

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 1981

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President  
Commissioner Larry Millison, Vice-President  
Commissioner Richard D. Arnold  
Commissioner David F. Sayre  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner Dean was not present.)

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

ST. MARY'S NURSING HOME

The County Administrator advised that the St. Mary's Nursing Home has received the bill from State Retirement System and the amount was \$10,000 beyond what was expected. Therefore, Mr. Cox recommended that the County's allocation to the Nursing Home for December be \$31,382 instead of \$21,382.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to fund the extra \$10,000 to the Nursing Home. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECTS

PROJECT NO. 82-11-79 (ST. CLEMENTS SHORES RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE - FmHA HOUSING LOAN)

PROJECT NO. 82-11-78 (VALLEY DRIVE, LEXINGTON PARK) FmHA HOUSING LOAN

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse projects and recommended forwarding them to the State with the comment that they are not inconsistent with this agencies plans, programs and objectives. However, it should be noted on the St. Clements Shore project that the County's comments are subject to the preparation of a 100 year flood level plan.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence and further recommended that an additional comment be added to both projects stating that the County would be interested in seeing an ownership program rather than rental programs.

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL  
TRANSPORTATION STUDY

The County Administrator presented correspondence from Tri-County Council advising that the Council has received grant funds from the Department of Transportation in order to conduct a study of the transportation needs of the area. The Council is requesting the County's cooperation by appointing a representative and recommended the Director of Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to appoint Frank Gerred as St. Mary's County's representative. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

MARYLAND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FUNDING

The County Administrator brought before the Commissioners the issue of the financial administration of county funds budgeted for the Extension Service. The State of Maryland has recommended that the County choose one of three available options so that a firm audit trail would be in place.

The options are:

1. That all funds be forwarded directly to the State of Maryland for fiscal administration;
2. That an Extension Council be established which would be responsible for the administration of County funds; or
3. That the County administer the funds budgeted for the Extension Service.

After some discussion, the Commissioners decided that Option No. 3 would best serve the County's purposes and so authorized the President of the Board to sign the Agreement with the State of Maryland for Option No. 3.

OVERTIME REQUEST FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a request for overtime payment in the amount of \$951.38 from the Sheriff's Department during the Nuclear Disaster Exercise held Tuesday, November 17, 1981.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve said overtime payment. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

EVALUATION OF HEALTH OFFICER

The County Administrator advised that in 1981 the Maryland General Assembly passed a law requiring local jurisdictions to evaluate their health officers. The Commissioners adopted a Resolution to that effect. Another part of that law requires a Resolution spelling out how the health officer position would be filled in the case of a vacancy. Mr. Cox stated that it has been recommended that the Board of County Commissioners would use the County's normal hiring process, conduct interviews, make a selection and then forward the nomination to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Commissioners concurred in this recommendation.

ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

Present: Bill Davies, Director, Residential Program  
Renee Dixon, ARC  
Barbara Benson, Counselor Specialist

Representatives of the ARC reminded the Commissioners of the County's commitment during the development of the FY81-82 budget for supplementing the ARC's Congregate Living Program in the event that state funding proves insufficient. The representatives presented the budget as recently approved by the State and demonstrated that there is lack of funding to implement the congregate living program in the amount of \$28,554.

After some discussion concerning the various locations of the homes and other aspects of the program, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to provide the requested funds as needed and directed county staff to work with ARC in the release of said funds.

STREET LIGHT  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
LEXINGTON PARK

Responding to a request from the First Baptist Church in Lexington Park, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the installation of a street light at the church. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

WALDEN COUNSELING CENTER  
SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Walden Counseling Center will be conducting a Drug Abuse Information Seminar on December 10 at the St. Mary's Technical Center at 9:00 a.m. Selected parents, students and teachers have been invited. Commissioners Arnold agreed to represent the Commissioners at the Seminar.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The County Administrator recommended that the coordination function of the County's Community Development Block Grant effort be transferred from the Office of Planning and Zoning to the Housing Authority because the majority of activities are associated with housing. The Commissioners gave their concurrence and authorized said transfer.

MARYLAND ROUTES 2 AND 4  
INTERSECTION AT ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Because of the number of reported accidents at the intersection of Maryland Routes 2 and 4 and St. Andrews Church Road, Mr. Norris presented a proposal whereby the intersection would be moved up so that traffic would be better aligned to St. Andrews Church Road. He stated that this proposal would require the acquisition of 200 square feet.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence with Mr. Norris' proposal and requested that it be forwarded to the State Highway Administration for consideration. The Department of Transportation will be presenting their Consolidated Transportation Plan on December 15 and the Commissioners can discuss this matter with them at that time.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY  
HOLLYWOOD TO ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that there is a section of the railroad right-of-way that SMECO is acquiring for the installation of their transmission lines. SMECO has already obtained the easement for this work in prior agreements. However, in the section from the Airport to St. Andrews Church Road they did not purchase the right for the County to put in underground utilities. Mr. Norris recommended that SMECO be requested to obtain concurrence from State Highway Administration to acquire that easement in fee simple in order for the County to put in underground utility lines at some future date.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

AGREEMENT WITH EARNSHAW BROTHERS, INC.  
SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS  
WILLOW RUN SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between the Board of County Commissioners and Earnshaw Brothers, Inc. for the sanitary improvements in the Willow Run Subdivision in the Eighth Election District (Project No. SM 81-1-7).

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

SOLOMONS SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Present: Robert T. Brown, President, Watermen's Association  
Tucker Brown, Watermen's Association  
Harry Huseman, Watermen's Association

The above representatives of the Watermen's Association appeared before the Commissioners to express their opposition to the proposed Solomons Sewage Treatment Plan and to request the County's support in their action against the project. Robert Brown stated that the Watermen's Association had learned at a meeting last night that the sewage from the plant will have secondary treatment instead of tertiary treatment as they had believed it was to be. He stated that the Watermen's Association are of the opinion that land application is the only acceptable method of sewage disposal. The only land conducive to land application is 4.6 miles from the plant site.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to set up a meeting with the Calvert County Commissioners to discuss the possibility of land application. The meeting was set for December 11, 1981 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mary's Commissioners' Conference Room.

ROADSIDE HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The representatives of the Watermen's Association advised the Commissioners that they wanted to go on record in opposition to the roadside herbicide spraying conducted by the State Highway Administration.

MARYLAND ROCK INDUSTRIES  
SAND AND GRAVEL OPERATION

Mr. Robert T. Brown, on behalf of the Watermen's Association, requested the Commissioners' denial of the Industrial Revenue Bond Program for the Maryland Rock Industries for the sand and gravel operation because the dredging project would be detrimental to Potomac River oystering. He stated that the Watermen may not have a problem with the operation if they purchase the Langenfelder project instead.

SEVEN GABLES CREEK

Mr. Husemen requested the Commissioners to inquire of the State Highway Administration the possibility of having the pipes cleaned out at the Seven Gables Creek.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
REORGANIZATION

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning

Mr. Gerred presented to the Commissioners the following seven items of reorganization for the Office of Planning and Zoning and requested the Commissioners' approval:

1. Reassign most of Assistant Zoning Administrator's duties to Chief of Permits and Inspection;
2. Continue the temporary upgrade of Chief of Permits and Inspection;
3. Re-evaluate new Chief of Permits and Inspection;
4. Establish new Permits Clerk, Grade 6;
5. Reassign balance of Assistant Zoning Administrator's duties to Planner position;
6. Establish permanent Planner position, Grade 15.
7. Terminate Assistant Zoning Administrator, CZM Assistant Planner and temporary Assistant Planner positions when No. 6 has been accomplished.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the seven items of reorganization for the Office of Planning and Zoning. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Present: John William Quade, House of Delegates

Delegate Quade appeared before the Commissioners to present two items that he will be submitting to the Maryland General Assembly:

1. A Bill concerning Water Quality Laboratories - Well Water - Tests and Certificates.
2. House Joint Resolution - Charles and St. Mary's Counties - "Youth Job Opportunity Day."

Delegate Quade requested the Commissioners to review the two referenced items and would return at a later date to discuss them.

CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR  
OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Personnel Officer dated December 1, 1981 recommending the appointment of David H. Mangel to the position of Central Communications Operator, Grade 8, Office of Civil Defense, effective December 7, 1981. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PATROLMAN POSITION  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated November 30, 1981 from the Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Howard F. Spalding, Grade 11, to the position of Patrolman, Grade 11, in the Sheriff's Department, effective December 7, 1981.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept this recommendation. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Matt Kaye, WKIK  
Richard Polk, Enterprise  
Allison Swaney, WPTX

The Commissioners conducted their regular monthly press conference at this time. A tape of the hearing is on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President