

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 21, 1979

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President  
Commissioner Larry Millison, Vice-President  
Commissioner Richard D. Arnold  
Commissioner Ford L. Dean  
Commissioner David F. Sayre  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Margaret Nelson, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET GRANT APPLICATION  
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER

The County Administrator presented a letter from the Budget Officer requesting the Board's approval of a supplemental grant application for the Residential Treatment Center to purchase a vehicle for staff use at Walden, at no expense to St. Mary's County. It is stipulated that the Drug Abuse Administration will provide sufficient funds to meet all operating expenses. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison that President Aud sign the document for approval. Motion carried.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT  
C6-78-440(80)

The County Administrator presented the referenced Coastal Zone Management Contract and requested approval for extension. There was a unanimous vote of approval.

REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF OVERTIME  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime payment for the Sheriff's Department for the period from October 13, 1979, to November 9, 1979, as follows: Regular Sheriff's deputies - \$448.79

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean to approve payment of the requested overtime. All Commissioners voted in favor.

STORM WINDOWS  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing & Logistic Services  
Stewart White, Energy Monitor

Mr. Raley and Mr. White presented the results of their survey to install storm windows on government buildings in order to conserve energy. Bids were placed with seven (7) companies; to date, only one (1) bid has been received, that being from A & M Glass in the amount of \$18,500. Because of the large window size and number of windows at the Lexington Park Library, heavy draperies were suggested for use in place of storm windows. Commissioner Dean suggested the specifications show that aluminum screen be used in the storm windows and not vinyl screen.

It was concluded that the Budget Officer would be consulted concerning budgetary allocations for installation of the storm windows before the matter is pursued.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 80-11-557  
FmHA HOUSING FEASIBILITY - COUNTRYSIDE (ST. MARY'S COUNTY)  
APPLICANT: E.L.E.R., INC.

The County Administrator presented the referenced Clearinghouse project and requested the Commissioners' approval to forward it to the State with the comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives. The Commissioners gave unanimous approval.

PHYSICAL FITNESS PROPOSAL

The County Administrator discussed correspondence received from the State proposing the first annual Physical Fitness Day for the handicapped. He then recommended Mr. John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks as liaison between the State and St. Mary's County. Friday, October 3, 1980, has been designated as the date for the occasion. All Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Baggett.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

The County Administrator discussed the proposal of the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau using the Headmaster's House at Charlotte Hall. The Commissioners concurred with the County Administrator's presentation and agreed to make a decision upon finalization of the proposed lease agreement.

ELEANOR PEABODY  
RETIREMENT FROM ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL BOARD

The Commissioners agreed unanimously to present a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Eleanor Peabody upon her retirement from the St. Mary's Hospital Board.

RESIDENT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER REPORT

Present: William Lacey, Highway Maintenance Engineer, SHA

On behalf of Mr. John D. Raley, Resident Maintenance Engineer, Mr. Lacey appeared before the Commissioners to present the progress report on road and drainage problems and to obtain additional concerns from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Arnold requested a check be made of the intersection of Route 234 and 238 due to public requests and a number of accidents occurring in that area.

Commissioner Sayre requested that a sign depicting distance to St. George's Island that is located on Route 5 be checked for correct location.

ST. CLEMENTS ISLAND POTOMAC RIVER MUSEUM

Present: Michael Humphries

Mr. Humphries presented the concept of a walking tour of St. Clements Island. He plans to submit information to legislators requesting allocations subject to the Open Space Grant. During his presentation, Mr. Humphries informed the Commissioners that St. Clements Island is now being used for hunting purposes. The beginning of hunting season and tourist season for the Island coincide, thus creating a hazardous situation.

Commissioner Aud requested a letter be sent to the Department of Natural Resources requesting either no hunting on the Island or having hunting privileges postponed for two months to alleviate the hazardous situation.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY  
STATUS REPORT - UPDATE

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Housing Coordinator  
John Lancaster, Chairman

Mr. Mitchell presented a report concerning the various programs, copy of which is on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

1. Mr. Mitchell informed the Commissioners that the Tubman Douglas Project now has 100% tenancy. Past-due payments are being corrected. A bond payment must be made by January 1, 1980. Metropolitan Commission will install water meters in each home. Tubman Douglas plans to connect to county sewerage in 1981. HUD, through the Farmer's Home Administration may assist to convert some homes to private ownership. The HUD 1980 budget will provide additional funds to better maintain the units.
2. After a brief discussion concerning the rent subsidy program, the Maryland Home Rehabilitation Program and the King-Kennedy Estates Block Grant Program, the Commissioners expressed satisfaction of the progress made by the Housing Authority staff.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve payment of all encumbrance vouchers submitted by the Director of Finance. All Commissioners voted in favor.

WALDEN TOUR

All five Commissioners left at 11:00 a.m. for a tour of the Walden facilities on St. Andrew's Church Road.

WILDEWOOD OPEN HOUSE CEREMONIES

All five Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Wildewood Townhouse sales office on Route 235.

REZONING HEARING  
CASE NO. ZA 79-169

Present: James A. Kenney, Attorney for applicant  
Rick Boyd, Enterprise reporter  
John Dexter  
Bobby Mattingly  
Margaret Childs, Recording Secretary

The Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the application of Martin A. Barley to have approximately .9 acres located on Tax Map 43, Parcel 203, on Maryland Route 235 in the Eighth Election District, rezoned from R-1, Rural-Residential, to C-1, Commercial.

The complete file, tape and minutes are on record in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

REZONING HEARING  
CASE NO. 79-159  
JONES, LEONARD, BATES & ASSOCIATES

Present: James A. Kenney, Attorney for applicant  
Rick Boyd, Enterprise reporter  
John Dexter  
Bobby Mattingly  
Gene Kopp, Bates & Associates  
Margaret Childs, Recording Secretary

The Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on the application of Jones, Leonard, Bates & Associates to have approximately 1.260 acres, located on Tax Map 34, Parcel 422, on Maryland Route 235 and St. Andrew's Church Road, Eighth Election District, rezoned from R-1, Rural Residential to C-2, Commercial.

A complete file, tape and minutes are on record in the Office of Planning and Zoning.

INSURANCE  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

The Director of Finance presented a comparison of liability insurance coverage and costs for the Sheriff's Department as follows:

Drake Insurance Company  
(current carrier)

\$100,000 maximum per person  
\$300,000 maximum per occurrence  
Only patrol officers covered.  
\$7,107.75 annual premium

Ideal Insurance Company

\$500,000 maximum per person  
\$500,000 maximum per occurrence  
All persons in Sheriff's Department covered.  
\$7,787 annual premium

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The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Sterling the various details of the comparison after which they approved Mr. Sterling's recommendation to transfer to Ideal Insurance Company because of better coverage.

SM 79-3-3  
COOPER CREEK DREDGING

Present: John B. Norris, County Engineer  
Jay McGrath, Engineer  
Richard Moran, Interested property owner

The County Engineer presented a letter to the Commissioners for their approval to modify the Cooper Creek dredging permit by reducing the project in scope and changing the method of dredging.

Commissioner Aud asked Mr. Norris to work out the dredging depth. The Budget Officer will be contacted concerning the funding.

Commissioner Dean made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Arnold that Commissioner Aud will sign the letter regarding modification of the permit. The letter will be held in the County Commissioners' office, to be mailed after stipulations are completed. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-80-5  
COUNTRY LAKES

The County Engineer informed the Commissioners that the speed zone on Asher Road, Cox Drive and Beverly Drive is posted at 50 miles per hour and requested the zone be changed to 25 miles per hour in that area to alleviate a hazardous situation.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to adopt Road Resolution R-80-5 posting the referenced area at 25 miles per hour. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE BARRACKS  
NORTH ENTRANCE DRIVE

The County Engineer discussed with the Commissioners the proposed Maryland State Police Barracks and the north entrance drive. He referred to correspondence of April 12 and April 19, 1978.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Norris to work toward having the access road built at the State expense.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT  
REQUEST FOR INSPECTOR

The County Engineer requested the approval of an additional inspector to be hired for the Airport project in order for the contractor to begin work immediately. He informed the Commissioners that the present two inspectors cannot be taken from their present work sites to inspect the airport project.

After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners decided that Dean Construction should go forward with the project, utilizing in-house inspection.

PIGSKIN FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Commissioner Dean presented a letter to the Commissioners asking approval that the Pigskin Football League need not repay the County the sum of \$2,700.10 that was appropriated them for expenses involved in the program.

It was felt that in as much as the Pigskin League is affiliated with the Department of Recreation and Parks and because the League raised much of the money, the Commissioners made a unanimous decision that the \$2,700.10 need not be repaid to the County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the minutes of November 14, 1979, as submitted. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM ENSUING BUDGET CYCLE

A letter from the Budget Officer was presented to the Commissioners for approval to be sent all spending units requesting county fiscal assistance for FY 80-81. All Commissioners were in favor of sending the correspondence.

BRETON BAY  
RYKEN HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

Present: Frank Gerred, Director of Planning and Zoning

The Ryken High School Monitoring Project was discussed concerning the noise and air quality monitoring by the students. It was clarified that the funding would not include salary payments to the Ryken staff. After the Director of Planning and Zoning explained the procedure to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, all Commissioners voted in favor of the contract.

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CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS  
COUNTY BUDGET PROCESS

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

The Budget Officer presented correspondence to the Commissioners concerning the certification of funds for supplemental appropriation to the FY 79-80 budget. He then explained the budget process and updating the budget to reflect transactions. His presentation reflected anticipated sources of revenue to be used to meet estimated expenditures not budgeted in the approved fiscal year of 1979-80. In explaining the procedure, the Budget Officer noted the process required proposing an ordinance and then holding Public Hearings.

Commissioner Dean made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to go forward to prepare and propose an ordinance for adoption and set a Public Hearing. Commissioners Millison and Arnold opposed.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Commissioner Dean then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sayre that the previous motion be rescinded and in its place agree to vote at the next Commissioners' meeting. Motion carried.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to hold Executive Session in order to discuss members to the Boards, Committees and Commissions. The Session was held from 4:05 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President