

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, March 10, 1981

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  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

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

EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Peggy Childs, Past President of the Employees Association introduced the newly elected officers of the Association: Linda Bronsdon, President; Ann Loker, First Vice President, Judy Mullins, Second Vice President; June Long, Recording Secretary; Linda Delozier, Corresponding Secretary; and Jan Norris, Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

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

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
LEGAL ASSISTANT POSITION

Present: Michael Davis, Assistant State's Attorney

Mr. Cox explained to the Commissioners that Mr. Davis was present to request authorization for the reclassification of Jeanette Diamond from Legal Assistant with the Cooperative Reimbursement Program, Grade 8-0 to Grade 9-2. He stated that when Miss Diamond was hired six months ago she was promised a Grade 9 by the State's Attorney if she satisfactorily completed her six-month probationary period. Since this is not consistent with the County's personnel policies and procedures, Mr. Davis is making a formal request for an exception to the policy. Mr. Davis explained the rationale behind this request and stated that the individual who held that position prior to Miss Diamond was a Grade 9 and that sufficient funds are allocated in the Grant which funds most of this position.

After discussion Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to authorize the reclassification of Miss Jeanette Diamond as requested inasmuch as the State's Attorney's Office is somewhat autonomous and as this position does not have all the benefits of the Merit System. All Commissioners voted in favor.

OVERTIME FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime for the Sheriff's Department for the period January 31, 1981 through February 27, 1981 as follows: Regular Deputies - \$871.57; CID Deputies - \$475.92.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the request for overtime. All Commissioners voted in favor.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU FUNDS  
HOUSE BILL 1874

The County Administrator presented a copy of House Bill 1874 which would decrease the percentage by which all eligible youth services bureau program would receive from the State and recommended that correspondence be prepared for Commissioner President Aud's signature opposing this legislation. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented a Deed of Easement Agreement between the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Paragon Builders, Inc. for access across the railroad right-of-way.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. All Commissioners voted in favor.

FEDERAL IMPACT AID FUNDS

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the County Executive of Anne Arundel County regarding the cutting by the federal government of Federal Impact Aid Funds. Delegate Smith of Anne Arundel County has proposed legislation which would provide for a tuition charge and a meeting on this legislation is scheduled for March 11, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. The Commissioners requested that Dr. Larry Lorton, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Cox, the County Administrator, go to the hearing on this legislation.

LEONARDTOWN RESCUE SQUAD  
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated March 7, 1981 from the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad advising that they are contemplating constructing a new building and requesting the County's assistance.

Mr. Cox stated that the County has a policy which outlines the procedures by which the County can support a loan by the fire departments or rescue squads for capital improvements or equipment. He recommended that he and the Budget

Officer develop a proposal to be presented to the Commissioners for consideration. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 81-3-646  
AQUAFOODS INTERATIONAL, INC.  
(MULTI-FACETED PROJECT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE  
COMMERCIAL FISHERY OF UNDERUTILIZED AMERICAN  
MARINE SPECIES)

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with the comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives. The majority of the Commissioners gave their concurrence, but Commissioner Sayre stated he would abstain on any decision relative to Aquafoods.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 81-3-652  
MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROJECT FOR MARYLAND  
REGION I, II, AND V.

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with the comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs, or objectives. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR POSITION

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Personnel Officer that the funds for the referenced position held by Robin Guyther have been depleted and requested authorization to place him on leave without pay status. After discussion the Commissioners agreed to retain Mr. Guyther to work on the Home Mortgage Loan project and that funds be appropriated for a month's salary, with the understanding that he be paid for hours worked only.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Chamber of Commerce relative to the establishment and operation of a Tourist Information Center. After discussing the various items presented in this letter, the Commissioners agreed that correspondence should be returned to the Chamber stating the Commissioners' support for a Tourist Information Center and a commitment to assist in every way possible. Financial considerations will be determined during the budget approval process.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 81-41  
PURCHASING AND LOGISTICS

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Budget Officer as follows:

Increase Account No. 1492-2981 (St. Mary's Nursing Home) by \$7,400;

Decrease Account No. 1071-1111 (Salaries - General Personnel) by like amount.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve the referenced Budget Amendment. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

The County Administrator discussed correspondence from the State Highway Administration regarding St. Mary's County's Maintenance Account and recommended that correspondence be returned stating that the County Engineer had acted under the direction of the County Commissioners and that the position set forth in the County Engineer's letters was that of the Commissioners. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

CORRESPONDENCE TO COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures addressed to the Commissioners of Leonardtown stating that the County Commissioners support the concept embodied in Joint Resolution 47 of the General Assembly of Maryland concerning County/Municipal Tax Differentials. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

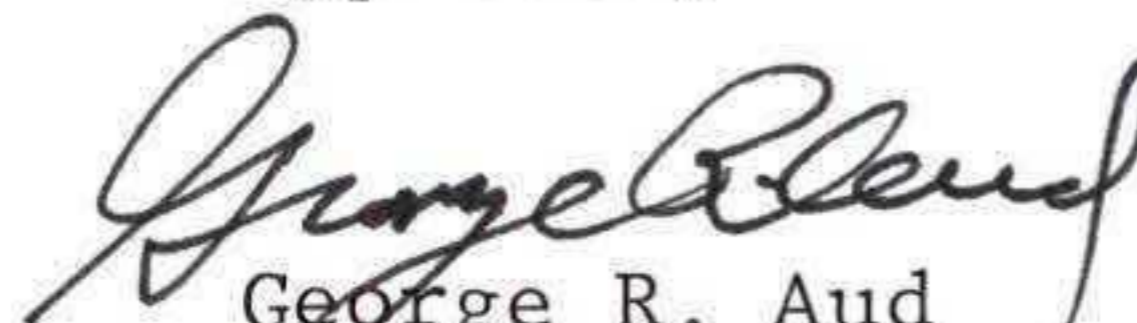
Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of February 24, 1981. All Commissioners voted in favor.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET MEETINGS

The Commissioners met with the following departments to review their budgetary requests for the remainder of the day: State's Attorney, Purchasing and Logistics, Community College, Civil Defense and Planning and Zoning.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President