

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 5, 1977

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
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 9:30 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 29, 1976 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor of this motion.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented the encumbrance vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
SECONDARY RURAL FEDERAL AID

The County Administrator presented the Agreement by and between the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation of Maryland and St. Mary's County for Federal Aid Secondary Highway Funds in the amount of \$67,231.56, which is to be matched by the County.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize the President of the Board to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

1977 OYSTER FESTIVAL

The County Administrator stated that in regard to correspondence received from Mr. Mike Marlay, Interim Chairman for the 1977 Oyster Festival, that Mr. Mike Marlay was interested in meeting with the Commissioners either January 20 or January 26. The Commissioners agreed to hold such a meeting on January 20 and requested the County Administrator to work out the details.

TRI-COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

The County Administrator advised that the Tri-County Commissioner meeting will be held January 19 in Calvert County and the Calvert County Commissioners are requesting suggestions for agenda items for this meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

The County Administrator stated that the League of Women Voters is having a meeting January 12 at the Tech Center with regard to the County's Legislative Package. Commissioner McKay recommended that they be provided a copy of the County's 1977 Legislative Package.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Stan Schrader
Mr. Bill Wagoner, Board of Education Member
Mr. James Forrest, " " " "
Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie, " " " "
Mr. William F. Dixon, President, School Bus Contractors
Mr. Wilson A. Marshal, V.P. " " "
Mrs. Frances Combs, Secretary " " "
Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Dixon, on behalf of the School Bus Contractors' Association, requested consideration by the Commissioners for supplemental funding in the amount of .04¢ per mile in that the State has failed to meet the escalating costs of school bus transportation. Mr. Dixon cited the increased cost of gasoline and higher costs in maintenance, labor and insurance as reasons for this request. According to State Law, the state should pay all costs of school bus transportation, but has not met these increased costs for the last two years. With the supplemental .04¢ per mile, it would cost the County \$988.49 per day (\$71,728.20 per school year).

After discussion the Commissioners recommended a meeting with Mr. Schrader, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Dixon and the County Administrator to arrive at an equitable solution and determine if the State would consider meeting their obligation in this matter. The Commissioners also requested that a determination be made if the Board of Education has any available funds in their budget for this purpose.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Leslie Walker, Guardian
Dick Myers, WKIK
Mike Klienbeck, Beacon

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

(Commissioner Dean entered the meeting - 12:30 p.m.)

LETTER TO BOARD OF APPEALS
SOUTHERN MARYLAND DRUG ABUSE CENTER

Commissioner Dean made a motion to forward the letter to Mr. Edwin Peregoy, Chairman, Board of Appeals, reiterating the Commissioners' position with regard to the Conditional Use Application for the Southern Maryland Drug Abuse Center, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Session was held from 12:35 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.

ABELL'S WHARF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT

Present: Michael Humphries, County Archaeologist

Mr. Humphries gave a slide presentation of the Abell's Wharf Archaeological Site to the Commissioners and explained what work is being done at this location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Session was held from 2:35 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, 1977

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 came to order at 8:45 a.m.

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM

Present: Robert Wentworth, Executive Secretary
Youth Commission

Mr. Wentworth presented the revised Grant Application for the Big Brother/Big Sister Program (Youth Diversion Project) to be submitted to Maryland Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said revised Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

BUDGETARY TRANSFER ITEMS

Mr. O'Dell Budget Officer, submitted the following budgetary transfers by memorandum dated December 28, 1976 for the Commissioners' approval:

Increase Account No. 1092-2691 by \$26,173 and decrease Account No. 2410-2081 by like amount which is necessitated by the revised insurance program;

Increase Account No. 1092-6022 by \$39,320 and decrease Account No. 2410-2081 by like amount, which is necessitated by Circuit Court Room renovation contract above budgeted amount.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the above-mentioned transfers, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

In accordance with the memorandum dated December 28, 1976 from Mr. O'Dell, Budget Officer, Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept the Budget Officer's recommendation that the County should not be obligated to defray cost of the Bond Rating and that Mr. O'Dell should notify the Metropolitan Commission of this decision, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ELDERLY

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners sign the Agreement by and between St. Mary's Jaycees of Leonardtown, Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the purpose of providing transportation services to the elderly and handicapped in St. Mary's County, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

BONDING FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept the bonding in the amount of \$175,000 for the County Treasurer from The Continental Insurance Companies, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

DEED FOR SCOTCH POINT - SECTION 1-A

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Deed dated December 3, 1976 between Scotch Point Limited Partnership and County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the acceptance of Scotch Mill Road, Millstone Lane, Hickory Lane, and Hunter Court in the Scotch Point Subdivision, Section One-A, into the County Highway Maintenance System. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept this Deed, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PERMANENT STATUS - MICHAEL MATTINGLY

At the recommendation of the Personnel Officer and County Engineer, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that Michael Mattingly, Engineer Associate, County Engineer's Office, be placed on permanent status in that he has satisfactorily completed his probationary period, effective January 14, 1977, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - YOUTH COMMISSION

In view of the fact that Robert Wentworth, Executive Secretary, Youth Commission, submitted his resignation, the County Administrator inquired if the Commissioners were desirous of advertising for the filling of this position. The Commissioners advised that they would give consideration to this matter.

POTOMAC RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
PATUXENT RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to appoint Mr. Richard L. Watson to the Patuxent River Basin Water Quality Management Plan (Public Advisory Council) and Mr. Jack Witten to the Potomac River Basin Water Quality Management Plan (Public Advisory Council), seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PRE-APPLICATION FOR TITLE I HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Present: Donald Curtis, Housing Coordinator

The Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the above-refereced Pre-Application on December 22 and December 29, 1976 and therefore, Mr. Curtis appeared before the Commissioners for authorization to forward the Application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Pre-Application for Title I HUD Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX

Present: Hope Prout, Communications Representative, C & P
John Norris, County Engineer
Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

M's Prout appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal for a communications system for the governmental offices. She reviewed with the Commissioners the system called "Dimension" and explained its function, advantages and costs and also the various alternative systems that are available. The Commissioners agreed to review the proposal and discuss the matter at next week's meeting. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Commissioners' office.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
STREET LIGHTING AT NICOLET PARK

The County Administrator presented Change Order No. 1 to the Street Lighting Contract between Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative and St. Mary's County Commissioners for lighting at Nicolet Park in Lexington Park.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKav to sign said Change Order, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT OF COUNTY PLANNER
FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT - OFFICE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners adopt the General Functional Statements for the County Planner and the Office of Land Use and Development as contained in the above-referenced documents, effective immediately which are on file in the Commissioners' Office, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

The Commissioners instructed the County Administrator to meet with the Director of Land Use and Development and the County Planner to review these Functional Statements and answer any questions that may be raised.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement among SMECO, State Highway Administration and St. Mary's County for Route 235 from Hillville to Laurel Grove, and directed that the County Engineer be advised that the Commissioners have reviewed the Agreement and find it acceptable.

CHARLOTTE HALL SCHOOL PROPERTY APPRAISAL

Relative to correspondence from Mr. Robert Dean, Chairman of the Charlotte Hall Committee, the Commissioners granted the Committee's request for an extension of time from January 19, 1977 to February 9, 1977 for the submission of the Committee's report.

PUBLIC WORKS GRANT

Commissioner Dean requested the County Administrator to contact Jerry McKinney of Tri-County Council to ascertain what the criteria and basis were for receiving funds from the Public Works Grant and why St. Mary's County was turned down. In addition, Commissioner Parlett questioned whether a ranking system was used and if so, where St. Mary's County stands.

LETTER TO WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to forward the letter to the Water Resources Administration pertaining to the Patuxent River Basin Plan, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

USE OF PIPES IN LAND O' LAKES SUBDIVISION

With regard to the request by Oliver Guyther to be allowed the use of pipe "seconds" in the Land O' Lake Subdivision, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the County Commissioners reaffirm the County's policy of disallowing the use of pipes classified as "seconds" in any installation requiring County approval, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Commissioner Jarboe discussed the fact that in recent weeks the Commissioners' office has received correspondence related to septic problems and that he recommended that the correspondents be informed that septic systems and the regulations thereto are the concerns of the Health Department and that the persons involved should continue to work with the Department for a resolution of their problems.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay
President