

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGMarch 23-24, 1977Wednesday, March 23, 1977

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

The meeting came to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 16-17, 1977 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling stated that the question had been raised concerning builder's risk insurance for construction at Leonard Hall. Currently the building is insured for \$700,000. The insurance company recommended an additional \$622,000 insurance coverage which would cost 55% of the going rate (approximately \$500 additional).

The Commissioners requested Mr. Sterling to determine what insurance coverage the contract has and to determine whose responsibility it is for this coverage.

VACANCIES IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Joseph Lee Somerville, Sheriff

Sheriff Somerville appeared before the Commissioners to explain the process of filling current vacancies in his department. The lieutenant's position, which he vacated upon accepting appointment as Sheriff has been abolished. Instead, an additional sergeant's position has been established and filled by former Corporal Raymond Williams, according to County Merit System procedures. The corporal and subsequent patrolman first class vacancies will be filled in the same manner. The anticipated patrolman vacancy will be filled by the reinstatement of former Deputy David Diehl. It was requested that the reinstatement of Patrolman Diehl occur prior to the actual creation of the vacancy due to present department needs. The reinstatement process will be that of the County's Merit System. The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Somerville for keeping them abreast and concurred with a request to fill the patrolman's vacancy as soon as possible.

LETTER TO SECRETARY COULTER, DNR
WICOMICO RIVER ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign and forward a letter to Secretary Coulter, Department of Natural Resources listing the following recommendations for their consideration for appointment to the Wicomico River Advisory Board:

Mr. Luther Wolfe
Miss A. Hope Swann
Mr. Frank Gerred
Mr. James R. Owens

Commissioner Parlett seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted in favor.

COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD

Commissioner Dean made a motion to appoint Mrs. Mary A. Clements to the Commission on Aging Board for a term to expire June 30, 1980, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-18
PLANNING AND ZONING AND PLUMBING FEES

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 77-18 establishing a new schedule of fees for Planning, Zoning and Plumbing, effective March 21, 1977, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-19
BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 77-19 establishing new Building Permit Fees, effective March 21, 1977, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CONTACT WITH SMECO
OBSTRUCTION LIGHT FOR HELIPORT

The County Administrator presented a contract by and between Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the St. Mary's County Commissioners for obstruction lights in the vicinity of the heliport in Leonardtown.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the above-referenced contract, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MARYLAND'S STATE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Correspondence dated March 14, was received from the Department of State Planning requesting designation of representatives to assist their department with the revision of the Maryland's State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The County Administrator recommended that John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks, and Frank Gerred, County Planner, be designated to act on the County's behalf on this plan. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PATUXENT RIVER FARMS, INC. REZONING APPLICATION NO. 76-10A
and 10B (DEEPWATER PORT)

Oliver Guyther, Attorney for Patuxent River Farms, Inc., forwarded correspondence dated March 14, 1977, requesting a hearing on the above-referenced rezoning application before the Board of County Commissioners, and that the general format used by the Planning Commission at their hearing be used by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners agreed to set May 18, as the date for the hearing and that Mr. Platt, Director, Land Use and Development should make the arrangements for this meeting.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT
SMECO 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE

The County Administrator recommended to the Commissioners that the County respond to the State Clearinghouse that the County at this point has not changed its agreement with the general placement of the 230 kv transmission line, but withholds the right to make additional comment at the zoning permit and construction phase of the project. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PROPOSED INCENTIVE AWARD PROGRAM FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

The County Administrator presented for the Commissioners' review a proposed Incentive Award Program for County Employees which is intended to recognize the special achievements of certain employees and to improve employee morale and productivity. The Commissioners agreed to review the proposal and to make a decision when the classification and pay plan is reviewed.

CONSTABLES FOR DISTRICT COURT

The County Administrator presented a proposal for the Commissioners' review for the use of constables in District Court and the serving of Civil papers. This would relieve the Sheriff's Department from those duties for patrolling and other department work. The proposal has been discussed with District Court Judge Sterling who has indicated preliminary acceptance.

The Commissioners stated that they would review the proposal in greater depth at a future date.

MT. PLEASANT SUBDIVISION (SEVENTH DISTRICT)

Present: Paul Guy)
 Mr. and Mrs. Owens)
 Mr. Ferguson)
 Mr. Goddard)
 Dave Wilkerson) Residents of Mt. Pleasant Subdivision
 Gary Beavin)
 Jim Woods)
 Will Barley)
 Bob Graves)
 Other residents of Mr. Pleasant Subdivision
 Nick Downs, Developer of Mt. Pleasant
 John Norris, County Engineer
 Ernie Bell, County Attorney

Residents of the Mt. Pleasant Subdivision appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the hazardous road condition existing in the subdivision.

MT. PLEASANT SUBDIVISION (SEVENTH DISTRICT) cont.

The County Engineer gave a chronology of events regarding this matter and the fact that negotiations with the developer have not been fruitful. At this point the County Attorney explained the legal actions that have been taken in this matter - a Bill of Complaint was filed by the County regarding violation of the Subdivision Regulations and ordering that the developer comply with the Regulations under which he was granted approval to subdivide Mt. Pleasant. The attorney for Mt. Pleasant Subdivision has filed a preliminary answer stating that the extent of the developer's liability is contained in a bond that he gave to the County for \$1,000 to cover construction of the roads. Mr. Bell stated that the court case is scheduled to be heard April 15, 1977.

Several of the residents explained their particular problems with the roads and ditches in the subdivision and the hazardous and unpleasant conditions which exist because of this situation.

The Commissioners stated that they were somewhat hindered in this discussion because the issue is now a matter of litigation, but thanked those in attendance for their expression of interest and concern in this matter and encouraged the residents of Mt. Pleasant Subdivision to meet with the County Engineer and Mr. Downs to attempt a satisfactory settlement prior to the case being determined by the Court.

LINCOLN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that bids were opened on March 21, for the Rehabilitation of Lincoln Avenue; one bid was received, which was from Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$124,145.59.

In addition, Mr. Norris presented the St. Mary's County Program Worksheet indicating the total cost of this project to be in the amount of \$142,445, necessitating a transfer in the amount of \$47,890.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to award the bid for the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue to Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$124,145.59, and further to transfer \$47,890 from the Capital Improvement Program Funds (source to be determined by the Budget Officer), seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Dean abstaining, stating he was in favor of the transfer, but abstained from the awarding of the bid.

SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION ROADS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that he met with Keith Fairfax, representative of Spring Valley, and it was suggested that there be an informal meeting with the County and residents of Spring Valley concerning the road problems in that subdivision. April 28, at 7:30 was scheduled for this meeting at the Lexington Park Elementary School. The possibility of establishing a special taxing district will be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Norris was directed to draft a letter to the property owners to make them aware of the project and to present the alternatives to them.

NURSING HOME DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners past discussions on the drainage problem at the Nursing Home and that the adjacent property owner was contacted to determine if he would assist with some of the construction. To date he has not indicated willingness to do so. For the County to do the project, it would cost approximately \$1500 to \$2,000 for catch basin plus materials for seeding and the labor to be done by the County's landfill work force.

The Commissioners requested that Mr. Norris return to the property owner with his proposal and obtain permission to enter upon his property, after which time he should present this proposal to the Nursing Home Board for funding.

LAUREL GROVE - MORGANZA ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the County has a contract for design for the above-referenced project with ICON, and that it is now 90% complete. ICON has forwarded correspondence requesting additional funds which they felt were brought about by change of alignment on the proposed Laurel Grove-Morganza Road. After reviewing pertinent documents, the County Engineer stated there was some validity in the request for funds for the month of May, in the amount of \$2500 due to change of personnel in the County Engineer's office and loss of communication that resulted therefrom.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$2500 for reimbursement to ICON pending receipt of release of all liens, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

1965 METRO MITE TRUCK

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the 1965 Metro-Mite truck being used by the State Highway Administration has many defects and recommended that the County dispose of the vehicle by bidding process.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation and dispose of the truck by bidding process under the direction of Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

DEED FOR ROADS IN BLACKISTONE SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

The County Engineer presented a Deed by and between Thomas I. Garner and Marion C. Garner and St. Mary's County for Graves Drive in Blackistone Farm Subdivision, with a check in the amount of \$1500 from Mr. Garner, which is in accordance with the terms between Mr. Garner and the County.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to accept the above-referenced Deed and the check in the amount of \$1500 for road work in the Blackistone Subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RIVERWOOD SUBDIVISION FARMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Correspondence was received from Robert I. Garner indicating that he has had difficulty in getting a contractor for surface treatment of roads in the Riverwood Subdivision Farms. Mr. Garner had indicated that the cost would be approximately \$2800 and had requested the County to perform the work for him. The Commissioners asked the County Engineer to arrive at the County's cost to perform the work and to apprise Mr. Garner of these facts and prepare the necessary documents to enter into this agreement.

HOLLY OAKS SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the County Attorney has some conflict of interest in the above-referenced matter and recommended that the case be handled by Attorney Joseph Densford. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

IMPROVEMENTS TO EXTERIOR OF COURTHOUSE AND PARKING LOT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the plans for improvements to the exterior of the courthouse and parking lot and requested reaction from the Board of Commissioners as to the level of improvement and a timetable to do the work. The plans include ramps for the handicapped for the courthouse and Health Department Building and construction of a parking lot east of the Health Department building creating 26 additional spaces. \$3800 has been budgeted this fiscal year for curbing and will require additional funding for the remainder of the work.

The Commissioners directed that the Budget Officer investigate source of funding for this project as it was their desire to commence a portion of this work this fiscal year.

ROADS TOUR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris inquired if the Commissioners were interested in taking another tour to view some of the various road problems and projects in the County. The Commissioners agreed to visit areas that will require a budget decision.

GUIDE FOR SUBDIVISION PLANS PREPARATION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris presented for the Commissioners' review and approval proposed guidelines for the preparation of subdivision plans.

After review, Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the format for the guidelines, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PATUXENT WEST SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Dan Ichniowski, Highway Engineer

Mr. Norris presented a letter for Commissioner McKay's signature regarding the fact that the performance bond on the referenced subdivision was cancelled June 23, 1976 and requesting a response from the developer relative to completion of work at Patuxent West Subdivision. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said letter, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS
WATERPROOFING OF CONTROL CENTER

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Budget Officer recommending the following transfer of funds to cover over-encumbrances plus anticipated expenses on the emergency waterproofing of the Control Center:

Increase Account No. 1092-7172 (undistributed Budget Allocation) by \$2266 and Account No. 1232-7722 (Guard Rails-County Wide) by \$2113.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the above-referenced transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 24, 1977

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

REZONING DECISIONCASE NO. 76-13URBAN SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CEDAR COVE)

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on March 9, 1977 on the application by Urban Systems Development Corporation to have approximately 20 acres of the premises known as Cedar Cove, Eighth Election District rezoned from PDR 3.5 to PD-IP.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the rezoning of 20 acres from PDR 3.5 to PD-IP be granted, and the Finalized Development Plan for Cedar Cove be amended to incorporate the PD-IP with the following restrictions:

1. Only those uses permitted by Article 10.17B 1, 2 and 3 of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance will be allowed;
2. Planning and design of the proposed Industrial Park will be coordinated with the Naval Air Station Public Works Department;

This resolution is based on the following findings of fact:

1. The proposal is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for St. Mary's County, which identified this area within the AICUZ of PNATC as an area with potential for industrial development. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan calls for encouragement of support facilities for the Naval Air Station, which this proposal purports to be.

2. The proposed uses are compatible with the concept of a Planned Unit Development, and the amended Development Plan calls for adequate buffering to protect the residential elements of the Planned Unit Development.

3. Public sewer and water is available.

4. Public highway access is available.

5. Physical characteristics of the land are suitable for the proposed uses, in terms of soil and storm water control.

6. The proposed uses are compatible with surrounding development, with proximity on one side to the Naval Air Test Center and Metropolitan Commission Sewerage Treatment Plant and adequate buffering to protect the adjacent residential development.

7. In general, the proposal meets all the purposes, requirements and conditions of the PD-IP district, as set forth in the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance.

8. The proposal calls for light industrial development, which is a primary goal and need for St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion; all Commissioners voted in favor.

LETTER TO SECRETARY WAHBE
CHARLOTTE HALL SCHOOL PROPERTY

Commissioner Jarboe presented a letter addressed to Secretary Wahbe, Department of State Planning regarding the proposed use of the Charlotte Hall School property as an Alternate Learning Program for the Southern Maryland Counties of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's. Said letter requires the signatures the President of the three Boards of County Commissioners, the three Superintendents of Schools and the three Presidents of the Board of Education.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said letter, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Jarboe presented a memorandum to the Chairman of all St. Mary's County Government Advisory Commissions, and Committees requesting the Chairman to develop an orientation program for new members. The Commissioners agreed to forward this memorandum.

DAP TEAM

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign and forward a memorandum to Sheriff Somerville and Lt. Muchow requesting their cooperation regarding the Drug Abuse Prevention Program and the possibility of making men available for this program, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-15 (REVISED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)
RESOLUTION NO. 77-16 (AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE)

Commissioner McKay initiated discussion concerning the retyping and re-signing of the above-referenced resolutions because of his opinion that nothing other than signatures should be placed on the signature lines of an official document. After some discussion, Commissioner McKay made a motion that the Commissioners sign the retyped documents, to replace the documents that were signed on March 16 at the Commissioners' regular meeting; namely, Resolution No. 77-15 - Adoption of Revised 1977 Comprehensive Plan for St. Mary's County; and Resolution No. 77-16 - Adoption of Amended Zoning Ordinance for St. Mary's County, subject to a review by the County Attorney that this motion is legally tenable, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison voting against.

LETTER TO HUD
SECTION 8 PROGRAM

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners sign and forward a letter to Department of Housing and Urban Development concerning the guidelines for the Section 8 Program for public housing and requesting that the minimum rentals in the Section 8 Program are raised by at least 25%, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

STOP WORK ORDER - ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL PARK

Commissioner Dean stated that it had been brought to his attention by Joseph Mattingly, Developer of the St. Mary's Industrial Park, that he had been issued a Stop Work Order by the Office of Land Use and Development, halting an addition that he is putting on a building at the entrance of the industrial park on Route 235 at Sandy Bottom. Commissioner Dean explained the circumstances surrounding this action, stating that Mr. Mattingly intended to build a structure to live in, with the intention of possibly using the structure for commercial use at some future date if he obtains rezoning. The Office of Land Use and Development issued the Stop Work Order because they were of the opinion that it was not going to be used for residential use as indicated on the Building Permit.

The Commissioners agreed that the Director of Land Use and Development and the applicant, Mr. Mattingly, should appear before the Commissioners at next week's meeting to discuss this matter.

PERSONNEL IN OFFICE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the vacancy of the position of Zoning Technician, Office of Land Use and Development, created by the resignation of Joseph Garner, and after appropriate discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to abolish the positions of Zoning Technician and Chief, Permits, and Inspection, in the Office of Land Use and Development, and further to create the position of Assistant Director of Office of Land Use and Development at Grade 14, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Millison voting against.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss the functional statement of this position with Mr. Platt, Director, Land Use and Development, at next week's meeting.

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING (PATUXENT RIVER)

Commissioner Parlett advised the Board that there will be a special meeting of the Tri-County Council Saturday, April 23, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Patuxent River and the action the Council wants to take with regard to this matter.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

Commissioner Parlett advised the Commissioners of the National Association of Regional Councils meeting scheduled for May 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas, and inquired if there were any objections that he attend. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFER
TRI-COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

By memorandum of March 23, 1977, the Budget Officer recommended that \$3,541 be transferred from the Contingency Fund to the Tri-County Animal Shelter Operation for FY '76 and '77.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the above-referenced transfer, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HOLLYWOOD AREA PLAN MEETING

Frank Gerred, County Planner, forwarded a memorandum to the Commissioners and Planning Commission reviewing the March 17 meeting in Hollywood and requesting confirmation from the Commissioners for an April 7 meeting at the Hollywood Fire House to discuss alternative draft plans. The Commissioners concurred with the April 7 date.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-77-25
CHISLEYTOWN ROAD

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented Road Resolution No. 77-25 designating Chisleytown Road as a Stop Street at its intersection with Trap Road. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to adopt said Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 77-26
HOLLY-GAF SUBDIVISION

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented Road Resolution No. 77-26 designating the following streets in Holly-Gaf Subdivision as Stop Streets:

Montiego Road at its intersection with Morgan Road;

Vega Court at its intersection with Morgan Road;

Cougar Court at its intersection with Morgan Road;

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt the above-referenced Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

"PENERINE"

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the St. Clement's Island and Potomac River Museum Board of Directors requesting the contract be awarded to The Housing Center in the amount of \$1555 for construction of the foundation for the 19th century house known as "Penerine". Commissioner Parlett made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
ABATEMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE

The County Administrator presented a request from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for a waiver of building permit fee. Inasmuch as the church complies with County's Resolution No. 75-53, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve abatement of the building permit fee, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

LEONARDTOWN BAPTIST CHAPEL
ABATEMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE

The County Administrator presented a request from the Leonardtown Baptist Chapel for an exemption from the building permit fee. Inasmuch as the church complies with County's Resolution No. 75-53, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve abatement of this building permit fee, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ST. JOSEPH RECREATIONAL CENTER

Commissioner Parlett reported to the Board that Mr. John Wooten of St. Joseph Recreational Center appeared before the Recreation and Parks Board and it was the consensus of that Board that they did not feel they could recommend that the County Commissioners appropriate funds for this purpose, because they have turned down other groups such as SATAV and Douglas-Tubman Estates for a similar request. However, the Recreation and Parks Board offered their assistance in any way possible with their programs.

Commissioner McKay suggested that Mike Kilpatric of Department of Economic and Community Development be contacted to determine if the State could assist in any way.

PETITION FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Present: Mark Duke, Student from Chopticon High School (spokesman)
 Students from Chopticon High School
 Ward Miller, Economic Development Coordinator
 Nick Smith, Director, Chamber of Commerce
 Nace Fresco, Personnel Officer

Mark Duke presented a petition from students at Chopticon High School requesting more job opportunities for the youth in St. Mary's County.

Ward Miller apprised the students of what progress is being made in this area and the fact that the County is striving to bring compatible light industry into the County.

Mr. Fresco mentioned the fact that there will be approximately 140 CETA positions available this summer, depending on availability of federal funding.

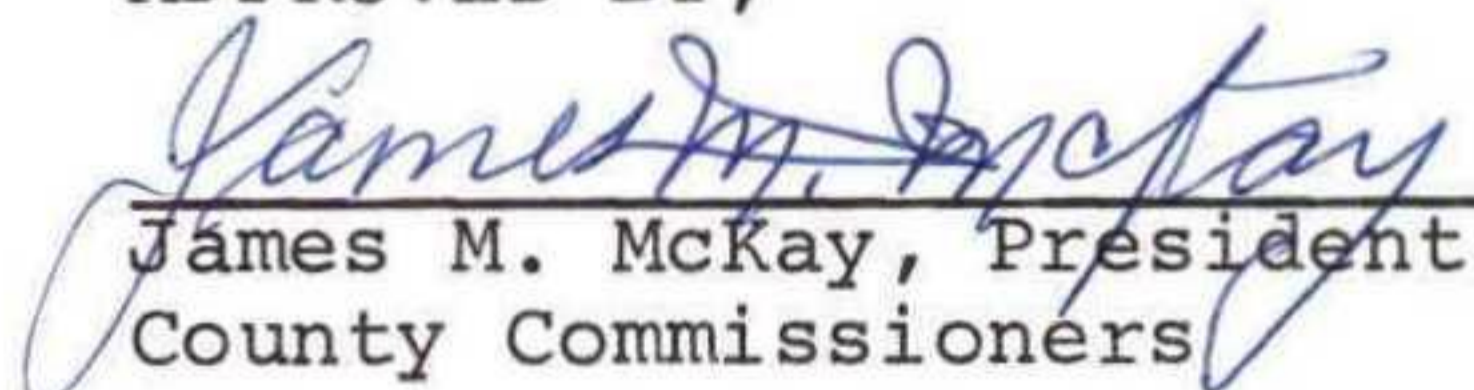
The Commissioners thanked the students for their expressed interest and concern and stated that the Commissioners recognize the need for jobs in St. Mary's County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session with Mrs. Billye McGaharn to discuss personnel after which time the Commissioners continued in Executive Session to discuss further matters of personnel. The Session was held from 11:05 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVED BY,


 James M. McKay, President
 County Commissioners