

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 11, 1978

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

(Commissioner Millison was not present at the meeting.)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 4, 1978 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

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

EMS TOWER

Present: Otis Wood, EOC

Relative to previous discussions concerning the placement of the EMS Tower for the Control Center and the County's liability, Mr. Wood and Mr. Cox discussed the various alternatives available to the County. Mr. Cox stated that the County Attorney did not recommend that the County accept the proposed Resolution as submitted by Mr. Neat of EMS. After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to locate the EMS Tower at a site determined to be appropriate by the appropriate State agency, and that said location be dedicated with appropriate signing, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Three Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner McKay voting against.

REQUEST FOR ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR

By correspondence dated January 4, authority was requested to allow Mr. James K. Raley and Mr. James Prebble of the Office of Land Use and Development to attend an Energy Conservation Seminar at the University of Maryland from January 23, 1978 through January 26, 1978, only expense being travel. Commissioner Dean made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

FBLA BILLBOARD

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated 1/9/78 from Dale Thompson of Chopticon High School FBLA requesting assistance by the County for the placement of a billboard publicizing the FBLA. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to offer the County's assistance in whatever way possible and to have the Office of Land Use and Development advise Mr. Thompson of the County's requirements concerning billboards.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The County Administrator presented correspondence from Jerry McKinney of the Tri-County Council seeking direction relative to continued funds for the implementation of the now completed Transportation Plan. The Commissioners directed that Mr. McKinney be requested to investigate source of funding available for further study on St. Mary's County's transportation needs and to determine whether implementation funds can be used for this purpose.

ACCOUNT TRANSFER - REPAIR TO TRAFFIC COUNTERS

As requested by the County Engineer, the Budget Officer submitted a request for a transfer of \$350 from Account No. 1232-2951 (Highway Travel Expense Account) to a new Account No. 1232-2191 (Maintenance of Equipment) to cover the costs of repairs to the County's traffic counters. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve said transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM

The County Administrator stated he received a telephone call from Capt. Larry Gibbs of the Maryland State Police advising that reverted funds are available for LEAJ to fund a Resident Trooper Grant Application, which would be 90% funded by the State.

The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to prepare the grant application for two resident troopers and in the meantime obtain additional information as to the length of time of the grant.

POLICE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Calvert County Commissioners indicating they have approved for signature the Police Mutual Aid Agreement among, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's County and requesting St. Mary's County's approval of same. The Commissioners concurred that the County Administrator, with the assistance of the County Attorney, prepare the Agreement for the Commissioners' signatures.

230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE

The County Administrator stated that the Environmental Impact Statement on the 230KV Transmission Line has been reviewed by Walter Raum, Chairman of the Environmental Committee, and recommended forwarding Mr. Raum's comments concerning sediment control to State Clearinghouse. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and requested Mr. Cox to determine whether a decision has been made on the Town Point power line alignment.

TOUR OF TECH CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT

The County Administrator advised that George Sullivan, Principal of the Tech Center, has invited the County Commissioners for lunch and a tour of the renovated area at the Tech Center on January 25. The Commissioners gave their concurrence with this tour.

DUKE'S RETREAT - VALLEY LAND

Present: John Hodges
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris explained to the Commissioners that the bond had expired for the above-referenced subdivision, containing eleven lots, four of which are buildable. In order to eliminate this long outstanding road bond, and because there is no desire to have the road surfaced at this time because there is no present use or anticipated future use, Mr. Norris recommended that the County accept title to the road, and accept a check from Mr. Hodges to cover the cost of surface treating the road until such time in the future when it is needed, thus releasing Mr. Hodges of the bond.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the Deed dated September 13, 1977 by and between John M. Hodges and Rosine C. Hodges and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County conveying Valley Lane, a 40-foot right-of-way, in the subdivision known as Duke's Retreat, to the County and further to accept the check in the amount of \$1,104.85 from Mr. John M. Hodges, in consideration for releasing Mr. Hodges from the bond on the above-referenced road, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
QUIET ACRES SUBDIVISION - SECTION I

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, County Attorney
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Bell discussed with the Commissioners the details surrounding the Public Works Agreement for Quiet Acres Subdivision, Section I, after which time, he stated that the Commissioners' approval and signature is needed on the document.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the Public Works Agreement by and between Jenns C. Nelson and Nonnye, his wife, and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, dated January 10, 1978, for Quiet Acres Subdivision, Section I, and that the County also accept as surety to guarantee the construction and completion of the streets and roads in Section I of the referenced subdivision a Certificate of Deposit with Citizens Bank of Maryland in the amount of \$79,500 and further to authorize that only the President of the Board of County Commissioners can draw against those funds upon resolution by the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

The County Attorney stated for the record that the check in the amount of \$79,500 has been endorsed as follows: "For Deposit only for establishing Certificate of Deposit to benefit the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland, for Quiet Acres, Section I, in accord with Public Works Agreement dated January 10, 1978."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of possible litigation. The Session was held from 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

FEE SCHEDULE REVIEW

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule with Mr. Gerred and requested Mr. Gerred to obtain additional information pertaining to commercial grain storage bins and return next week with the proposed schedule for their review and possible action.

CHARLES COUNTY CONCRETE - INDUSTRIAL SITE PLAN

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development
J. Harry Goode
William E. Edgar

The Commissioners reviewed the industrial site plan for Charles County Concrete, located on Rt. 235, south of St. Mary's County Airport. A building for a repair workshop is proposed for this site. Mr. Gerred presented a letter from the Planning Commission to the Commissioners recommending approval of this site plan.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the Charles County Concrete Industrial Site Plan, as presented, and as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development

Mr. Gerred reviewed with the Commissioners Article 5.8 of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance, which requires the establishment of a Historic District Commission. Inasmuch as all appointments to the Historic District Commission have been made and accepted, the Commissioners requested that the Commission members be requested to appear before the Commissioners in order to discuss their roles and duties.

LETTER TO GOVERNOR BLAIR LEE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Commissioner Jarboe presented a letter for the Commissioners' review and signature relative to the administration of the Emergency Medical Service concerning the use of shock-trauma centers. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

(Commissioner Parlett left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.)

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-02
"DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS" - MARDI GRAS

Present: Eloise Pickrell
Janese Marine
Judy Caddey
Kay Halzier
Doris Venete
Dr. Robert King
Billye McGaharn

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming January 28, 1978, Mardi Gras Day and the beginning of the "Dollars for Scholars" drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent of Schools
Will Dohrman
James Forest

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss possible land acquisition. The Session was held from 1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.

ACCESS ROAD TO HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME

Present: Dr. Boyd)
Marvin Kaminetz) Bldg. and Grounds Committee
James Neal) St. Mary's Hospital
Dan Ichniowski, County Engineer's Office

Representatives of the Building and Grounds Committee of the St. Mary's Hospital appeared before the Commissioners to request their assistance in having the access road off of Rt. 245 to the hospital and nursing home constructed as soon as possible.

The Commissioners agreed that there should be three steps in this project:

1. A meeting with the hospital and Nursing Home Building and Grounds Committees and the County Engineer's office to make a determination of the location for the access road;
2. Preliminary design to be completed;
3. Ultimate funding of the construction of the project.

The Commissioners stated that after the location is determined, the County Engineer's office would bring this information to the Board of County Commissioners, at which time they would discuss the funding for the preliminary design and construction.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
GREENS REST MANOR

The County Engineer submitted a Public Works Agreement, dated January 11, 1978, by and between Bates and Associates, Inc. and Clifford E. Bates, Eugene L. Kopp and Clifford W. Bates, and St. Mary's County guaranteeing the construction of the streets and roads in the Greens Rest Manor Subdivision, with appropriate bond. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve said Public Works Agreement with accompanying bond, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

AUDIT OF COMMISSION ON AGING TITLE III GRANT

After a review of the proposal submitted by Jerry M. Colvin to do an audit of Title III Transportation and Aid Project for the Commission on Aging, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the audit in an amount not to exceed \$600, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROPERTY

With reference to correspondence dated January 10, 1978 from the Board of Education concerning the costs of surveying the 97 acre Episcopal Church Property, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to indicate to the Board of Education the Commissioners' approval of the following at a cost of approximately \$5280:

1. A metes and bounds survey of the entire property;
2. The surveying out of 15 acres for the Fifth District Elementary School site;
3. A ground topographical survey for the 15 acre school site.

Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-03
MOBILE HOME HARDSHIP CASES

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt and sign Ordinance No. 78-03 entitled "Mobile Home Hardship Cases", and that those Commissioners not present, Commissioners Parlett and Millison, be given the opportunity to sign same, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

REGULATIONS AND CRITERIA - MOBILE HOME HARDSHIP CASES

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt the Regulations and Criteria to be used in determining eligibility for mobile home hardship case waivers as per Ordinance No. 78-03, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jarboe recommended that Commissioner Parlett and the Budget Officer, Joe O'Dell, be the County's representative on the School Construction Committee. The Commissioners gave their concurrence with this recommendation contingent upon these individuals willingness to serve.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Because there were not sufficient federal funds to fund the second phase of the Courthouse renovation project, Mr. Norris requested authorization to revise the specifications for that portion by removing the various federal requirements and re-bidding that portion of the project that was not funded. Mr. Norris indicated that a budgetary transfer will be necessary to complete the work.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize the revision of the specifications, to determine the separability of the two phases of the project, and further to authorize the Budget Officer to prepare the necessary account transfers. Mr. Norris is to return to the Commissioners for authorization to proceed with the bidding of the project. Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - CAPITAL PROJECT PRIORITIES

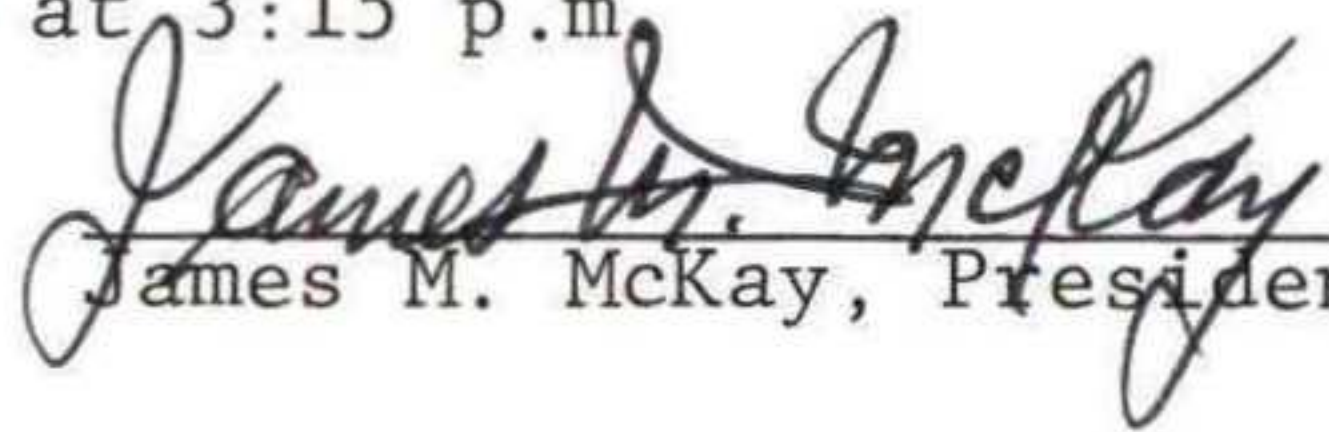
The Commissioners scheduled Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. for a work session with the County Engineer to determine priorities of his office's Capital Projects.

COURSE IN LAND APPLICATION OF LIQUID WASTES AND SLUDGES

By letter dated January 10, 1978, Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Hygiene, requested approval to expend \$450 in order to attend a course in Land Application of Liquid Wastes and Sludges in Washington, D.C., February 13-17, 1978.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


James M. McKay, President