

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGApril 13-14, 1977Wednesday, April 13, 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 April 6-7, 1977 were read and corrected. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

VISIT BY SENATOR SARBANES

Present: Senator Paul Sarbanes
Doug Mathias

Senator Sarbanes paid a visit to the Board of County Commissioners and discussed various issues relevant to St. Mary's County such as public works money, Naval Air Station, impacted aid for education, etc. Senator Sarbanes agreed to look into these matters and inform the Commissioners of the outcome.

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 Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 77-27
MILL COVE ROAD

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the above-referenced Road Resolution designating Stop Streets near Mill Cove Road in the Eighth Election District as follows:

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 77-27
MILL COVE ROAD cont.

Stop Sign on Mill Cove Harbor Road at its intersection with Mill Cove Road;

Stop Sign on Sypher Road, at its intersection with Mill Cove Road;

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented an Agreement for the Mosquito Control Program with the Maryland Department of Agriculture for appropriation of funds for the Program for FY '77-78. Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners enter into said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

OVERTIME REQUEST BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request from Sheriff Somerville for overtime payment for the deputies that were called out on the recent jail break.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ENERGY POLICY OFFICE - STATE OF MARYLAND

The County Administrator advised that correspondence was received from the State of Maryland Energy Policy Office requesting a representative from St. Mary's County to assist their office in the State Energy Conservation Plan. Mr. Cox recommended that Mr. Frank Gerred, County Planner, coordinate this activity for the County. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

In addition, the Energy Policy Office requested a representative to assist with a Residential Energy Conservation Program, and Mr. Cox recommended that Mr. Donald Curtis, Housing Coordinator, serve in this capacity. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CIRCUIT COURT ROOM

The County Administrator reported to the Commissioners that Judge Mattingly has suggested that there be an Open House Ceremony April 18, at 4:00 p.m. for the newly renovated Courtroom, at which the Commissioners are invited to attend.

VISIT BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The County Administrator informed the Commissioners that State Superintendent of Schools will be visiting St. Mary's County Monday, May 2 and would like to meet with the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed to meet with him at 9:00 a.m. on that date.

COMMISSARY STORE ON NAVAL AIR STATION

Present: Joseph Mullins, Mr. Sewing Machine

Mr. Mullins appeared before the Commissioners to express his objection to the existence of the grocery section of the commissary store on the Naval Air Station. He stated that the existence of this store is against the Policy and Procedures of the Defense Department, which states that "when the necessity for the operation of a grocery section no longer exists, the authority to operate it shall be withdrawn". Mr. Mullins also mentioned the fact that businessmen of St. Mary's County collect sales tax and the Navy Exchange does not, and that the county taxpayers are paying taxes indirectly to support the existence of the commissary store. He further stated that the businessmen pay an inventory tax for the privilege of operating a business in the County, whereas the Commissary does not.

In closing, Mr. Mullins requested a statement from the Commissioners supporting his position. After discussion of this matter, the Commissioners stated that they wished to obtain additional details and would also like input from the Navy officials

CATALOGUE SALES AT NAVAL AIR STATION

Present: Joseph Mullins, Mr. Sewing Machine

In discussing another area regarding the Naval Air Station, Mr. Mullins mentioned that facilities were available at the Station for outside businesses to place catalogues and make merchandise available to the Navy people provided that no sales take place on military property and provided they comply with federal and state laws. He referred to a particular catalogue which has a sales representative in the area and therefore sales tax should be collected, but to his knowledge has not.

The Commissioners agreed to seek additional information with regard to this matter.

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL

Present: John Weiss, Transportation Planner, Tri-County Council
Jim Emory, Department of Transportation
Frank Gerred, County Planner

Mr. Weiss appeared before the Commissioners to explain Phase II of the Tri-County Council Transportation Plan for which he is responsible and presented supporting documentation outlining the Phase II Transportation Program. Mr. Weiss requested from the Commissioners, the appointment of a Transportation Committee of five members to serve in an advisory capacity during the Phase II project and represent St. Mary's County's interests. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Weiss for his presentation and discussed several points with him regarding the transportation plan for St. Mary's County, made several suggestions, and agreed to act on the recommendation to appoint a transportation committee.

PURCHASING

Present: Al Kessler, Patuxent Business Machines
Garry McLaughlin, Patuxent Business Machines
Paul Raley, Purchasing and Logistics Director

Mr. Kessler reviewed with the Commissioners certain concerns regarding the purchasing practices of the County as related to his business, Patuxent Business Machines, and cited as an example a recent purchasing problem with the Office of Land Use and Development relative to notebook binders.

In general, Mr. Kessler expressed his opinion that even though his firm was about 5% higher than an out-of-county firm, the County should consider the many indirect benefits derived from purchasing supplies in County. Further Mr. Kessler advised the Commissioners that he has been told that certain purchase orders to his firm from county agencies were being disregarded and that he felt this was discrimination. After some discussion, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Kessler for bringing these matters to their attention and guaranteed to him that the matter will be discussed further and the Commissioners will make a determination in the near future. The Commissioners requested Mr. Kessler to submit any evidence to the allegation of discrimination.

PROCLAMATION NO. 77-22
RIDE-A-BIKE FOR THE RETARDED DAY

Present: Clinton Duke

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming April 24, 1977 as Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded Day.

PROCLAMATION NO. 77-21
NATIONAL SECRETARIES WEEK

Present: Eloise Pickrell
 Larube Briscoe
 Margaret Garrett
 Cecelia Adams

The Commissioners presented the above Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 24-30, 1977 as National Secretaries Week and April 27, 1977 as National Secretaries Day.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m.

ROADS TOUR

At this time the Commissioners took a tour of the various road problems in the County with the County Engineer.

Thursday, April 14, 1977

Present: Commissioner John K. Parlett, Vice-President
 Commissioner Ford L. Dean
 Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
 Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioners McKay and Millison were not present at the beginning of the meeting.)

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

ELMS PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks
 Nick Potts, St. Mary's Sportsman Club
 Jim Sides, St. Mary's Sportsman Club

Mr. Potts and Mr. Sides appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal for the establishment of a clubhouse in one of the existing buildings, rifle range, pistol range, skeet range, etc. at the Elms Property site.

Commissioner Dean stated that the local Environmental Education Committee has expressed an interest in establishing a site on the property as the state is trying to get certain regional environmental centers, and the local committee would like the Elms property identified as a site for Southern Maryland.

ELMS PROPERTY cont.

During discussion of this matter, and the various proposed uses including the originally intended use by the Power Plant Siting Program, the Commissioners agreed that there should be a meeting arranged with the Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant Siting Program, Environmental Education Committee, St. Mary's Sportsman Club, Elms Property Committee, and the Commissioners. The County Administrator was directed to arrange such a meeting.

Mr. Baggett stated that he would return to the Commissioners with a recommendation regarding the proposal for use of the property as a public beach after a response is received from the Navy with regard to the access road to the theodolite station which would serve as an access to the beach.

POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented a survey conducted in 1975 by the park rangers on activities of day-use area at Point Lookout Park.

LEASE WITH MELVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated that Recreation and Parks is presently leasing office space in the Melvin Construction Company Building, and that he has been notified that the lease is up and the rent will be raised from \$75 to \$125 per month. Larger office space is available in the same building at \$261 per month, but with a three year lease. Mr. Baggett suggested that after a determination of costs for improvements, that perhaps the building that the County leases from the Board of Education (Building No. 4 on Lei Drive, Lexington Park) could be used for this purpose. He stated he would return to the Commissioners with cost estimates and a recommendation at a later date.

CLEANING UP OF PARKS
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised the Commissioners that certain work needs to be done in order to prepare the parks for the season and at the last Recreation and Parks meeting, it was suggested that some of the unused funds from the Summer Youth Employment Program be used to hire a foreman and four helpers to paint, erect signs, trimming, picking up trash, etc., at a cost approximately \$1,436.

CLEANING UP OF PARKS
SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM cont.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to establish a work crew consisting of one foreman and four helpers to work with the Department of Recreation and Parks in performing spring clean-up duties and that the money for this purpose be taken from the Summer Youth Employment Program funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,436, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

LIGHTS AT LEONARDTOWN TENNIS COURTS

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated that in 1975 the County installed lighting at the Leonardtown tennis courts and there was a verbal agreement at that time that the Town of Leonardtown would pay the 25% local share required. Mr. Baggett stated that in conversation with the Town Commissioners, it was suggested rather than pay for the lighting that the Town may rebate the amusement tax the County pays the Town for the Leonardtown roller skating program.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Baggett that they would take this matter under consideration.

SEVENTH DISTRICT PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett reported on the status of the Seventh District Park stating that it was still in the County Engineer's Office and added for the record that all recreation and park projects are generally held up an additional three or four months in the County Engineer's Office.

MAINTENANCE SHOP

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett indicated to the Commissioners the need for a maintenance shop in order to store all his department's equipment and suggested a place at Leonard Hall or adding a bay onto the maintenance complex at the St. Andrews Landfill. The Commissioners advised that they would address this at budget time.

PROGRESS REPORT OF HOUSING AUTHORITY

Present: Donald Curtis, Housing Authority Coordinator

Mr. Curtis appeared before the Commissioners to bring them up to date on progress of the Housing Authority activities. Mr. Curtis reviewed the status of the following programs: Maryland Home Financing, Community Development Program, Community Service Administration \$75,000 grant for 25 mobile homes, Section VIII Program, Section 23 Program, and the Emergency Policy Program.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented encumbrance vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

(Commissioner McKay entered the meeting - 10:00 a.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to conduct interviews with applicants for the position of Youth Services Coordinator. The Session was held 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

(Commissioner Millison entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Commissioner Dean made a motion to hire to the position of Youth Services Coordinator, Delores Hill, to be effective as soon as possible, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE
HELEN ESTATES

The County Administrator presented the Economic Impact Fee Agreement by and between Israel Z. Swarey and Ezra Swarey and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County setting forth the procedures for the payment of the economic impact fee by the developer for Helen Estates, Section Two.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said Economic Impact Fee Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE AGREEMENT
RED HILL SUBDIVISION, SECTION III

The County Administrator presented the Economic Impact Fee Agreement by and between Cecil Q. Williamson and Betty L. Williamson and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County setting forth the procedures for the payment of the Economic Impact Fee for Red Hill Subdivision, Section III.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said Economic Impact Fee Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LETTER TO SMECO
USE OF CHARLOTTE HALL SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Commissioners authorized Commissioner McKay to sign a letter to Southern Maryland Electric, Coop., Inc. granting use of the Charlotte Hall School property for the Annual Members Meeting of SMECO scheduled July 11, 1977.

CHARLOTTE HALL OPTION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign and forward a letter to J. Dudley Diggs and Alfred H. Smith requesting an extension of the notification provision of the Charlotte Hall Option Agreement for a period of 31 days from May 10, 1977 to June 10, 1977, in order for the County to complete the negotiation process with the State of Maryland, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting against, stating that he did not believe that the County has found a need for the property.

LEONARD HALL GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Parlett stated that the Building Committee has reviewed the plans of the location of the Commissioners' Conference Room in Building No. 1 at Leonard Hall and is now desirous of moving the Room from one side of the hall to the other and the Committee needs the Commissioners' approval.

Mr. Norris reviewed the drawings for the Conference Room with the Commissioners, after which the Commissioners agreed to proceed with the change.

PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

Present: Joe O'Dell, Budget Officer

At this time the Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing concerning the proposed uses of General Revenue Sharing funds for the period between January 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 77-24
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE RALLIES

Present: Mrs. Nita Anderson, (representing Dr. Marek of Health Department)

(The Board of County Commissioners recessed at this time and convened as the Board of Health.)

Commissioner Dean stated that inasmuch as the Board of Health had been advised that there is a void in the health regulations as far as permitting recreational vehicle rallies, a resolution has been drafted to fill this void to permit rallies to be conducted in St. Mary's County in approved camper parks. This resolution has been reviewed by Dr. Marek and Walter Raum, of the local Health Department and has the concurrence of Mr. Clise of the State Health Department. Therefore, Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 77-24 entitled Recreational Vehicle Rallies, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. The motion was unanimously carried by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health adjourned and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION

The County Administrator advised that the County Attorney is involved in several extensive court cases and has recommended that Charles Mander be hired on a part-time basis to handle the Spring Valley matter.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to inquire of Mr. Mander if he is willing to accept this assignment and a determination of the fee arrangement, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MARYLAND ROUTE 235 AND SHANGRI-LA DRIVE

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$4,777.95 to State Highway Administration representing the County's share of installation costs for the traffic signal at Maryland Route 235 and Shangri-La Drive, and approving a transfer from the Contingency Account to Account No. 1232-2961 (Traffic - Street Signs) in the amount of \$4,777.95, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SWANN PROPERTY - ST. GEORGE'S RIVER

The County Administrator presented for the County Commissioners' approval the amendment to the existing lease on the subject property which commits the County to payment of all public charges including property taxes.

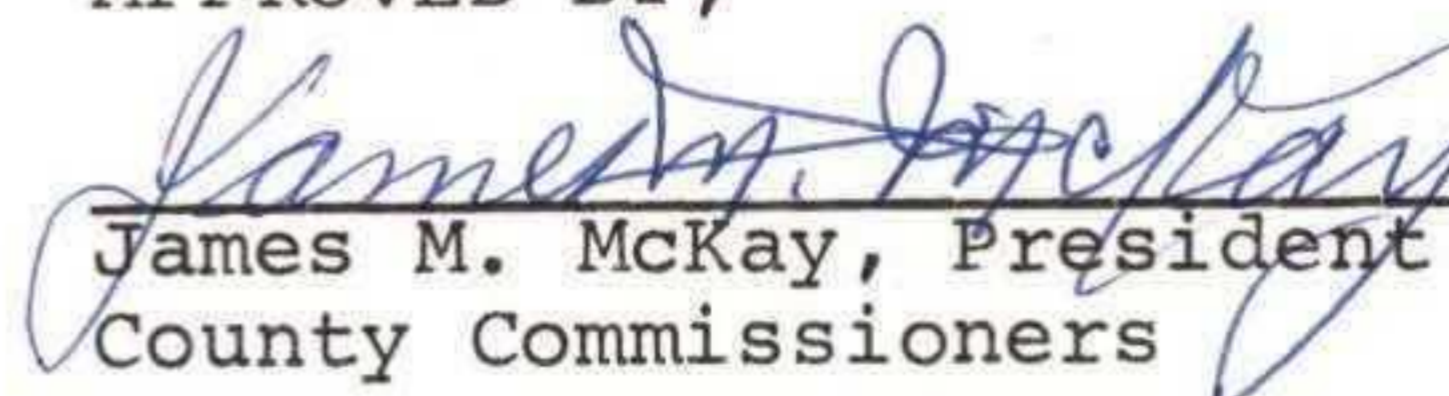
After discussion, Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve said amended lease, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PUBLIC ROAD REPAIR

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming meeting on April 20, 1977 pertaining to repair of public roads necessitated by winter damage with various county construction firms and the County Engineer. Commissioner Millison requested that appropriate State Highway officials be contacted for a discussion of State Highway Administration's maintenance capabilities. Commissioner McKay agreed to contact appropriate parties.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY,


James M. McKay, President
County Commissioners

