

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President  
Commissioner Ford L. Dean  
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe, M. D.  
Commissioner Larry Millison  
Commissioner John K. Parlett  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 9:10 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 14-15, 1976 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented the Encumbrance Vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE

Present: Admiral Miller

With regard to the NATO Defense College's visit to St. Mary's County in November, the County Administrator, Mr. Cox, stated that the Navy has appointed Captain Ways as the liaison with the Navy and the Commissioners have appointed Admiral Miller as the County's liaison. Mr. Cox and Admiral Miller gave a preliminary review of the tentative itinerary of the College's visit, including lodging and activities.

MACO SUMMER CONFERENCE

The County Administrator addressed correspondence received from Maryland Association of Counties pertaining to the Summer Conference and recommended that it be handled as it has been in the past; appropriate department heads will be notified of the Conference and should submit a request to attend. In addition, Mr. Cox inquired whether the County should have an exhibit. The Commissioners accepted Mr. Cox's recommendation and request that St. Mary's City, Bicentennial Commission and the County Archaeologist meet to develop an exhibit for the Conference.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - INTRA - ACCOUNT TRANSFER

With regard to the Economic Development Commission's request for appropriations of funds for the community profile books from the State Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$825, the Budget Officer recommended the following transfer of funds:

Decrease Account No. 40-40221 by \$625  
Decrease Account No. 40-40261 by \$200  
Increase Account No. 40-40391 by \$825.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

SENATE BILL NO. 289

The County Administrator advised that correspondence was received from Maryland Association of Counties requesting the County to support the veto of Senate Bill No. 289 -Open Meetings. Mr. Cox recommended that the Commissioners take no such action as it would be in conflict with the County's position on open meetings. The Commissioners concurred.

PERMANENT STATUS

The Director of Office of Land Use and Development forwarded a recommendation that Patricia Russell be placed on Permanent Status, effective April 27, in that she has satisfactorily completed her six-month probationary period.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 76-8 - MORGANZA - LAUREL GROVE ROAD

The County Engineer's Office submitted the above referenced Road Resolution posting Morganza-Laurel Grove Road at 25 miles per hour. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve said Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE FOR "WINGS OF THE MORNING"

The Bicentennial Commission has requested that the Commissioners renew the six-month lease for office space at the present site for "Wings of the Morning", effective through October 15, 1976. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize re-



newal of this lease, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Parlett requested that the circumstances of the lease be reviewed by the Budget Officer.

#### PERSONNEL MANUAL

Present: Nace Fresco, Personnel Officer

Mr. Fresco stated he has received comments from Department Heads and employees and therefore has submitted some recommended changes for the Commissioners' review.

Monday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. Circuit Court Room was set as the date for the meeting with the employees to discuss the manual.

Mr. Fresco further stated that the County Attorney advised that the Manual can be adopted by Resolution.

#### CREDIT UNION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Present: Nace Fresco, Personnel Officer

Mr. Fresco recommended to the Commissioners the institution of a credit union for county employees. Commissioner McKay stated that local credit unions should be given an opportunity to present their case, rather than taking our liquid capital out of the County. Mr. Fresco stated he would investigate local credit unions and their services and return to the Commissioners with this information.

#### COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The County Administrator discussed the Cooperative Work Experience Program, whereby a high school student attends classes in the morning and works at a job in the afternoon. Mr. Cox recommended that the Commissioners favorably consider this program as it would offer the students on-the-job training, and the Commissioners could cut back on the College Intern Program by participating in this Program. The Commissioners approved the concept of the program and requested the County Administrator to develop more information on this program and return to the Commissioners with a proposal.

#### WINSLOW FAMILY

Present: Mr. and Mrs George Winslow

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow appeared before the Commissioners to explain that The Winslow Family has been invited to be a part of a cultural exchange in the country of Iran for three weeks

in August to represent the United States and our County. The cost is approximately \$1,000 per person for ten people and the Winslow Family has been accepting donations to raise funds for the air fare and requested financial support from the Commissioners. The Commissioners stated that they could offer support as individuals, but would have to obtain an opinion from the County Attorney as to whether the County would have legal authority to allocate funds. The Commissioners agreed to contact the Winslow Family with a response.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Debbie Prager, Beacon  
Dick Myers, WKIK  
Glen Cunningham, WPTX  
Patty Muchow, Guardian  
David Chaffee, Guardian

The regular semi-monthly Press Conference was held at this time. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

POLICE SERVICES STUDY

Present: Joe Laseau, Cresap, McCormick and Paget  
Sheriff George Sanger  
Deputy Sommerville  
Lt. Muchow, Md. State Police  
Sgt. Miedzinski, Md. State Police  
Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense  
George Sparling, State's Attorney  
Joseph O' Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. Laseau of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, the firm conducting the Police Services Study, presented a verbal interim report on the Police Services Study pertaining to those areas of the study having a direct fiscal impact. In summary, Mr. Laseau, by citing various sources of statistical analysis advised the Commissioners that no additional police officers were necessary at this time for adequate police protection in St. Mary's County; nor was there a need for any additional equipment for present police services other than a taping system for the Control Center.

Mr. Laseau justified the taping system by pointing out its advantages both in terms of record keeping and economy of time by eliminating the need for several types of written reports.



Mr. Laseau noted the excellent cooperation between the Maryland State Police and the Sheriff's Department, and that St. Mary's County has higher dedication to police services than been observed in other counties.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Laseau for his presentation and requested a determination of date when the final report will be delivered to which Mr. Laseau indicated it would be delivered in mid-June.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR MD. RTE 2 and 4 EXTENDED

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign and forward a letter to Mr. Robert J. Hajzyk, Director of Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration, regarding alternative locations for Maryland Rt. 2 and 4 Extended, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

"TOWER HILL SUBDIVISION"

In view of the discussion by the Commissioners at their meeting of April 7, Commissioner Dean reported that the County Attorney advised that a court case has not been scheduled for the Colonel DuCote case, and therefore, no decision is expected in near future which would have a bearing on this matter at this time. Mr. Platt, Director of Land Use and Development submitted information as to the number of lots, owners of lots and lots that have been built on.

The Commissioners requested that the County Attorney appear before the Commissioners at next week's meeting to discuss what options the County has relative to the issuance of building permits, in order to respond to the Office of Land Use and Development's memorandum of March 29, 1976.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Commissioner Jarboe distributed a proposal to the Commissioners setting forth means for developing procedures for economic development for St. Mary's County, said proposal calling for leadership by the Board of County Commissioners and conducting of a seminar with appropriate parties. The Commissioners agreed that tourism should be first item addressed as a short-range goal, with long-range goals being discussed at a later time. Commissioner Jarboe volunteered to arrange details for discussion.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the candidate for the above-referenced position, Mr. Michel, has responded that he is basically interested in the position; however, he would like a reconsideration by the Board of County Commissioners of the salary from \$17,500 to \$20,000.

After discussion later in the meeting, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Board reply immediately to Mr. Michel that the County would remain with the offer of \$17,500 with stipulation that if he performs to the County's satisfaction in a year's time, the position would be upgraded to approximately \$20,000, and further moved that Mr. Michel should be requested to respond by Wednesday, April 28, first by telephone, followed by a letter, and to reaffirm to Mr. Michel that he is the man to do the job and hope that he will consider this offer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

(Commissioner Dean left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN AMENDMENT  
WILDEWOOD SUBDIVISION (Paragon Builders )

Present: Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development  
Walter Raum, Health Department  
Rick Sellers, State Health Department  
Eddie Whittingill, Wildewood Subdivision  
Harry Knight, Metropolitan Commission

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing upon the application for amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan by Paragon Builders, Inc. to consider a change in the water category from W-4 to W-2 in Section One and W-3 for the remainder of Wildewood Subdivision, located on the north side of St. Andrews Church Road, 3/4 mile west of Md. Rt. 235, Eight Election District.

The secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Mr. Platt indicated that the Health Department, Metropolitan Commission and the Office of Land Use and Development are in concurrence with this proposal and recommend approval.

Commissioner McKay inquired if anyone wished to speak for or against this application; hearing none, the hearing was closed.

A tape of the hearing is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

PUBLIC HEARING  
COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN AMENDMENT  
INDIAN RIVER ESTATES

Present: Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development  
Walter Raum, Health Department  
Rick Sellers, State Health Department  
Harry Knight, Metropolitan Commission  
Greg Ball, representing Mr. Upole (applicant)

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing upon the application for amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan by Orville B. Upole to consider change in the water category from W-6 to W-2 and W-3 for Indian River Estates Subdivision, located on Golden Beach Road, three miles east of Md. Rte. 5, Fifth Election District.

The secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Mr. Platt indicated that the Health Department, Metropolitan Commission and the Office of Land Use and Development are in concurrence with this proposal and recommend approval.

Commissioner McKay inquired if anyone wished to speak for or against this application, hearing none, the hearing was closed.

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(Commissioner Dean returned to the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

GOLDEN BEACH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY - ACCEPTANCE OF DEED

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Deed dated April 5, 1976 by and between Andrew V. Bedell and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for land situated in the Fifth Election District, being a strip of land 60 feet in width that will serve as the road width for a portion of Golden Beach Road right-of-way, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Parlett further moved that the Treasurer's Office be requested to allow the Deed to be recorded, if there are ny outstanding taxes due on this property, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.



TV PROMOTION FOR TOURISM

Present: George Clark, Economic Development Commission  
Ed Atkins, "Wings of the Morning"  
Mrs. Sparling, Public Relations Director  
"Wings of the Morning"

Mr. Clark appeared before the Commissioners to obtain confirmation that the County has appropriated \$3,000 for TV promotion for Tourism for St. Mary's County, and to present a concept of what will be shown on television for this promotion. He further stated that the EDC will be combining funds with "Wings of the Morning" in order to obtain more coverage.

In addition, Mr. Clark requested the Commissioners to write Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting requesting that they make their facilities available in this tourism effort.


The Commissioners advised that the \$3,000 has been made available for this project and indicated that a letter would be forwarded to Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting as requested.

The Commissioners adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 1976

The Board of County Commissioners met as the Board of Estimates from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. to review presented budgets.

Approved by,

  
James M. McKay  
President