

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, March 1, 1978

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 22, 1978 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Dean. 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, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

NURSING HOME CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented a letter for Commissioner McKay's signature addressed to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advising that the Board of County Commissioners accepted the construction of the St. Mary's County Nursing Home and final payment was made on November 10, 1976.

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

C.D. INVESTMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director

As had been requested by the Commissioners, Mr. Sterling advised the Commissioners that he was in the process of developing certain information relative to investment of C.D.'s and will be prepared to present this information at next week's meeting.

In addition, the Commissioners directed that the Budget Officer work with the Director of Finance on developing an investment policy and cash flow procedures.

DIRECT DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented the Direct Deposit Agreement for Revenue Sharing Funds to be deposited directly to the Maryland National Bank. Commissioner President McKay signed same.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION ON AGING

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Grace Loffler, Mrs. Louise Chase Barnes, and Miss Eloise Pickrell to the Commission on Aging for terms to expire June 30, 1981, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Leslie Vandivere to the Recreation and Parks Board for a term to expire January 1, 1982, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE AGREEMENT (HELEN FARMETTES, SECTIONS A & B)

The County Administrator presented the Economic Impact Fee Agreement by and between Israel Swarey and Ezra Swarey and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County setting forth the method of payment of the Economic Impact Fee for Helen Farmettes, Sections A and B. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

HELEN FARMETTES SUBDIVISION (SECTIONS A AND B)

The County Administrator presented the Public Works Agreement, with appropriate bonding documents, by and between Israel Z. Swarey and Ezra I. Swarey and St. Mary's County, Maryland, guaranteeing the construction of streets and roads in the Helen Farmettes Subdivision, Sections A and B. Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE AGREEMENT

ESPERANZA FARMS, SECTION SEVEN

The County Administrator presented the Economic Impact Fee Agreement by and between Robert G. Dean and Margaret C. Dean and Franklin W. Dean and Mary Gertrude Dean and St. Mary's County setting forth the method of payment of the Economic Impact Fee for Esperanza Farms, Section Seven. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Millison. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Dean abstaining.

PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT

ESPERANZA FARMS, SECTION SEVEN

The County Administrator presented the Public Works Agreement dated February 15, 1978, with appropriate bonding documents, by and between

Robert G. Dean and Margaret C. Dean and Franklin W. Dean and Mary Gertrude Dean and St. Mary's County guaranteeing the construction of streets and roads in Esperanza Farms Subdivision, Section Seven. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Millison. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Dean abstaining.

GRANT APPLICATION
ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT

On behalf of the St. Mary's County Airport Commission, the County Administrator presented a grant application to be submitted to Federal Aviation Administration for certain major improvements to the St. Mary's County Airport; total cost of project being \$512,400 (federal - \$461,160, state - \$25,620 and County \$25,620).

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign aid Application, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ACCOUNT TRANSFER
ANIMAL HOLDING FACILITY

In order to effect the recently executed lease relative to the holding facility at St. James Kennel and Pet Motel, the County Administrator requested a transfer from the Reserve for Contingency in the amount of \$1500 to Account No. 1145-21310 (Contract Services). Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ACCOUNT TRANSFER
PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITERS

As requested by the Director of Purchasing and Logistics, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,322 from Account No. 1092-27010 (repairs) to Account No. 1057-31010 (Office and Communication Equipment) seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COMMISSION ON AGING - WEATHER CRISIS PROGRAM

The Senior Services Coordinator requested authority from the Board of County Commissioners to initiate a weather crisis program as explained in her memorandum dated February 24, 1978, and its attachments. The State Office on Aging has established a ceiling of \$10,000 for St. Mary's County to be expended by March 31, 1978.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve use of Title III and Title VII funds on a reimbursable basis for the weather crisis program, not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to consider appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions. The Session was held from 10:02 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-21
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON WEEK

Present: Bricie Elliott, Publicity Chairman

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of March 12-18, 1978 as Tall Cedars of Lebanon Week.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Sunny Schust, Enterprise
Jack Kershaw, "
Ingrid Buehler, Beacon
Florence Ballangee, Beacon
Dave Fox, WKIK
Paula Smith, WPTX

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

LETTER TO STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
PATUXENT BEACH ROAD

Commissioner Dean presented a letter to Mr. Ed Meehan of the State Highway Administration for the Commissioners' review and signatures concerning maintenance and dust control of Patuxent Beach Road. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

In addition, the Commissioners agreed to sign and forward a letter to Mr. Bernard Evans of the State Highway Administration requesting that certain roads in the Patuxent Beach community be included in the overlay program because of severe deterioration caused by utilization of these roads during the construction of the Governor Johnson Bridge.

SIGN FOR PATUXENT BEACH ROAD

Commissioner Dean suggested, with the Boards' concurrence, that the County Engineer be directed to have a sign placed going to and from the Governor Johnson Bridge warning unsuspecting motorists of the poor conditions of Patuxent Beach Road.

PROPOSED SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Land Use and Development
Joyce Nelson, Recording Secretary

At this time, the Commissioners reviewed with Mr. Gerred comments by the Subdivision Regulation Review Committee on the proposed Regulations. Mr. Gerred was directed to prepare the Regulations in final draft form and further to contact the County Attorney to determine if all public hearing requirements have been met.

THE OLD MILL AND COUNTRY STORE

Present: Charles Harless, President, St. Mary's County Art Association
Ms. Kay Reed, Chairman, Crafts Guild of St. Mary's County
Michael Olson
Elmer Olson
Mona Olson
Thurston Baxter
Edwin Beitzell
Alex Schust
Other representatives of Art Association and Crafts Guild

Mr. Harless stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of having funds for The Old Mill and Country Store and further to request that there be a fair distribution of funds available for arts and crafts projects. Mr. Harless explained various aspects of the projects and presented statistical information pertaining to the operation of the Old Mill for 1977 and stated that this project will return 50% of funds provided by the County to the Historical Society for restoration and upkeep of the Old Mill.

Ms. Reed spoke on behalf of the Crafts Guild, explaining the formation, operation, and purpose of the Guild and requested support by the County for The Old Mill and Country Store.

Others in attendance spoke in favor of these projects and requested the County's financial support of their activities and a fair distribution.

The Commissioners agreed to give this request their consideration and that the following would be looked into:

1. The possibility of CETA positions;
2. A determination how EDC could assist in the promotion of arts and crafts;
3. A determination as to how much these two organizations would contribute;
4. The possibility of a Hold Harmless Agreement.

In closing, the Commissioners requested a breakdown of the fund expenditures for The Old Mill and Country Store.

SENATOR MCGURIK'S COMMITTEE HEARING

Present: Jack Witten

Mr. Witten appeared before the Commissioners to explain the circumstances surrounding the upcoming hearing before Senator McQuirk's Committee on March 7 relative to the issue of withdrawing water from the Potomac River. Mr. Witten emphasized that St. Mary's County was allowed little input in the decision process to this point and requested the Commissioners' endorsement of the position that lower river counties must be afforded a greater opportunity in the permit process. The Commissioners recommended that Walter Raum represent the County at this hearing.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHER - SEVENTH DISTRICT RESCUE SQUAD

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve Encumbrance Voucher No. 16579 payable to the Seventh District Rescue Squad for a loan for the purchase of an ambulance, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Due to the fact that the St. Mary's County Memorial Library has not received their funds from the State, Commissioner Dean made a motion to advance funds for an emergency allotment in the amount of \$21,075, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BRETON BAY SUBDIVISION ROADS
ACCEPTANCE OF DEED

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented a Deed dated November 28, 1977 by and between Waring Associates and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County conveying the following streets in Breton Bay Subdivision (Society Hill): Monterey Place, Port Place, White Oak Road, Magee Drive, and Enoch Road. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept said Deed, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (LAUREL GROVE TO HILLVILLE)

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Option Contract prepared by the State Highway Administration for certain properties along Maryland Route 235, Hillville to Laurel Grove.

Further, Mr. Norris presented a Partial Release of Mortgage dated February 10, 1978 by and between the United States of America through the Administrator of General Services and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County releasing a portion of the mortgage of the railroad right-of-way.

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

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the Partial Release of Mortgage, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROJECT NO. SM 78-1-6
CONCRETE IMPROVEMENTS (SIDEWALKS) - PATUXENT PARK SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that bids were opened for the above-reference project on February 24, 1978 and due to the fact that all bids received were too high, he recommended that the Commissioners reject the bids and readvertise. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation and reject bids and readvertise the project, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BUILDING NO. 4 - GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
(HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING)

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the lowest proposal received for central air conditioning/heating system for Building No. 4 at the Governmental Center was from Har-Nel Company in the amount of \$9,953. In addition, Mr. Norris stated he received a proposal from Tom's Electric Company in the amount of \$740 for the wiring work in Building No. 4. Further, Mr. Norris indicated an additional \$1400 would be needed for materials to effect certain changes to be done by County forces.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the proposals from Har-Nel Company and Tom's Electric Company and to approve the expenditure of an additional \$1400 as indicated by the County Engineer, sources of funds to be determined by the Budget Officer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting against.

ACCESS ROAD TO GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer requested authorization by the Board of County Commissioners to install curbing and to surface access road to the Governmental Center and that funds for this project be taken from the Asphalt Overlay Account.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant this authorization, using current unit prices, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

TEMPORARY PARKING AT GOVERNMENTAL CENTER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris requested authorization by the Board to have an additional 44 temporary parking spaces installed directly across from the center of the rear of the building at a cost of approximately \$1500 for materials, with work to be done by landfill employees. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

BID TABULATION FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION TO COURTHOUSE (PHASE II)

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Because of the fact that only one bid was received, which exceeded the construction cost estimate by more than 40%, the County Engineer recommended rejecting the bid and that the project would be readvertised at a later date, and in the meantime, he would contact GSA and the State of Maryland to negotiate leasing arrangements for the renovated space.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

DREDGING OF COOPERS CREEK

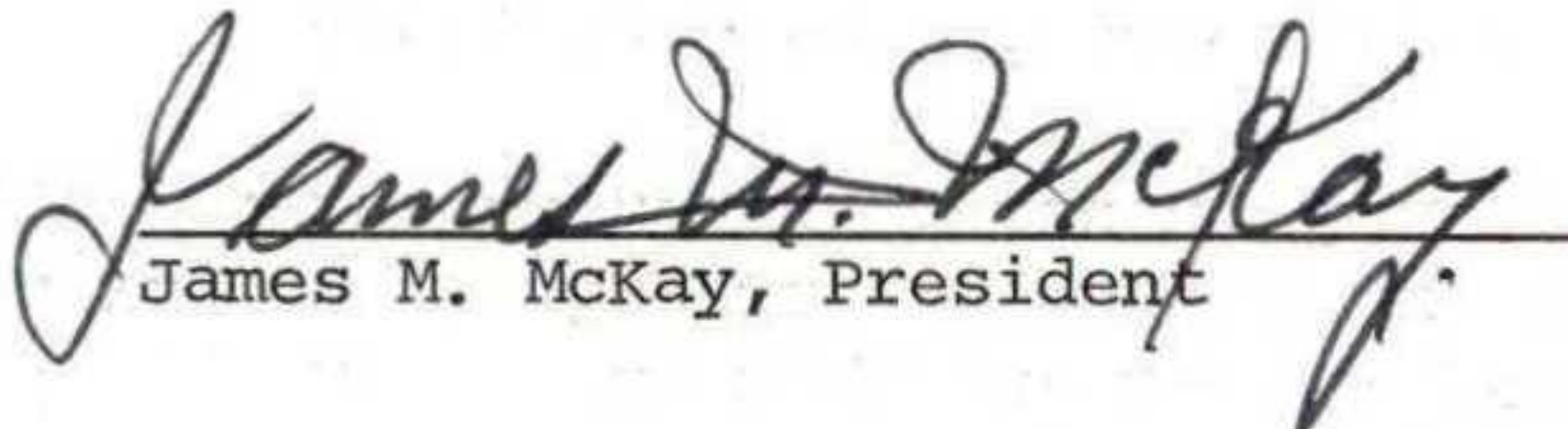
Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Application to Water Resources Administration for permit to dredge entrance to the channel of Coopers Creek and further presented a Grant Application to Department of Natural Resources requesting \$10,000 for the dredging project.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Application for Permit and the Grant Application, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay, President