Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President

J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner

Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer

Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon

Robin Guyther, Enterprise

The meeting came to order at 9:48 A.M.

Dam for Watershed, Site #1

Present: Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer

Mr. John Hall reported to the Commissioners that they have been working on the design for the dam for Site #1 and have just about completed the plans. He requested that the Commissioners prepare a letter to the Department of Natural Resources, on their letterhead, requesting a construction permit for the dam. This is on the west side of Indian Bridge Road and will be the fishing lake.

Mr. Hall also requested permission from the Commissioners for Mr. John B. Norris to visit a resources and development project with him in West Virginia to study the project there. Soil Conservation is working on a roadside stabilization plan. If the plan is accepted in Washington there would be money for the County in stabilization of road banks.

Mr. Norris said that the inspection two days, June 21 and 22, as he must be at the University of Maryland on June 23rd. The Commissioners consented to his going.

Board of Education Budget

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, came into the meeting at this point. He discussed with the Commissioners Dr. Robert E. King's letter dated May 30, 1972 in which re requested the authorized payment of \$156,493.00 to the Board of Education.

The Commissioners again advised Mr. Sterling that in order for the Board of Education to receive the \$156,493.00, it is absolutely necessary that they comply in writing, with the contents of the Commissioners' letter of April 19, 1972.

Mr. Sterling presented a letter from Mr. John C. Little, CPA for the David M. Gruber & Company, in which he advised Mr. Sterling that he had told Dr. King and Mr. Kanowicz that in the

event they could not reduce their expenditures by the \$330,000, they should not accept the supplement appropriation in the amount of \$156,493.00.

Retroactive State Increase Pay to January 19, 1972

Mr. Sterling also brought to the attention of the Commissioners the pay increase retroactive to January 19, 1972 by the State. Since the County laws say they will not pay less than the State, the County will be required to pay the additional funds and separate checks will be mailed for the amounts due employees.

Secretary A and B Positions

Mr. Sterling informed the Commissioners that the deadline for accepting applications for the Secretary A and Secretary B positions was June 9, 1972. He has received six (6) applications for position A and eleven (11) for the B position. The Commissioners stated that they would like to review these applications.

Levy of Taxes against Real and Personal Property

Mr. Sterling completed the Certification of Tax Levy form for the Comptroller of the Treasury, stating that the County had levied taxes against the real or personal property of taxpayers sufficient to collect a minimum of \$1 per capita of revenue. Mr. Aud signed the form.

Quarterly Allotment for Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging submitted their request for the Quarterly Payment in the amount of \$125.00.

The Commissioners requested that letters be sent to this and other organizations advising them that the County Commissioners cannot legally advance funds to them, and that they should submit all of their bills to the Director of Finance for payment.

Bills Approved

Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill - Piney Point Drainage Plan, 2nd Election District, Stakeout and Topo

\$ 587.00

Southern Maryland Dredging, Inc. Dredging Dukeharts Creek, Invoice
#1, Mobilization of Dredge Plant
Dike and Land Clearing

\$5,625.00 3,975.00 \$9,600.00

Delahay's Pile Driving Service - Tall Timbers Erosion District - Work Completed as of June 10, 1972

\$4,437.03

Mileage Report for John B. Norris, Jr. - 676
miles @ 10¢ per mile \$ 67.60

Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. - Six
performances of the play "Oliver" \$ 872.00

Linda DeLozier - Postage \$ 1.72

Belvedere Restaurant - 8 dinners - Charter
Writing Board \$ 44.92

Vouchers #2343-\$2414 were approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Emergency Operations Unit Program Paper

Mr. Otis Wood, Acting Director of the Emergency Operations Center came into the meeting to explain the report ha had requested Mr. Aud to sign.

The report showed the salaries for the Director and Secretary; funds for radio maintenance contract, which the Federal Government repays; the \$1,000 is Capital Equipment, in case something has to be replaced; local funding - since the whole building is Civil Defense, shows normal salaries with the necessary increases, also shows the part-time Clerks and Janitor. The figures are matching funds and they are included in his budget. The form is for Personnel and Administration and the additional sheets are proposals of what he intends to do next year.

Mr. Aud signed the report.

St. Mary's County Plumbing Board Appointments

The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following persons to the St. Mary's County Plumbing Board:

Mr. James T. Tennyson Mr. Walter E. Raum Mr. John Coffey Mr. Hillary Copsey Mr. Lloyd Resler

Roads

Present: Mr. Doublas Bond

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the flashing lights at Maryland Route 5 and Cedar Lane, and the request of the State that St. Mary's County pay the energy costs of such installations. Mr. Bowles stated that the Board should consider the long range effects of paying energy costs for lights that are installed at intersections.

Mr. Hicks, of the State Highway Administration informed Mr. Paul R. Raley that it was something they neglected to tell him. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Hicks be notified that the State Highway Administration letter did not refer to any energy costs. The Commissioners instructed Mr. John B. Norris to check into this.

Pick-Up Truck for State Highway Administration

Mr. Cecil Russell, Jr. of the State Highway Administration requested that the 1968 three-quarter ton pick-up be replaced with a one-half ton pick-up. The truck they were using as a fuel truck was traded in after it was sent to the landfill. Mr. Bond stated that they are using a dump truck now and it is very unhandy. Mr. Bowles suggested that the purchase of the truck be investigated with a trade-in and without a trade-in.

Zoning Hearings

Present: Mr. Jack Kershaw, Enterprise Mr. Patrick Burch Mrs. Bogie, St. Mary's Beacon

Property of Mr. Norman McKay

Attorneys John Hanson Briscoe and James Kenney represented Mr. McKay. They showed the Commissioners pictures of the land in question, which is located at the corner of Gunston Drive and Route 235 opposite the California, Md. Post Office. They explained the various businesses located in the vicinity. The property was originally zoned residential in 1945 and they wished now to have it zoned "commercial". There was no protestors at the hearing before the Planning & Zoning Commission for the use of the property as a "7-11" store. They produced quite a few statistics on the growth of the area. Approximately 66% of the properties are residential and there is a need for this kind of market in the area. In close proximity to the store is the Post Office and a grocery and bar.

Mr. Harry Leonard, a Fee Appraiser and real estate broker, testified that the store would be an asset and Mr. Joseph A. Dillow, a builder and developer in the Town Creek area testified that he was in favor of the project.

No persons appeared in opposition to this request for rezoning from residential to commercial. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Property of Edward J. Cook

Mr. Cook appeared before the Commissioners to request the rezoning of a parcel of lant from residential to commercial, which is part of "Woolsey Manor".

No persons appeared in opposition to the rezoning of this property and the Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Property of R. C. Zantzinger & Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr.

Attorney Oliver Guyther, representing Messrs. Zantzinger and Sasscer, requested that a piece of property at the corner of Essex Drive and Great Mills Road, which adjoins the Queen Anne Apartments, consisting of 15,540 square feet, be zoned commercial. The southerly side of Great Mills Road was zoned commercial quite sometime ago. The Queen Anne Apartments ran a sewer line across the owners' property and they are unable to build the Safeway Store over the sewer line, therefore, they are requesting a "commercial" category for a small portion in order to build the store. They did not wat to request the Queen Anne Apartments to go to the trouble of moving their sewer lines.

St. Mary's County Airport Property

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Assistant County Engineer, appeared to explain about this piece of property. The rezoning calls for light industry, and a strip parallel to Miss Abell and Lawrence Hayden is commercial. He stated that no one from the Airport Committee appeared at the Blanning and Zoning hearing.

The Commissioners deferred their decision.

Salary for Law Clerk

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, reported to the Commissioners that he had contacted Judge Joseph D. Weiner regarding the salary to be paid the Law Clerk. Judge Weiner stipulated a salary of \$7,000 per annum to be set by the County Commissioners.

Chaptico Wharf Project

Mr. George R. Aud signed the application for the Chaptico Wharf Development #1. This project will develop 1.18 acres of the Chaptico Wharf, which will include a picnic area, landscaping, parking and scenic and design engineering. Fifty percent of the cost will come from the Department of Natural Resources.

Installation of Officers for CLEAN

Mrs. Erva P. McKinney Present:

Mrs. Katherine Daugherty Mr. Pat O'Donnell Mrs. Betsy Barley Mrs. Fran Gunderson Mrs. Marie Goldsmith Mr. Robert W. Lindsley Mrs. Nancy Gordon Mr. Garry E. Hopple Mr. Harold L. Haley Mrs. Gael Scott Dr. Joseph Bowes

Mrs. Michael Carter

The Newly Elected officers for CLEAN were formally installed by the County Commissioners. Mr. Aud wished the organization

success in their continued fight against littering. Certificated were awarded each member of the group.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

George R. Aud

President