

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, June 20, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 A.M.

Graves Road

Present: Mrs. Carline Long
 Mr. George Mattingly
 Mr. Leonard Thomas Dixon
 Attorney Joseph Ernest Bell, II

Attorney Bell and the above persons appeared before the Commissioners concerning an old County road, the right-of-way to which was being blocked by Mr. Sydnor and which leads to the Dixon property.

This right-of-way has been blocked by Mr. Sydnor since May of last year, and the Dixon's must cross Mr. Mattingly's property in order to get to their home. The road was built by the County in 1958.

Attorney Wigginton stated that he would send a letter to Mr. Sydnor requesting him to open the road.

Selection of Officers for Plumbing Board of St. Mary's County

The Board of County Commissioners appointed Mr. Lloyd Resler Chairman and Mr. James T. Tennyson, Vice Chairman of the Plumbing Board.

Bills Approved

Delahay's Pile Driving Service:

Tall Timbers Erosion District - Work Completed

June 17, 1972

\$1,868.00

Vouchers #2415-#2456 approved and signed by George R. Aud.
 Md. State Bd. of Agriculture-Johnson Grass Control \$ 350.76

St. Mary's County Airport Lease

Attorney Wigginton discussed the Airport Lease with the Commissioners and suggested that it be put out on bid. It was suggested by Mr. Bowles that several persons be selected to bring in ideas for a new lease. The following persons were selected: Attorney Wigginton, Mr. B. Harris Sterling and Mr. John B. Norris.

Application for Plumbing Inspector

Present: Mr. James Spence and Mr. John B. Norris, Jr.

Mr. Spence appeared before the County Commissioners to make application for the position of Plumbing Inspector. He inquired as to the duties of the position.

Mr. Bowles informed him that the position could entail assisting in other duties which might be related to the Office of County Engineer; the job may not just be that of Plumbing Inspector.

Mr. Norris stated that most Building Inspectors have not been in the building trade at all, and it was not required that the Plumbing Inspector be a plumber.

Mr. Spence thanked the Commissioners and stated he would place an application on file.

St. Mary's County Developmental Center
for the Mentally Retarded

Present: Cdr. A. Wayne Riggs Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
 Capt. Richard Martin Christie Selph, The Beacon
 Mrs. Howardson Roder
 Mrs. Dolly Davidson

Commander Riggs informed the County Commissioners that the Board for the Center and the families appreciated the support given their facility. They have decided on an architect for the new structure and have estimated the cost to be \$309,000.00, which they think is a fairly realistic figure. The State will furnish \$154,500 and they are required at a local level to obtain the remainder. In the next couple of years they will have \$45,000 from private sources and will need to borrow \$110,000. They have talked to two banks and have a letter from one. Maryland National Bank indicated that the bank would favorably consider lending them \$110,000. It would be necessary for the County Commissioners to guarantee the loan in order for them to have the lower interest rate.

Attorney Wigginton informed Cmdr. Riggs that the Commissioners did not have the authority and would have to go to legislature.

Cmdr. Riggs stated that they will not start construction until 1974. They will be submitting the project to the State and hope to have approval by next year, but the State funds will not be committed until 1974.

Mr. Aud requested that they write to the Commissioners requesting this endorsement.

Cmdr. Riggs also stated that there was another item of concern which was repaying the loan. They feel that they could pay \$10,000 a year from their operating expenses and wanted to approach the Commissioners for obligating County funds for interest payments.

Attorney Wigginton stated that would be according to the Enabling Act given by the Legislature. Mr. Aud stated that it should be requested of the Legislators and the Commissioners.

In closing, Cmdr. Riggs informed the Commissioners that this was his last meeting, as he is leaving much earlier than he anticipated. He would be leaving the area July 10, going to Greece and points East.

The County Commissioners thanked him for the work he has performed and his work with the Mentally retarded. A letter is to be sent to him together with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Deed for Abandonment of Roadway

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, presented the Commissioners with a "Quit Claim Deed" for abandonment of a roadway in the 8th Election District, which is the old Rt. 249 at Piney Point, for the signatures of the Commissioners.

Return of Confiscated Car

Attorney Marvin Kaminetz requested that the Commissioners arrange for the return of the confiscated car belonging to Mr. Harry Ocker. Mr. John D. Bailey, States' Attorney has no objection to the car being returned as soon as Mr. Ocker's son is sentenced.

Attorney Wigginton stated that he will not take any action on any forfeited car without notifying the Commissioners.

O'Brien Trailer Park

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, presented a letter
to the Commissioners

to the Commissioners from Planning and Zoning granting approval for the O'Brien Trailer Park. The County Commissioners were in favor and granted their approval.

Recreation and Parks Supervisor

The County Commissioners received a recommendation from Mr. John V. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, that Mr. Edwin C. Atkins be hired as Supervisor.

The Commissioners requested that Mr. Atkins be asked to come in for an interview later the day.

Dredging in Dukeharts Creek

Present: Mr. Oswald Wilson, Southern Md. Dredging, Inc.
 Mr. Joseph A. Thompson, Jr. Mr. Robert H. Kopel
 Mr. Thomas H. Farrell Mr. Walter C. Knott
 Mr. Samuel M. Bailey, Sr. Mr. Joseph D. McGrath
 Mr. Gartano Valenti Mr. Carroll J. Farrell
 Mr. James McGrath

Mr. James McGrath was spokesman for the group. He stated that the members and the community and neighbors were grateful that the State has opened the channel in Dukeharts Creek. They would like to have consideration given to additional dredging. As the plans have been drawn up the dredging being done is only to the turning basin and this is not adequate enough to do most of them any good. It should be beneficial to persons living on both sides of the creek. As it stands now only two people will benefit from it and the State wharf.

The group were of the opinion that an additional 450 feet of dredging to a minimum width of 60 feet would be required. The cost for this would be approximately \$15,000. They also informed the Commissioners that there were no oyster beds in the area under discussion.

Mr. Aud stated that they would request Chesapeake Bay Affairs to extend and widen the newly requested dredging.

Oiling Schedule

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer
 Mr. Douglas Bond, County Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Norris discussed the oiling schedule with the Commissioners

and stated that the amount appropriated last year was \$102,000. So far, \$58,000 has been spent in work completed and there is a balance of \$44,000 to be done.

Mr. Bond requested advancing \$42,000, which is the cash balance due for the 1971-72 oiling work. The Commissioners agreed on giving him this amount.

Mr. Norris was requested to check on Chaptico Wharf Road.

Appointment of Recreation and Parks Supervisor

Present: Mr. John V. Baggett, Director
Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
Mr. Edwin C. Atkins

Mr. Atkins was requested to appear before the Commissioners for an interview for the position of Supervisor in the Department of Recreation and Parks. There ensued a short discussion on Mr. Atkins' educational background and other qualifications for the position. Mr. Baggett recommended that he be appointed. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Atkins to the position of Supervisor, Recreation and Parks Department.

Quarterly Payment-St. Mary's County Historical Society

The St. Mary's County Historical Society forwarded to the County Commissioners their request for their Quarterly Payment.

The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to them asking that they submit vouchers for office expense on a monthly basis, and these expenses will be paid by the Director of Finance.

Office Equipment-Treasurer's Office

The Board of County Commissioners received a request from Mr. Francis G. Cecil for two new calculators and one long carriage typewriter. The Commissioners advised Mr. Paul R. Raley to handle this matter.

Barns at Clements Landfill

Mr. Raymond F. Tennyson requested the use of the barns at Clements Landfill. The Commissioners stated that inquiry will

have to be made of Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., to see if he is using the barns for storage purposes.

Zoning Application-Mr. Gordon Ragan

Mr. Paul R. Raley informed the County Commissioners that Mr. Gordon Ragan has made inquiry as to the status of his application for the zoning of a parcel of land on Washington Street to commercial.

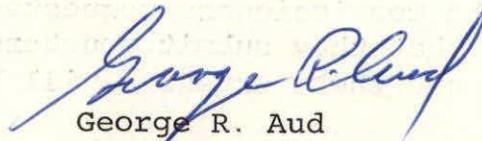
The Commissioners requested that he be advised that his application has been received and will be placed on file and acted upon at the time the Master Zoning is taken up.

Retirement Plan for Assistant State's Attorney

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, advised the County Commissioners that he had received correspondence with reference to the Retirement Plan for the Assistant State's Attorney. He was advised that any elected or appointed official has the right to elect to come under the Retirement System.

Mr. Sterling also reported that he had a conference with Judge Joseph D. Weiner with reference to the salary for the Assistant State's Attorney, and was informed that the recommended salary was \$14,500.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.


George R. Aud
President