

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 1978

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 12, 1978 were read and corrected. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. 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 Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ADVANCE REFUNDING OF OUTSTANDING COUNTY HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION BONDS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

By memorandum dated April 17, 1978 Mr. Sterling presented a proposed Resolution whereby the County would participate with State Department of Transportation in the refinancing of certain bonds which would result in a savings to the County by reducing our Debt Service Expenses. Mr. Sterling recommended that the County approve the Resolution along with the supplemental agreement.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners approve the Resolution and Supplemental Agreement providing for the advance refunding of the county highway construction bonds and county transportation bonds with the Maryland Department of Transportation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The County Administrator presented a letter for the Commissioners' review and signature to the Co-Chairmen of the Community College Advisory Committee advising that the County has accepted the Committee's

recommendation and approved Option No. 6 of their report and that \$150,000 has been budgeted in FY '79. In addition it is requested that the county resident members of the committee remain active as a coordinating council working with Charles County Community College representatives to develop an agreement for the operation of the Program.

ACCOUNT TRANSFER - ST. MARY'S ART ASSOCIATION

By memorandum dated April 13, 1978 the Budget Officer recommended approval of the following account transfer based on action taken by the County Commissioners at their meeting of April 12, 1978:

Increase Account No. 1823-7981 - St. Mary's Art Association for operation of the Old Mill in the amount of \$1,050;

Decrease Account No. 1832-1111 - Department of Recreation and Parks Salaries, General by \$1,050.

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

OVERTIME FOR CID DEPUTIES IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime for Sheriff's Deputies in the CID Unit totalling 20½ hours. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve this request for overtime, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEASE FOR LEONARD HALL SCHOOL

The County Administrator presented the proposed Lease by and between the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy which has been amended by the Board of Directors of Leonard Hall, The County Attorney and County Administrator. The County Administrator cited the basic changes from the former lease and after review Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the renegotiated four-year lease with the Leonard Hall School, to be effective July 1, 1978, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Parlett abstaining because he is a member of the Leonard Hall Board of Directors.

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

With regard to the action taken last week by the Commissioners regarding adoption of the 1978 National Electrical Code by the Electrical Examiners Board, the County Administrator recommended the

Code be adopted by Resolution as are all other County Codes. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and requested that the Resolution be drawn up and presented to them for action.

GROUP HOME FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED TASK FORCE

In response to correspondence presented by representatives of the Group Home for the Mentally Retarded Task Force at the Commissioners' meeting of March 29, the County Administrator made several recommendations as to course of action regarding construction of group homes in the County, placement of CETA employees and the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's five-year plan. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to the recommended course of action.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Present: Delores Hill, Youth Services Coordinator
Don Curtis, Housing Coordinator

Miss Hill appeared before the Commissioners to present an overview of the Summer Youth Employment Program for this year and stated that various agencies have been contacted as to their needs for summer youth, a budget request has been submitted and receipt of the solicitation package from State Manpower for CETA funds is anticipated.

Miss Hill explained that in addition to the regular Summer Youth Employment Program, a CETA Grant has been received to operate the Youth Community Conservation Improvement Project (YCCIP). The community improvement work will be conducted at the St. Mary's County Housing Authority.

In closing Miss Hill requested authority from the Commissioners to proceed with a general public announcement next week soliciting applicants for the summer youth positions so the interviews can begin in May. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-33
MAY - BEAUTIFICATION MONTH

Present: Dudley Lindsley
Nick Smith

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming May as Beautification Month in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 78-32
RIDE-A-BIKE FOR THE RETARDED DAY

Present: Eileen Hislop
Sheral Guthrie

The Commissioner presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming Sunday April 30, 1978 as "Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded Day".

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Ingrid Buehler, 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.

PROPOSED LOAN POLICY TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS

Present: Representatives of the Fire Departments, Rescue Squads
Fire Board and Rescue Squad Association

The Commissioners explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the "Proposed Policy by the Board of County Commissioners for the County Participation in Capital Improvement Loans to Volunteer Fire Departments and Rescue Squads." Commissioner Dean explained that the Commissioners wanted to try to develop a policy in an equitable fashion for rescue squads and fire departments that was mutually agreeable.

Several questions were raised by the representatives as to the amount of loans available, method of payment and for what purposes the loan could be used. Discussion ensued as to the \$12,000 interest free loan available to each department as well as questions concerning compliance with Item No. 5 relating to federal grants.

After discussion and general agreement by all parties relative to the Policy, the Commissioners advised that they would work out the specifics as to the methods for implementing the loan policy taking the comments into consideration, after which time the Commissioners will respond to those Departments having already submitted requests as well as submitting a copy of the adopted policy to each Department and Squad. In view of the fact that the budget is in the process of being formulated and the Commissioners will soon be going to public hearing on the budget, the Commissioners advised that any requests for loans should be submitted within two weeks.

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
William Lacey, Assistant Resident Maintenance Engineer, SHA
Douglas Bond, Resident Maintenance Engineer, SHA
Ray Clark, Highway Maintenance Supervisor, District 5
Walter Wise, Highway Inspector

The above individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the various road maintenance problems in the County, particularly with reference to roads damaged by severe weather conditions over the last two winters in an effort to determine what work could be done by county forces and State Highway forces or to be contracted out.

Mr. Norris apprised the Commissioners of the amount of funds in the budget for base work and surface treatment and that additional funds will be needed prior to the end of the fiscal year in order to be able to complete the necessary work.

The Commissioners directed the County Engineer to identify what roads are in need of repairs and maintenance, total number of miles of these roads and amount of funds needed. The Commissioners will develop some type of policy and alternatives in handling this work and discuss it further next week.

ST. ANDREWS LANDFILL - TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Because of the heavy volume of trash being brought to the St. Andrews Landfills, the County Engineer requested authority to hire a contractor to move 30 yards of dirt and further to hire a temporary equipment operator for the summer.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean made a motion to hire a contractor to move dirt at the St. Andrews Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, and further to authorize the hiring of a temporary equipment operator, Grade 5 for the summer, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor. Mr. Norris indicated there are funds in his salary account to cover this expense.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR ROAD REPAIRS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Prior to the meeting this evening scheduled at White Marsh Elementary School to discuss the possibility of special taxing districts in subdivisions in need of road repairs, the County Engineer reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed policy for the taxing districts. After making certain changes to the policy and determining the amount of the County's and lot owners' responsibility, the Commissioners

directed the County Engineer to prepare the policy for distribution at the meeting.

ASPHALT PLANT INSPECTION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that John E. Harmes Associates, Inc. performed the asphalt plant inspections last year and would like to use the same firm this year. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PART-TIME INSPECTOR ON DRAINAGE CREW

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised that Mr. John B. Love has been transferred from the drainage crew to the asphalt plant. Therefore, Mr. Norris requested authority to place Mr. Dale Cropper on the drainage crew as inspector on a temporary basis until the return of Mr. Baroniak. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PREPARATION OF BUDGET

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

With regard to the Budget Message prepared by the Budget Officer, the Commissioners made certain recommended changes which Mr. O'Dell will incorporate into the final Message for presentation at the Budget Public Hearings.

With regard to proposed revenue sharing funds, Mr. O'Dell requested tentative approval from the Commissioners to allocate these funds as he has done in the past into public safety and human service-type areas. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

Relative to the possibility of obtaining Consolidated State/County Highway Bonds in the amount of \$1,020,000.00, the Commissioners directed that the County Engineer prepare a list of the roads that would be included in this program and present this information to the County Commissioners at next week's meeting.

"PERC" TESTS AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROPERTY

Commissioner Parlett stated that five "perc" tests were conducted at the Episcopal Church Property, the proposed site for the Fifth District Elementary School, and all five tests passed. Further Dave Morgan of the St. Mary's County Public Schools advised Commissioner Parlett that the survey of the property has been completed and that the property consists of 92 acres instead of 97 as had originally been thought. Mr. Morgan will appear before the Commissioners next week to present the survey and topography of the property.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE

In view of the fact that Commissioner Parlett and the Budget Officer, Joseph O'Dell, had previously served on the Public School Construction Committee with members of the Board of Education, the majority of the Commissioners agreed that they should represent the County in the Update of the School Facilities Master Plan.

The meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay, President