

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

October 6-7, 1976

Wednesday, October 6, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President  
Commissioner Ford L. Dean  
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe  
Commissioner Larry Millison  
Commissioner John K. Parlett  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 29-30, 1976 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SUBDIVISION BONDING STATUS

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

The County Attorney reported to the Commissioners that he has been in contact with the developers of Friendly Pines, Barefoot Acres and Mt. Pleasant regarding the construction of roads in those subdivisions and will be bringing the Commissioners up to date on the status in a short time.

DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

Mr. Bell stated that approximately 60 delinquent personal property taxes have been turned over to him by the Treasurer's Office and requested assistance in the collection of these taxes.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to give the County Attorney authority to acquire assistance in the collection of these taxes, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

Mr. Bell stated that last year the Commissioners had handled three or four tax reduction cases that did not fall within the Circuit Breaker requirements and added that there have been some cases brought to his attention and suggested that he would contact Maryland Association of Counties to determine how other jurisdictions approach this situation. He further stated that it may require legislation to equitably address this situation.

(Commissioner Jarboe left the meeting - 9:30 a.m.)

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented the encumbrance vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the vouchers as submitted with the exception of Voucher No. 09809, payable to The Belvedere, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve payment of Voucher No. 09809, payable to The Belvedere, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Three Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison abstaining.

COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The County Administrator reported to the Commissioners that in accordance with the approval in the budget process, the Cooperative Work Experience Program is now underway and that four high school students have been hired to work in County Government.

CETA EMPLOYEES - INSURANCE PROGRAM

The County Administrator informed the Board of County Commissioners that the CETA employees appreciated the Commissioners' extension of insurance benefits and that 15 of the CETA participants have taken advantage of the County insurance coverage. Also, the State CETA authorities have agreed to absorb the cost of the insurance coverage for CETA participants.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET

The County Administrator informed the Commissioners that the Chairman of the Planning Commission has requested that budgetary authority be given to the Director of Land Use and Development for encumbrances and expenditures regarding the Planning Commission budget. The Budget Officer has recommended that this authority be restricted to the Planning Commission's Salary Account (No. 1081-1101) and Planning Commission's Expenses Account (No. 1081-2671).

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the Budget Officer's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUIRING STAMP OF ZONING OFFICE APPROVAL  
PRIOR TO RECORDATION

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the County Attorney regarding the above-referenced matter which states that it is his opinion that the County Commissioners do not have the authority to adopt such a measure by resolution and recommended meeting with the attorney for the Planning Commission and the Director of Land Use and Development to discuss this matter and make recommendations to the Commissioners.

(Commissioner Jarboe returned to meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION'S PROJECT AT TOWN CREEK

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that we have received several pieces of correspondence regarding the Metropolitan Commission's project in the Town Creek area and recommended that we refer the matter to the Metropolitan Commission for comment and recommendation, and in some cases regarding technical issues, responses to that correspondence. After some discussion, Commissioner Dean recommended that the correspondence received in the Commissioners' Office from the concerned residents of the Town Creek area should be forwarded to the Metropolitan Commission for comment and recommendation, which should be returned to the Commissioners. The Commissioners will then make responses to the concerned citizens since it is the Commissioners who are addressed by the correspondence. A letter of acknowledgement will be forwarded to the senders of these letters stating the action the Commissioners have taken and that a more definitive reply will be forthcoming pending Metropolitan Commission's input.

SECRETARY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR AND PLANNING OFFICE

The County Administrator stated that the above-referenced position was duly advertised and interviews held and it was Mr. Ward Miller's, Economic Development Coordinator, recommendation to select Mary Alvey for this position.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners accept the recommendation of Mr. Miller and hire Mary Alvey in the position of Steno-Clerk, Grade 6, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LOWER POTOMAC RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Present: Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development

Mr. Platt stated he received comments from the Health Department and Metropolitan Commission on the above-referenced Plan and presented a proposed letter for Commissioner McKay's signature endorsing the Plan providing certain listed changes are made.

The Commissioners directed that the letter be typed in final form for Commissioner McKay's signature.

"911" EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Present: Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense  
Foley Mattingly, C & P Telephone Company  
Mr. Bissett, Marketing Division, C & P  
Lt. Gene Pellillo, Sheriff's Dept.

The above individuals appeared before the County Commissioners to discuss the implementation of the "911" System in St. Mary's County. Mr. Wood made the following three recommendations:

1. That all emergency and law enforcement agencies in the County be listed as "911".
2. That we add the capability of switching over of the State Police and Sheriff's line so that they can be answered in their own respective offices.
3. That we take the telephone number 8017, which is an unlisted number, at this time, and have it listed in the white pages of the directory as a fire information number.

The C & P officials requested the Commissioners' concurrence in the deferment of implementing the "911" system from February 15, 1977 to June 20, 1977, because of the problems involved with certain business telephones on the 475 exchange beginning with 911. The Commissioners concurred with the suggested deferment. The C & P officials also recommended that the directory to be released in January of 1977 not list the 911 number because of the obvious confusion which would be caused by not having the system in operation until June 20, 1977. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation.

Lt. Pellillo of the Sheriff's Department recommended that the Lexington Park Sheriff's Substation telephone number be listed in the 1977 Directory. The Commissioners agreed that the Lexington Park number should be listed in the white pages section but not under the emergency numbers inside the front cover, so that citizens would not be confused as to the actual Sheriff Department number

The Commissioners thanked the C & P officials for their cooperation and requested that Mr. Wood keep them informed as required.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Dick Myers, WKIK  
Patty Muchow, Guardian  
Mike Klienback, Beacon  
Leslie Walker, Guardian

The regular semi-monthly Press Conference was held at this time. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 77-11 - ESSEX DRIVE

The County Engineer's Office submitted Road Resolution No. 77-11, posting Essex Drive, Eighth Election District, at 25 miles per hour the entire length of the road.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt said Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

(Commissioner Millison left meeting at 12:15.)

BIDS ON SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AUTOMOBILES

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

Mr. Raley presented the bids on the purchase of six automobiles for the Sheriff's Department. Bids were as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>	<u>LESS TRADE-IN</u>	<u>NET BID</u>
Fenwick Ford	\$40,035.75	\$10,447.08	\$29,588.67
Suburban	31,306.21	5,000.21	26,306.00
Aldridge Ford	39,501.00	9,554.34	29,946.66

Mr. Raley stated that the budgeted amount was \$20,000, and therefore the lowest bid, Suburban Chrysler Plymouth, was \$6,306 over that amount.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the lowest bidder, namely, Suburban Chrysler Plymouth, in the amount of \$26,306, and further that the Commissioners authorize a contingency account transfer in the amount of \$6,306 to cover the difference in the budgeted amount and actual cost, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
(LOWER POTOMAC RIVER BASIN PLAN)

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign letter to DNR endorsing adoption of the Water Quality Management Plan for the Lower Potomac River Basin, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

Commissioner Dean reported that a Demurrer has been filed on the above-referenced matter and that the case will hopefully be scheduled to be heard the first of November and therefore recommended that we indicate to the Drug Abuse Administration exactly where the County stands at this point, and that it is our intent to move forward but cannot do so at this time because of pending litigation, and therefore request that the grant funds be reserved until the court case is settled. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation.

The meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 7, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President  
Commissioner Ford L. Dean  
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe  
Commissioner John K. Parlett  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary  
(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

PROPOSED REVISED PLUMBING ORDINANCE

Present: Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development  
Dan Raley, Chief, Permits and Inspection

Mr. Raley presented the proposed revised Plumbing Permit Ordinance, which has been reviewed by Master Plumbers in the County and the Plumbing Board, and on September 1 the Plumbing Board recommended that the Commissioners consider the Ordinance for adoption.

The Commissioners scheduled November 3, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing on this matter.

LEONARD HALL GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer displayed the drawings for the proposed County Commissioners' meeting room to be located at the Leonard Hall Governmental complex and reviewed same with the Commissioners. The Commissioners indicated to Mr. Norris a few suggested changes.

INSTALLATION OF GUARDRAIL PROGRAM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the Agreement between Department of Transportation and St. Mary's County relative to the installation of guardrails along County highways.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

OAKLAND SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the above-referenced subdivision is located physically within Charles County with a portion within St. Mary's County. In reviewing the files, Mr. Norris stated that Mr. Wagner, former County Engineer, in 1970 had made an inspection of the subdivision and indicated that all work had been done on the road and was acceptable. The Deed has been in the hands of the County since November 27, 1970. Also in the file was correspondence from Mr. Pantaleo, former County Engineer, stating that the Deed should be prepared and forwarded to the County and correspondence from Mr. Doug Bond, Resident Maintenance Engineer, indicating work was acceptable. Mr. Norris stated that with this documentation, it would be appropriate for the Commissioners to acknowledge that the roads had been inspected and accepted by previous County officials and that the formal acceptance and recordation should now occur.

The Commissioners requested that the matter be referred to the County Attorney prior to their making a decision.

RENOVATION OF CIRCUIT COURT ROOM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented the alternatives to the renovations that had been previously discussed with regard to the Circuit Court Room and their relative costs and it was the consensus of the Commissioners to request Southern Maryland Mechanical Contractors, the lowest bidder, if they, at this date, would honor their previous bid.

DERELICT BOAT REMOVAL PROGRAM

The County Administrator stated that the County was to have provided inspection services through CETA for the above-referenced Program; however, for one reason or another, it was unworkable; therefore, Mr. Cox recommended that the County accept the inspection services of Mr. Julian Christman at \$25 per day.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the County hire Mr. Julian Christman as the inspector in the Derelict Boat Removal Program at the rate of \$25 per day, and that the maximum amount expended not to exceed \$1,500, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that they should set an official Trick or Treat Night for Hallowe'en, and that it was the opinion of the Sheriff's Department and Maryland State Police that it be declared Saturday, October 30. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL - REGION 5

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to appoint Dr. William Marek and Mrs. Ellen Hewitt as representatives of St. Mary's County on the Region 5 Emergency Medical Services Council, and that Mr. John Sobola be appointed as an alternate, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

EMERGENCY TOWER

The County Administrator stated that correspondence was received from Mr. Dakis of the Leonardtown Board of Appeals informing us that they would not reconsider the location of the Emergency Tower at the Control Center. Mr. Cox stated that the State has agreed that it can be placed on the Radio Station WKIK tower and recommended that the County proceed in this direction.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the County Administrator draft a letter to the Emergency Medical Service of Maryland indicating the County's concurrence that a contract be entered into with Radio Station WKIK to establish the emergency tower service and that the President be authorized to sign said letter, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.



1977 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PROPOSALS

The County Administrator presented to the Commissioners preliminary proposals and suggestions for prefiling for the 1977 legislative session. The Commissioners reviewed the proposals and made several suggestions for changes and directed the County Administrator to work with the County Attorney and other affected parties to incorporate the suggested changes in the proposals and return with the amended package for review on October 14.

The Commissioners agreed that at the public meeting on October 18 all proposals submitted will be presented to the public. Insofar as possible, explanations of the proposals should be made by the persons submitting same.

LETTER TO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners sign and forward letter to the Board of Education supporting the idea of naming the new Leonardtown High School the "John Allen Thomas High School", seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REVISION OF DOG ORDINANCE

Commissioner Dean stated that the Commissioners received a letter and petition from the residents in Golden Beach stating that the Dog Ordinance should be revised. The Ordinance was adopted on October 1, 1967, and Commissioner Dean was of the opinion that it was deserving of review with input from the State's Attorney since he would be the one to process under this Ordinance. Commissioner Dean suggested that the County Administrator, County Attorney and the Dog Warden review the Ordinance with the State's Attorney for possible revision.

The Commissioners concurred.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Present: Dorothy Barclift  
Elvare Gaskin  
Shirley Sampson  
Peggy Haney

At the request of the Commissioners, the above representatives of the newly established Commission for Women appeared before the Commissioners in order to obtain direction for their Board.

Commissioner Jarboe read a prepared paper setting forth various problem areas that women have; said paper is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Dean reviewed the legislation establishing this Commission, after which time the Commissioners answered questions by the representatives.

It was agreed that the County Administrator will set up and attend the first meeting of the Commission in order to assist them in getting organized and the Commissioners offered any possible assistance needed by the Commission For Women.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Approved by,

  
James M. McKay  
President