

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, February 22, 1978

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe, M.D.
Commissioner John K. Parlett (via telephone hook-up)
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:55 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 15, 1978 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Dean. 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 Dean made a motion to approve payment of the bills, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Three Commissioners present voted in favor, with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

DATA SYSTEM

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Budget Officer with a project statement and letter addressed to International Personnel Management Association for the Commissioners' signatures relative to the County's Data System and submitting a tentative project application for federal funds under the Mobility Assignment section of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act for use in developing this system. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign and forward said letter, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ACCOUNT TRANSFERS - OFFICE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated February 15, 1978 from the Director of Land Use and Development requesting the following account transfers:

From the Office of Land Use and Development, Account Nos. 1083-21410 (\$200), 1083-21610 (\$300), and 1083-21710 (\$300) to be transferred to Purchasing and Logistics' Account No. 1057-31010 (\$800). Said transfer to provide for payment to the Purchasing Office for the two "loaner" type-writers presently being used in the Land Use Office.

Further, to transfer from Accounts No. 1083-21310 (\$800) and No. 1083-21710 (\$500) to Account No. 1083-31010 (\$1,300) for the purchase of furniture and equipment necessitated by the addition of certain employees in the Office of Land Use.

The Budget Officer recommended approval of the above-mentioned transfers.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the transfers as cited above, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR ABELL'S WHARF SITE

With reference to the request by the St. Clements Island Potomac River Museum, discussed at last week's meeting, for materials at a cost of \$975 for exhibits at the Abell's Wharf Archaeological site, the County Administrator gave clarifying information pertaining to the list of materials requested. Therefore, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the request for \$975, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MOBILE HOME HARDSHIP EVALUATION
CASE NO. MH 78-1

In light of the recommendation by the Mobile Home Hardship Evaluation Committee not to grant a waiver for Case No. MH 78-1, Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ACCESS ROAD FROM ROUTE 245 TO NURSING HOME AND HOSPITAL

The County Administrator presented a Deed of Easement and an Agreement by and between the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, St. Mary's Hospital and William Charles Long and June S. Long relative to the construction of the access road from Route 245 to the Nursing Home and Hospital. The County Administrator recommended that the documents be signed in accordance with the recommendation of the County Engineer and pending any unfavorable comments from the County Attorney.

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

ACCOUNT TRANSFER (DOG DAMAGES)

Because of the severe damages to animals by dogs in the Hermanville area, the County Administrator requested a transfer of \$2,725 from the Reserve for Contingency to Account No. 1145-29310 (Dog Damages). Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

OVERTIME - COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Because of emergency snow removal, it was necessary for certain employees in the County Engineer's Office to be granted overtime totalling 57 hours, as documented by the County Engineer. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve said overtime, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
COMMISSION ON AGING

The County Administrator presented two Interim Notification of Grant Awards for Commission on Aging, one for Title III in the amount of \$24,000 and the other for Title VII in the amount of \$66,000. Commissioner Dean made a motion to sign the Interim Notification of Grant Award for Title III Grant and for the Title VII Grant, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

AICUZ MEETING

The Commissioners discussed the feasibility of convening a meeting to be attended by appropriate parties for the purpose of defining the immediate problem of land acquisition and to effect a united course of action. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to arrange for such a meeting at an appropriate time, on March 10, 1978 if possible.

COAST GUARD STATION PROPERTY (PINEY POINT)

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented a letter from the Department of Natural Resources to State Clearinghouse withdrawing their interest in the government surplus Coast Guard property and endorsing acquisition of the property by St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks. Further, Mr. Baggett presented a letter of understanding dated February 9 to Department of Natural Resources stating that the Coast Guard property was awarded to St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks by the federal government. The County would in turn provide Maryland Fisheries a long term lease for the two-bay garage, petty officers' quarters and joint use of the wooden pier. Formal lease arrangement will be worked out with the County Commissioners and DNR. The Commissioners gave their concurrence with this course of action.

PINEY POINT MOORINGS - GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented a letter to GSA stating that the County has no interest in the referenced property and endorsing acquisition of the property by the Department of Natural Resources. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss possible land acquisition. The Session was held from 10:25 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

SPACE NEEDS - LEONARDTOWN ARMORY

Present: Mrs. Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator

Mrs. McGaharn advised the Commissioners that she has been informed by National Guard representatives that use by the Commission on Aging and other agencies of certain areas of the Leonardtown Armory would be restricted, and Mrs. McGaharn expressed concern that this may jeopardize the grant that had been signed a few weeks ago because a Statement of Assurances was needed. Mrs. McGaharn expressed a need by the Commission on Aging for space for service staff in that the Commission on Aging Office was adequate only for administrative staff.

The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to look into this matter and talk to appropriate National Guard representatives and return to the Commissioners.

CETA EMPLOYEES - COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Mrs. Billye McGaharn, Senior Services Coordinator

Mrs. McGaharn brought to the Commissioners' attention the fact that two CETA positions in her office, bus driver and Fiscal Associate were key positions and were CETA funds to be withdrawn, she was concerned with a breakdown in the Office's programs.

CHELTENHAM AGREEMENT

Present: Dr. King, Superintendent of Schools
Eleanor Ritchie, Board of Education
James Forrest, " " "

The above-referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the Cheltenham Agreement among the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State Department of Education, State Department of Human Resources, Prince George's County, Charles County, Calvert County, St. Mary's County, Board of Education of Prince George's County, Board of Education of Charles County, Board of Education of Calvert County, Board of Education of St. Mary's County, and Prince George's County Department of Health.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to sign the 1977-78 Cheltenham Agreement as presented, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

LOAN POLICY - RESCUE SQUADS

Relative to last week's discussion of the Seventh District Rescue Squad's request for a loan from the County for the purchase of an ambulance, Commissioner Dean presented a "Policy of the St. Mary's County Commissioners for Making Loans to the Volunteer Rescue Squads for the purpose of Making Ambulance and Equipment Purchases" for the Commissioners' review.

After review and discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the above policy be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

Further, Commissioner Dean made a motion to grant the loan for \$12,000 as requested by the Seventh District Rescue Squad, that the Loan Agreement be drawn up and upon obtaining signatures of the President and Secretary of the Seventh District Rescue Squad, that the President of the Board of County Commissioners be authorized to sign said Agreement and, that the source of funds are to be determined by the Budget Officer, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-18
BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE DAY

Present: Petty Officer Samuel Williams
Mary Louise Chase Barnes
Evelyn Holland
Faye Simpson
Sam Taylor

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming Thursday, March 2, 1978 as Black History Observance Day in St. Mary's County.

INDUSTRIAL SITE PLAN NO. 78-103
JOSEPH ABELL CLARK

Relative to the above-referenced site plan that was presented to the Commissioners at last week's meeting, Commissioner Dean recommended, and the other Commissioners concurred, that the site plan go through the Technical Evaluation Committee process, and that the Director of Land Use and Development be apprised of this recommendation and advise Mr. Clark of this action.

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

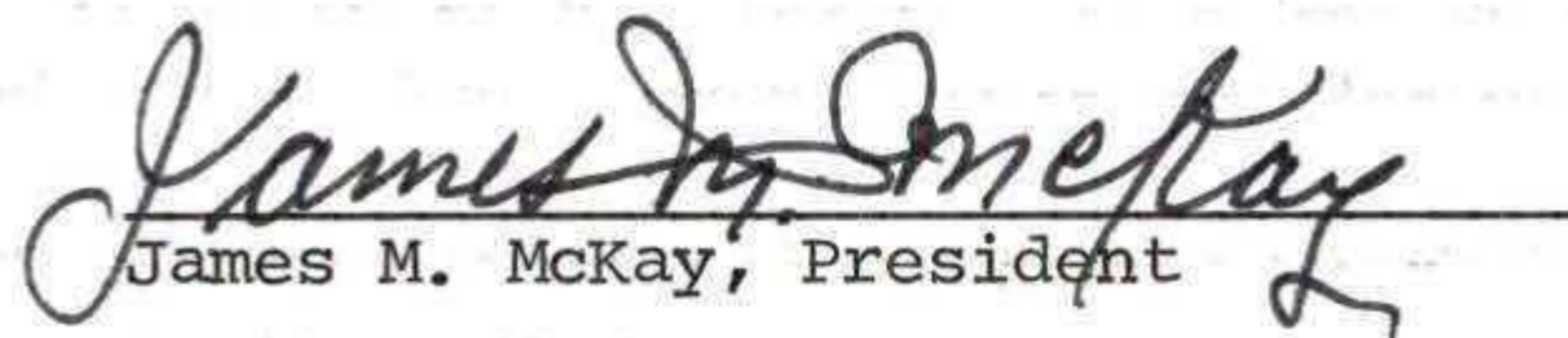
Commissioner Jarboe stated that implementation funds are available for a Transportation Plan Study in the amount of \$18,000 for the tri-county area. This would enable the Tri-County Council to hire someone to coordinate the study with the transportation committees of each county and that specifics be spelled out as to what the coordinator will be doing. This matter will be discussed at the Tri-County Council meeting this evening.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER POSITION

Relative to previous discussion concerning the hiring of a Highway Engineer in the County Engineer's Office, either through a consulting firm or hiring directly, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners authorize the advertising for a Highway Engineer on a one-year contractual basis, to assist with the backlog of capital projects in the County Engineer's Office, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Three Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner McKay voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Approved,


James M. McKay, President