site. Commissioner Bowles said these inspections will continue and any additional permits will be subject to public hearings, citizen input and the approval of the Planning Commission and other agencies.

Commissioner Bowles assured the citizens that every restriction and requirement that the Commissioners have a legal right to do will be imposed upon the Langenfelder firm, and that inspections will continue.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Platt to draw up a letter to C. J. Langenfelder, Inc. requesting him to comply with the Zoning Ordinance which was adopted May 28, 1974.

AIRPORT HANGAR (GENERAL CONTRACTOR PORTION)

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Jay McGrath, Engineering Technician
Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Norris presented a contract for the Airport Hangar for the general contractor portion for all remaining work (except office area) to Whalen and Purdy, Inc. with a recommendation for acceptance by the Commissioners. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept the contract between Whalen and Purdy and the County Commissioners for the work at the St. Mary's County Airport in the amount of \$89,997. Funds in the amount of \$35,545 appropriated to the Land and Building Fund FY 75 will be transferred to the Airport Hangar Contract Account. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

ACTUAL USE REPORT
FEDERAL GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling recommended that the Commissioners approve and sign the Actual Use Report for Federal General Revenue Sharing Funds stating the amount spent to be \$769,167 as of June 30, 1974, and that it be published in a local newspaper. Commissioner Aud made a motion accepting Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

STATE AID FOR POLICE PROTECTION

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling recommended the Commissioners' approval of State Aid for Police Protection Form No. 1 - actual expenditures ending June 30, 1974 - \$376,581.62, and Form No. 2 - estimated expenditures for year ending June 30, 1975 - \$468,664. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

COMMISSION ON AGING
NUTRITION PROGRAM

Present: Henry Fisher, Executive Secretary, Commission on Aging

Mr. Fisher presented the grant application for the Title VII Nutrition Program for the elderly and a list of personnel status and summary pertaining to the St. Mary's County Nutrition Program. Mr. Fisher requested the Commissioners' approval of the budget in the total amount of \$78,495 for the total project. \$69,751 will come from the State Commission on Aging, representing a 90% grant. The County's share is 10% which is in-kind.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the budgeted amount, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to authorize payment to six site managers at \$2.50 per hour for each position - hours per week limited to not more than twenty; twelve servers at \$2.00 per hour for each position, hours per week limited to not more than twenty; eighteen drivers at 12¢ per mile. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

Commissioner Aud made a motion to award a Nursing Scholarship to Joan Marie Wise of Leonardtown in the amount of \$500 per year, subject to receipt of a bond, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

COUNTY EMPLOYEES' INSURANCE

Present: Frank Combs, Jr., John Hancock Insurance
Wade Byrum, John Hancock Insurance

After a study of the County's present insurance policy and the John Hancock policy, it was recommended by Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, Ed Cox, Chief Clerk, and Don McGlade, Comptroller, that the County change from Prudential Insurance to John Hancock Insurance because of less cost with increased benefits for employees. The Commissioners requested more information, after which time they will make a decision on acceptance of the new policy.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
JOSEPH E. GARNER

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept and approve the Employment Contract for Joseph E. Garner, Zoning Technician, effective August 26, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Vouchers Nos. 8413 through 8714, dated July 2, 1974 through July 31, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BID OPENING - ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND ROADS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Three sealed bids were received for the above project. Bids are as follows:

Dean Construction	\$36,375.00	Bid Bond enclosed
Bates Construction	\$36,780.00	" " "
Arundel Asphalt Prod.	\$38,160.00	" " "

John Norris will review the bids and return to the Commissioners with recommendations.

ROAD RESOLUTIONSEVEN GABLES HOTEL AND TOWN CREEK MARINA

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a Road Resolution for the erection of No Parking signs on the highway adjacent to and in front of the Seven Gables Hotel and Town Creek Marina. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept this Resolution and authorize Commissioner Bowles to sign same, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

ROAD RESOLUTIONCOUNTY ROUTES 3310 and 3311 (HERRING CREEK ROAD AND RIVER ROAD)

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a Road Resolution to change County Route 3311 to Herring Creek Road, and County Route 3310 to River Road. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept this Resolution and authorize Commissioner Bowles to sign same, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

ESTIMATE NO. 10 - ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Estimate No. 10, in the amount of \$55,155.87 to Regal Construction Co., for the reconstruction of St. Andrews Church Road, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

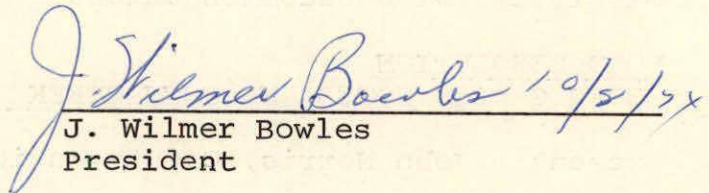
King Brothers, for 150 copies of the 1974 Supplement of the St. Mary's County Code - \$1,170.00;

The A. S. Abell Co. (Sunpapers) for advertisement of Civil Engineer - \$35.36.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

The Commissioners agreed to hold the County Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, September 11, instead of Tuesday, September 10, since Tuesday is Election Day (Primary). There will be no scheduled appointments at the meeting. The Commissioners will take care of in-house business.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

 10/5/74
J. Wilmer Bowles
President