

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 5, 1979

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President
Commissioner Richard D. Arnold
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner David F. Sayre
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

INSURANCE COVERAGE - COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that since 1975 with the adoption of the County Personnel and Procedures Manual and subsequent updates, comparability to State of Maryland employees wherever possible, was afforded county employees, including pay schedule and basic benefit package. However, there is one remaining item which is the type of employee health insurance coverage. Mr. Cox requested approval of an amended insurance package to provide comparability with the State, the costs for which will be considered during FY 1980-1981 budget considerations. The Commissioners directed the staff to develop the comparable insurance package and costs, which will be decided upon during FY '80-'81 budget considerations.

ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
QUEEN TREE SUBDIVISION, SECTION I

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Addendum No. 2 to the Public Works Agreement by and between St. Mary's Land Development Corporation and Burton J. Reiser and Charles S. Bresler and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County extending the deadline of completion of the streets in Queentree Subdivision, Section I, to December 31, 1980.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Public Works Agreement Addendum No. 2. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COOPERS CREEK DREDGING PROJECT

The County Administrator presented a letter to the Department of Natural Resources for Commissioner President Aud's signature advising that the County will match 50% of the funding for the dredging project at Coopers Creek. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said letter. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MAINTENANCE FOREMAN POSITION
OFFICE OF RECREATION AND PARKS

By memorandum dated December 3, 1979, the Personnel Officer requested approval from the Board to fill the Maintenance Foreman position, Grade 8, in the Office of Recreation and Parks. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to proceed.

APPROVAL OF ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve payment of the bills, as submitted by the Director of Finance. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The County Administrator presented a letter to Mr. Goodlander of the Department of Safety and Correctional Services to be signed by the Commissioners endorsing the Hughesville Correctional Camp as the site for the regional facility for emotionally disturbed children of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties and requesting the dedication of 15 acres for that purpose. The Commissioner agreed to sign and forward said letter.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to appoint the following individuals to the following Boards with terms as indicated:

AIRPORT COMMISSION

TERM TO EXPIRE

Thomas Howard

June 30, 1981

WALDEN ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sue Gelrud
Theron Davidson

December 31, 1982
December 31, 1982

DECEMBER 26, 1979

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean to cancel the County Commissioner meeting of Wednesday, December 26, 1979.

HEATING FUEL CRISIS

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that he had conducted a meeting with representatives of the Department of Social Services, Health Department, Tri-County Community Action Committee, Commission on Aging, and Emergency Operations Center in order to coordinate agency preparation for responding to predicted crises among the elderly and poor because of rising heating fuel prices. The agencies have developed a plan of coordination with Tri-County Community Action being the focal point for the supply of emergency allocations. The group requested from the Commissioners an expenditure of up to \$2,000 to provide for staff during the off-duty hours of the agencies in order to handle the emergencies brought to the attention of the Emergency Operations Center.

The Commissioners requested that the proposal be made more specific and identification be made as to source of funds.

BUDGETARY AMENDMENT NO. 80-15

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve Budget Amendment No. 8015 approving the following transactions as presented by the Budget Officer:

<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Account #1236-61120 by \$12,800 (Patuxent Beach Drive)	Account #1232-90227 by \$9,392 (Roadside Drainage Improvements)
Account #12225 by \$1,815 (Adjust non-revenues and fund disbursement)	Account #1092-63120 by \$223 (Lex. Park Health Dept. Building)
	Account #1259-60320 by \$5,000 (Leonardtwn Board Ramp)
TOTAL - \$14,615	TOTAL - \$14,615

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE
CHARLOTTE HALL

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Headmaster's House, which is proposed to be used by the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau does not have an adequate water supply because of groundwater contamination and suggested that well be dug to provide the water supply at a cost of approximately \$4,000. In addition, renovation costs will be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000. After discussion of the proposed lease with Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, the Commissioners requested the County Administrator to return next week with recommendations with regard to the lease and the well.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: John D. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer

Mr. Raley appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of several road and drainage situations and discussed with the Commissioners additional problems.

TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

Present: Joseph Lee Somerville, Sheriff
Lt. Eugene Pellillo
Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer

Sheriff Somerville and Lt. Pellillo presented the proposed Highway Safety Project Grant entitled "Traffic Safety Unit II" for review by the Commissioners. This project would be Phase II of the Sheriff's Department Plan for directed traffic enforcement and accident investigation.

After review and discussion, the Commissioners advised that they would make a decision on the grant at next week's meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COVERAGE AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Present: Sheriff Somerville
Lt. Pellillo

Sheriff Somerville advised the Commissioners that with the Christmas season approaching, there is need for additional deputy coverage for crime deterrent in the business areas of the County for a period from December 14 through December 31. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize the Sheriff to expend up to \$1800 in overtime expenditures for extra police coverage during the holiday season. All Commissioners voted in favor.

OLD MILL/COUNTRY STORE

Present: Fred McCoy
Col. Baxter
Charles Fenwick

Col. Baxter explained that the purpose of this meeting with the Commissioners was regarding the funding for the renovation of the Old Mill and Country Store. He discussed the history of these projects and the improvements needed.

Col. Baxter referred to a letter dated October 5, 1977, from St. Mary's Historical Society relative to restoration of the Old Mill and Country Store and requesting the County's consideration in funding 50% of the estimated expenses of \$19,950. He further referred to a letter dated October 18, 1978, from the Board of County Commissioners committing the county to a 50% match and inquired if the County was still in agreement with the provision of these matching funds since it was not included in the 1979-1980 Budget.

After discussion of funds anticipated to be received from Maryland Historical Trust, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean that the County is still committed to matching on a 50%-50% basis and further that the funds be taken from the Reserve for Contingency. All Commissioners voted in favor.

WINDOWS AT COURTHOUSE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a partial payment (75%) request from Eddie Bacon's Glass Company in the amount of \$821.72 for installation of windows in the Clerk's Office in the licensing area in the Courthouse. The Commissioners gave their concurrence for payment of the bill and requested the County Engineer to make certain that the Clerk's wishes for alterations on the windows be accomplished.

LETTER TO HOLLYWOOD SHORES CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented a letter to the Hollywood Shores Civic Association for Commissioner President Aud's signature setting forth the particulars with regard to the special taxing district for road improvements in the Hollywood Shores Subdivision.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a deed dated July 31, 1979, from grantors Leonard T. Dixon, Daniel F. Dixon, Phyllis Martha Lynne Nolan, Barbara Lisa Wood, Cheryl Ann Dixon, Phyllis G. Dixon and Ellen Carolyn Long (heirs of Leonard T. Dixon) to the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for a replacement corridor of a portion of the railroad right-of-way in the Laurel Grove to Hillville section of the Route 235 dualization project.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence to accept said deed.

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a deed dated December 5, 1979, to the Board of County Commissioners, Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc., from grantors Michael A. Wood and Marjorie S. Wood, said deed conveying certain land for the replacement corridor of the railroad right-of-way in the Hillville area. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to accept said deed. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PARK HALL SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris reviewed previous discussion with the Commissioners relative to the referenced subdivision above stating that the Public Works Agreement expired on November 30, 1979, without completion of the roads. The County Engineer stated that as a result of the "Stop Work Order" that has been posted there is denial of building permits but recommended that the Commissioners authorize issuance of building permits to those lot owners that have property that they acquired prior to this date and are desirous of building. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to accept this recommendation.

COOPERS CREEK PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners for their information that the permit request was hand delivered to the Department of Natural Resources and the State will recommend to the Board of Public Works our request for an extension of the permit. We have currently been given an extension to January 1, which is not enough time.

PROJECT NO. SM79-2-2 AND SM 80-2-1
MARGARET BRENT GYMNASIUM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that there are three projects involved with the improvements to the Margaret Brent Gymnasium:

- (1) Roofing and structural work inside;
- (2) Heating contract;
- (3) Electrical contract.

The heating and electrical work will be put out on bids; however, the roofing and structural work has been bid as follows:

Cameron Construction	- \$22,800.00
Elwood Joy	- \$18,263.00
Johnson Brothers	- \$17,772.50

It was the County Engineer's recommendation to award the bid to Johnson Brothers in the amount of \$17,772.50. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre. All Commissioners voted in favor.

FEDERAL AID PROGRAM QUARTERLY REVIEW

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that his office has received correspondence from State Highway Administration concerning the Federal Aid Program Quarterly Review inquiring whether the County is still interested in the projects we have with the Federal Aid Program. He stated there are four projects: Roadside obstacles; guardrail installation; Millstone Landing Road; and Clover Hill MacIntosh Road.

Mr. Norris reviewed each of the projects and stated that Millstone Landing Road project design is complete and acquisition of right-of-way is ready to commence. With regard to Clover Hill MacIntosh Road it is up to the State to review the Preliminary Engineering and funding would be on a 80% (federal) 20% (county) basis.

Mr. Norris stated the County should submit these projects as still being of interest to the County with the No. 1 priority to be Millstone Landing Road since that project is the most advanced with Clover Hill MacIntosh Road being No. 2.

After discussion of the four projects, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to do the following:

1. To forward correspondence to the State Highway Administration indicating our continued interest in the four projects;
2. To authorize the transfer of \$1,500 from the Capital Improvement Account for the acquisition of right-of-way on Millstone Landing Road;

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3. To employ Joe Harris, who did the work on the St. John's Road right-of-way acquisition, to work on the obtaining of right-of-way for Millstone Landing Road at the rate of \$8.00 per hour plus mileage;

4. To authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the title sheet for the Millstone Landing Road project.

All Commissioners voted in favor.

In conclusion, it was agreed that the Millstone Landing Road project will only go forward if the County receives funds from the Federal Government and also if the County has the funds for the local share.

PURCHASE OF SNOW BLADE FOR TRACTOR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris requested authorization for a transfer of funds in the Land-fill Equipment Account to purchase a snow blade for the tractor in the amount of \$1,047 from Carroll's Garage. Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve said transfer and purchase. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ALCOHOL FUEL PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Dean stated that in talking with Jack Witten, the Alcohol Fuel Project Manager, Mr. Witten indicated the need for engineering assistance in the project. Subsequently, there was a meeting with Larry Stewart and John Gird of the Agricultural Engineer Department at the University of Maryland who are working specifically in energy-related problems, one of which is alcohol fuel production. Mr. Gird is agreeable to assisting the County in the Alcohol Fuel Project and would serve as the project engineer. Graduate students will have to be hired by the University of Maryland to do Mr. Gird's work and have requested \$5,000 from the County, which is a portion of the cost, in order to allow John Gird to assist the County. However, if the County is successful in obtaining a federal grant they will be requesting \$7500.

Commissioner Dean went on to discuss the benefits of having the University of Maryland involved in this project and therefore recommended that the Commissioners indicate to Mr. Gird that the County would appreciate his assistance and that we would provide the University of Maryland with the \$5,000 or \$7,500 if we obtain the grant. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and Mr. Norris volunteered to draft the letter to the University of Maryland.

ZONING AMENDMENT DECISION DISCUSSION
ZA NO. 79-159
JONES, LEONARD, BATES AND ASSOCIATES

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Having conducted a public hearing on November 21, 1979, the Commissioners commenced discussion of the application of Ivin K. Jones, Harry Leonard and Bates and Associates to rezone Tax Map 34, Parcel 422, located on West quadrant of intersection of Route 235 and St. Andrew's Church Road, Eighth Election District, containing approximately 1.260 acres, from R-1, Rural Residential to C-2, Commercial.

Commissioner Dean distributed a paper setting forth the findings of fact to rezone the property to CL, Commercial Limited rather than the C-2 as requested.

After discussion, it was the consensus of Commissioners Aud, Arnold and Sayre to direct the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate Zoning Amendment Resolution approving the rezoning of the property from R-1, Rural Residential to C-1, Commercial, using the criteria as set forth in Commissioners Dean's paper.

ZONING AMENDMENT DECISION DISCUSSION
CASE NO. ZA NO. 79-169
MARTIN A. BARLEY

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Having conducted a public hearing on November 21, 1979, on the application of Martin A. Barley to rezone Tax Map 43, Parcel 203, located on Maryland Route 235 in the Eighth Election District, containing approximately .9 acres from R-1, Rural-Residential, to C-1, Commercial.

Commissioner Dean submitted a paper setting forth the findings of fact approved the rezoning as requested to C-1. After discussion, it was the concurrence of the Board of County Commissioners to direct the County Attorney to draft the appropriate Zoning Amendment Resolution approving the rezoning to C-1, Commercial.

FEDERAL SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred advised the Commissioners that the Federal Government has a Solar Energy Program and is encouraging companies such as Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. to apply for grant funds to build a solar thermal power generator station. Mr. Gerred stated that this matter has come to him because it concerns zoning and has encouraged SMECO to proceed.

PINEY POINT COAST GUARD PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised the Commissioners that he has received a letter from General Services Administration with the Quit Claim Deed for the Piney Point Coast Guard property stating that the property adjoining on the north side of the Coast Guard property is not defined by metes and bounds and the County may want to have a survey done.

The Commissioners concurred that a survey be conducted and Mr. Baggett stated that once this is complete he will have the Quit Claim Deed executed and forward it to GSA.

ENERGY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Present: Cdr. Larry Petty
Lt. Mac Paul
Otis Wood, Director, EOC
Tom Oliver

Representatives of the University of Southern California, Systems Analysis, at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station appeared before the Commissioners to present their report on the analysis to determine an oil allocation plan for St. Mary's County in the event of an emergency shortage of fuel.

Cdr. Petty and Lt. Paul explained their preparation of their report, which included interviews and gathering of various data. The report contains costs, conclusions, recommendations and alternatives and the representatives advised the Commissioners of the most feasible recommendation for St. Mary's County. A copy of the complete report is on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

PERMANENT PART-TIME POSITION - TAX CLERK
TREASURER'S OFFICE

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Treasurer has requested consideration of a permanent part-time position - Tax Clerk, Grade 6. The County Administrator advised that funds are available through salary savings. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve filling the position of a permanent part-time Tax Clerk position, Grade 6. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud, President