

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Judy D. Bowles, Secretary (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M.

The minutes of January 4, 1972 were read and approved.

From 10:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. the County Commissioners met with Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, to discuss personnel matters. Due to the nature of this meeting this session was closed.

Mosquito Control

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed that the Mosquito Control program should be turned over to the County Extension Service in that they were funded by Maryland University and the Mosquito Control program was also a project of the University,

Mr. Aud advised Mr. Paul R. Raley to assist the Extension Office in setting up this program within their offices. The change was effective January 1, 1972.

Sheriff's Department - Disposal of Confiscated Cars

Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that Sheriff Williams would like to keep three cars for the Sheriff's department use (cars that had been confiscated for use in the sale of drugs), a Volkswagen which the Sheriff asked to have to be displayed in the area high schools as an example for would-be drug offenders, a 1972 Pinto and a 1971 Chevrolet. All these cars would be for the use of his deputies.

The County Commissioners unanimously disagreed with Sheriff Williams request stating that the cars were the property of the County and added that the cars should be auctioned for public use, that we were not in the used car business.

Mr. Aud suggested that the cars be handled on a sealed bid basis. Mr. Bowles concurred stating this was an easier way of handling the situation. Mr. Bowles added that the descriptions of the vehicles should be very clear and they should be advertised to the fullest extent (radio and newspaper) and a copy of the newspaper clipping and radio manuscript should be placed on record in this office.

Mr. Guy suggested that Mr. Paul Raley get in touch with the Motor Vehicle Administration to see if there was some way we could circumvent inspection of these vehicles.

Brickwall around the Jail

The County Commissioners requested Mr. Paul Raley to get prices to place a brickwall around the jail in order to stop the visitation of friends of prisoners outside the jail on the parking lot of the Courthouse,

Mr. Raley stated that he had a request in to Mr. Gibson for a price and the Commissioners suggested that he get a price from Mr. Nick Downs.

Waters Re-opened in the St. Mary's River as of January 17, 1972

While the Commissioners were meeting a call came in from Dr. Houser, Health Officer of the St. Mary's County Health Department with reference to the waters of the St. Mary's River and the subsequent Press Release was given to the press:

The area to be opened is as follows:

"All of the St. Mary's River adjacent tributary waters upstream from a line extending from Portobello Point east to a point on the opposite shore approximately 0.6 miles north of Chancellor Point, with the exception of that portion of Horseshoe Bend, described below."

The area to be remained closed:

"All the waters of St. Mary's River known as Horseshoe Bend, within the following boundaries: Upstream boundary is a line extending from Pagan Point in a northerly direction along the eastern edge of Pagan Bar to a point on the opposite shore approximately 400 yards northeast of Horseshoe Point.

"Downstream boundary is a line extending from Church Point in a northwest direction to Pagan Point."

A letter from Howard E. Chaney, Director, Environmental Health Administration of the State Health Department to Mr. Fred Seiling, Fish and Wildlife Administration, Department of Natural Resources has been received by the local Health Department and County Commissioners.

The letter further stated the area can be opened as the sewerage violations, which were the cause of the closing, have been corrected. The waters were re-evaluated by 24 sets of water samples, which indicated the quality of the river had improved to meet the standards of shellfish waters.

Reclassification - Mrs. Linda Delozier

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to grant Mrs. Linda Delozier of Recreation and Parks a reclassification to Secretary A, at an annual wage of \$5453.00. This pay raise is to be effective for the pay period beginning January 24, 1972.

Bills Approved

Bussells and Co. (Larredore Road)	\$ 51.00
Granger & Oliver (test borings for the hangar at St. Mary's County Airport)	366.00
Loker and Wigginton (services for the month of Dec.)	909.00

Board of Library Trustees

The County Commissioners presented a plaque to Mr. James A. Kenney honoring him as the new President of the Board of Library Trustees for a term of seven years. General Hogaboom was also presented a plaque upon his re-appointment to the Board for another three years.

Md. Rte. 5 and Midway Drive - Lexington Park

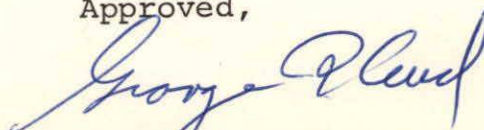
Present: Mrs. Penny Tilman

Mrs. Tilman came in to see the Commissioners to present a problem concerning those persons living in Patuxent Park and the existing light at Md. Rte. 5 and Midway Drive. She stated that very hazardous conditions existed at this intersection in that people were making U-turns to get back into their homes at Patuxent Park and this was due to the no left turn sign placed at the light. Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that when the resolution was drawn up it was put in as such, that no left turn would be permitted. Mrs. Tilman stated that the only time a left turn would be dangerous would be when the base rush hour traffic was traveling this route in the evenings.

Mr. Aud advised the secretary to get in touch with Mr. Tom Hicks with Traffic Safety at the State Highway Administration to see if we could not get the road widened in this area and allow a left turn to be permitted in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President