

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, December 11, 1981

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

PROPOSED SOLOMONS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Present: Mary D. Harrison, President, Calvert Co. Commissioners
Bernard Fowler, " " "
John Gott, " " "
Garner T. Grover, " " "
Jack Upton, County Administrator, Calvert County
H. E. Sturdevant, P.E., McCrone Engineering
Robert Teneanty, Calvert County Division of Water/Sewerage
Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning (SMC)
Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Hygiene (SMC)
Robert T. Brown, President, St. Mary's Watermen's Assoc.
Tucker Brown, St. Mary's Watermen's Association
Harry Huseman, St. Mary's Watermen's Association
Barbara Bramble, Attorney for " "
Richard Watson, Patuxent River Association
Oran Wilkerson, Patuxent River Association
Jack Witten, Potomac River Association
Gary Hodge, Executive Director, Tri-County Council
Steve Bunker, Tri-County Council
Matt Kaye, Radio Station WKIK
Rick Boyd, Enterprise

As a follow-up to the County Commissioners' meeting of December 1, 1981 whereby the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association expressed their concerns relative to the proposed Solomons Sewage Treatment Plant, the referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the situation and possible solutions.

Mr. Sturdevant, who has developed the plans for the sewage treatment plant, explained the background and the need for such a plant and described the point of discharge at a location south of the Governor Johnson Bridge. He pointed out that all permits have not been obtained for the sewage treatment plant, one of which is the Dredging Permit from the Department of Water Resources which cannot be issued until the results of the dye

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study requested by the Department of Shellfish are completed. Mr. Sturdevant closed his presentation by explaining the nitrogen removal process with a filter system.

Mrs. Bramble, Attorney for the Watermen's Association, advised that she would like to clarify what permits are required by Calvert County for the Sewage Treatment Plant:

1. The Point of Discharge permit has expired and although the State is allowing effluent to be put in the river on the basis that there will be certain conditions placed on the permit, it is their intent that a new permit will be in hand prior to construction.

2. Wetlands Permit from Water Resources Administration for dredging.

3. Army Corps of Engineers permit for dredging of federal land.

Mrs. Bramble stressed the importance of the Patuxent River for everyone in the community and it was the livelihood of the Watermen. She stated that the Watermen recommend that rather than the plant discharging into the Patuxent River that overland treatment of spray irrigation be considered.

Mrs. Bramble presented copies of correspondence which she has forwarded to William Eichbaum of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene expressing the concerns of the St. Mary's County Watermen's Association, the Patuxent River Citizens Association, and the Potomac River Association.

Commissioner Dean inquired of the Commissioners of Calvert County if they would consider limiting the concentration of nitrogen in the effluent from the proposed plant to three milligrams per liter and the phosphorus concentration to one milligram per liter. The means by which that might be accomplished would be left to the Calvert County Commissioners, to decide whether this could be accomplished through treatment in the plant, treatment through the process of land overflow, or by land application.

Mr. Fowler pointed out that the strategy used in preparations of the plans by Mr. Sturdevant were appropriate ones based on technology and knowledge available to him at the time and suggested that as a climax to this meeting that both boards of County Commissioners join in an effort, along with Mr. Eichbaum of the State Health Department, and a top-level EPA official, to examine this situation. Assurances would need to be obtained from EPA that the funding for this project would be safeguarded during this examination of a possible alternative solution. It

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was agreed that the Calvert County Commissioners would give consideration to Commissioner Dean's proposal and the suggestion by Commissioner Fowler regarding a joint meeting and would get back with the St. Mary's County Commissioners with a decision at a later date.

ONE-HALF DAY
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant County employees one-half day holiday for Christmas Eve afternoon. Motion unanimously carried.

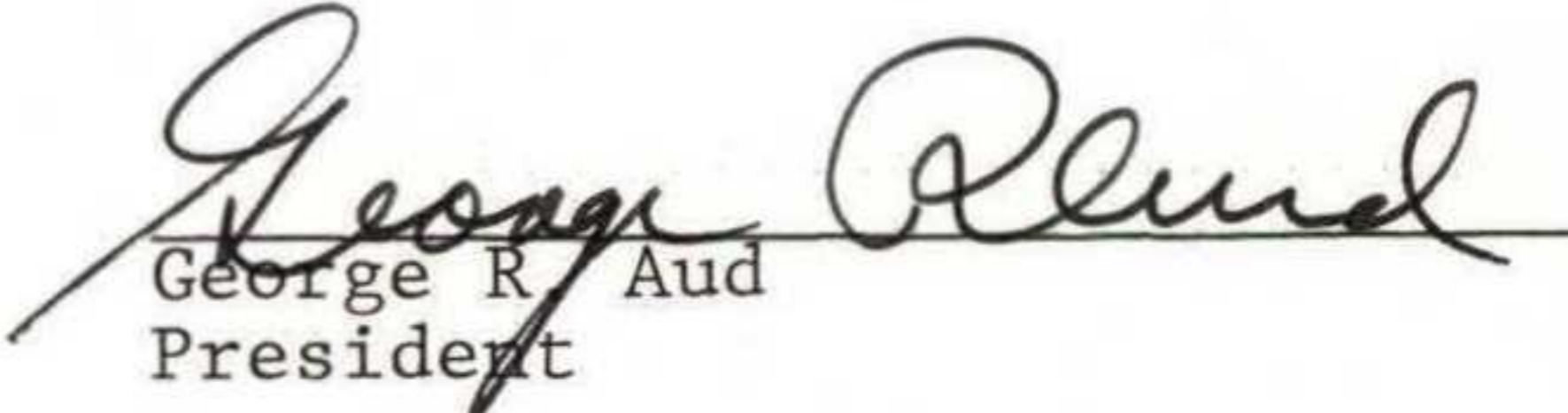
COMMUTATION OF PRISONERS
ST. MARY'S COUNTY JAIL

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signatures to the State Division of Corrections endorsing Sheriff Somerville's recommendations for Christmas commutation of certain prisoners incarcerated in the County Jail. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel (consideration of appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.) The Session was held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President