

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 1980

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President
Commissioner Richard D. Arnold
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner David F. Sayre
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

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

WALDEN COUNSELING CENTER

Present: Jeff Harker, Walden
Sue Gelrud, Walden Advisory Commission
John Norris, County Engineer
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to obtain final approval for the Grant Application for construction of a new facility at Walden Counseling Center and the total project amount of \$122,000. The Grant Application is based on 50%-50% funding (state-local share) and represents an increase in the total project cost of \$22,000, of which the County's increased cost would be \$11,000. The increase is necessitated by increased construction costs as recommended by the County Engineer. After discussion, the Commissioners approved the grant application request in the total project amount of \$122,000 and indicated the County's willingness to provide its share of the increased cost of the project.

HOURS OF OPERATION - PERMITS OFFICE
(OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING)

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that recently the Office of Planning and Zoning Permits Office has been operating from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in accordance with approval formerly given by the County Commissioners. The County Administrator requested the Commissioners to rescind their approval of irregular schedules because the normal operating hours of Government (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) in the County have become universally acknowledged by the public and standardized among agencies. Flex-time, early starting and other arrangements are acceptable as long as normal operating hours are respected so that the public is not confused and central services are not disrupted. The Commissioners agreed that the Permits Office should be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE - CHARLOTTE HALL

The County Administrator reported that he was unsuccessful in resolving the differences between the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce for use of the Headmaster's House and explained the related problems.

The Commissioners decided to allocate the entire building to the TCYBS and approved the additional expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$6,000 for roof repairs, carpeting, and a parking area.

The Commissioners requested Chamber representatives to work with County staff to develop a proposal for a Tourist Information Center.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM - ROUTE 244

Present: Joseph D. Weiner, Attorney
Sarah Woodburn, Property Owner
Jimmy and Faye Gatton, Property Owner
Helen Ball, Property Owner
David Woodburn, Property Owner
Marvin Joy, Superintendent of Schools
James Raley, Public Schools

Mrs. Woodburn reviewed with the Commissioners the study performed by D.H. Steffens Company of the storm drainage problem on Route 244. The study was requested to be done by Public Schools in response to concerns by property owners that the flooding problem was created by the the construction of the Leonardtown School complex. She cited from the study that 101 acres are draining in their direction since the schools have been built, some of which is caused by the construction of the schools. She further pointed out that the study assumed that the driveways were installed at the time of the construction of the residences; however, Mrs. Woodburn stated that they have been redone several times because of the floodings. Further the study indicated that the development of the schools did increase the run-off 65%. The Study recommended that a storm water management pond be constructed at a cost of approximately \$18,000 to \$24,000.

Mrs. Woodburn, on behalf of the property owners, requested that the Board of Education have the Storm Water Management pond built with the hope that it would decrease the drainage to a point the residents could handle.

Commissioner Dean stated that if the construction of the schools has to a degree increased the run-off, as is the conclusion of the engineer in the study, then that degree of the problem should be eliminated.

After further discussion, the Commissioners agreed to review the matter further and respond with a decision at next week's meeting.

FY '80-'81 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

Mr. O'Dell presented to the Commissioners the extract from the FY '80-'81 Budget that will be presented to the public at hearings on April 29 and 30, and reviewed with the Commissioners the format for the public hearings. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to the format.

PROJECT NO. SM-80-5-3
PITCH-IN CONTRACT

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the contract by and between B & B Maintenance and the Board of County Commissioners for the Pitch-In Program. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

INTERIM DREDGING
POTOMAC RIVER AND ST. GEORGE'S CREEK

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Application for the dredging permit for the Potomac River and St. George's Creek. Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Application. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ADDENDUM TO PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
WILDEWOOD SUBDIVISION - SECTION I, PLAT 4

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the Addendum to the Public Works Agreement by and between Paragon Builders, Inc. and St. Mary's County extending the deadline for the completion of the roads in Wildewood Subdivision, Section I, Plat 4, Eighth Election District, from April 10, 1980 to April 10, 1981.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Addendum and further to accept the decreased amount of surety from Republic Insurance Company. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES

By correspondence dated April 18, 1980, James Raley, St. Mary's Public Schools, requested a waiver of the Site Plan Review fees for the addition and alteration of the Town Creek Elementary School. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the waiver request. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES

ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH, HOLLYWOOD PARK AND FIFTH DISTRICT PARK

By correspondence dated April 21, 1980, John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, requested a waiver of the fees for Site Plan Review and various building permits for the construction of the following parks: St. Peter Claver, Hollywood Park, and Fifth District Community Park.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to grant the waiver request. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD

ENERGY SURVEY - COURTHOUSE

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Award for financial assistance for technical assistance for energy conservation measures for the Courthouse in the amount of \$1,349. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said NGA. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. R80-16

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the referenced Road Resolution changing the name of Muddy Creek Road to Dukehart's Creek Road in the Seventh Election District. Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said road resolution. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

Relative to a request by Leonard Kessler of Kessler Bus Lines for the County's assistance in matching a federal grant for a public transportation system for the County, Commissioner Aud stated that Mr. Kessler advised that he would be willing to put up the County's share in order to qualify for federal and state grants.

Mr. O'Dell explained the bidding and public hearing process if the Commissioners do agree with Mr. Kessler's proposal and recommended that the Commissioners look towards 1981 funding, as well as funding for 1980.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Dell stated that he would work with Mr. Kessler to put together a package and schedule to present to the Commissioners for consideration.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve payment of the bills as submitted by the Director of Finance. All Commissioners voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of April 15, 1980. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PURCHASING PROCESS

Commissioner Aud advised that he has received several complaints from printing firms and other businesses in the County stating that they do not get an opportunity to supply the County. He stated that they are willing to participate in the bidding process for such contracts. The Commissioners requested the County Administrator to contact the Director of Purchasing and Logistics and request that he provide the Commissioners with details as to the purchasing process he uses.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

Present: Renee Dixon, Association for Retarded Citizens
John Horne, Acting Director, ARC
Marian Sterling, ARC
Linda Burgoon, Secretary/Bookkeeper, ARC
Mary Ellen, Smariga, ARC
Eileen Hislop, ARC

Mrs. Dixon explained that the purpose of the meeting was to bring the Commissioners up to date with regard to various activities and progress of the Association for Retarded Citizens. She stated that the proposed legislation for funds for a Tri-County Residential Center was withdrawn by the State and have now decided on a decentralized center for the three counties. Each County will be able to address its needs.

Mrs. Dixon went on to explain the progress of the groups homes and other housing planned for the future.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the efforts of the parents and Association for Retarded Citizens.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-37
RIDE-A-BIKE FOR THE RETARDED DAY

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, May 4, 1980 as "Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded Day."

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-36
NATIONAL SECRETARIES WEEK

Present: Secretarial Representatives of County Government
and Board of Education.

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 20-26 as National Secretaries Week and April 23, 1980 as National Secretaries Day.

PROCLAMATION NO. 80-32
MONTH OF MAY - "HEAD START MONTH"

Present: Jean Williams
Juliet Hewitt
Ricky Hewitt
Bill Henschel

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May as "Head Start Month."

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT

Present: Neal Myerberg, State's Attorney
Bob Lombardi, Intern from St. Mary's College

Mr. Myerberg appeared before the Commissioners to present a Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Application to be submitted to the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. Total amount of project is approximately \$64,000 (90% Federal; 3% State; 7% County). Mr. Myerberg explained the details of the grant stating how the State's Attorney's Office would provide various services to the victims and witnesses.

The Commissioners advised that they would review the grant and respond with a decision at next week's meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Present: Joe Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator
Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox explained that the purpose of this meeting was to recommend a change of direction of management of the Community Development Block Grant from the Housing Authority to the Office of Planning and Zoning. He stated that the reason for this is that there are many more avenues of benefit to the County from these grants than just housing, and that the Office of Planning and Zoning has the overall obligation for planning and capital improvements, and could better help in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the County has been awarded two CDB Grants, one of which has been totally spent down and the other is in the early stages of implementation. He stated he would like authorization from the Board to be able to spend funds from the current grant to hire a Coordinator, Grade 14, to work on the Community Development Block Grant Program under the broad jurisdiction of the Housing Authority and under the direction of the Office of Planning and Zoning.

After discussion, the Commissioners gave their concurrence to place the Community Development Block Grant Program with the Office of Planning and Zoning, and further to use federal grant funds to hire a Coordinator to implement the current grant and to prepare a new CDBG Application addressing community needs.

SENIOR SERVICE CENTER PROPOSAL

The County Administrator stated there are two pending items with regard to the Senior Service Center Proposal for the Commission on Aging:

1. That we request the State to reconsider its position for use of funds for architectural/engineering study of Building No. 2 at Leonard Hall;

2. That the Commissioners formally commit Building No. 2 for use as a future Service Center.

The Commissioners stated that they would make a decision at next week's meeting when the full Board is present.

COMMERCIAL INVENTORY TAX REVIEW COMMITTEE

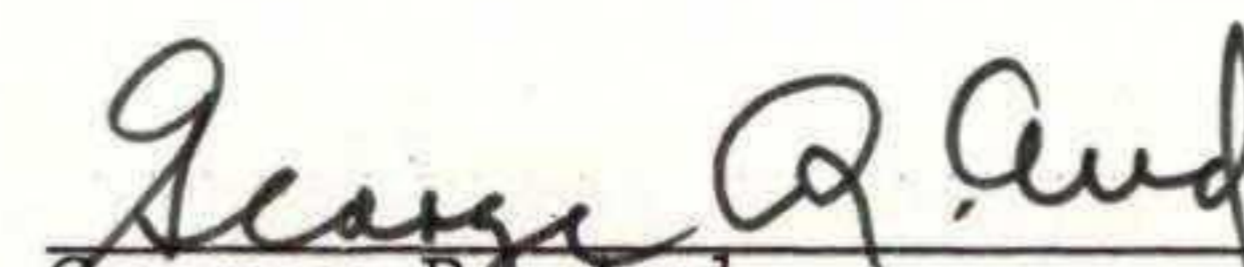
Present: Joseph O'Dell, Commercial Inventory Task Force
Sonny Burch, Commercial Inventory Task Force
Burt Fenwick, Commercial Inventory Task Force
Carol Kenney, Director, Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner Dean advised that the purpose of establishing the Commercial Inventory Tax Review Committee was that over the years there has been considerable discussion of phasing out the commercial inventory tax. He stated that there is a significant amount of revenue derived from this tax; however, the Board recognizes the fact that there are elements of unfairness about this tax. Therefore, it will be the responsibility of the Committee to evaluate and develop some alternatives with regard to the tax.

During discussion, Carol Kenney offered the services of the staff of the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President