

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 4, 1983

Present: Commissioner George R. Aud, President  
Commissioner Larry Millison, Vice-President  
Commissioner Richard Arnold  
Commissioner Ford Dean  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

(Commissioner David F. Sayre was not present due to illness.)

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, December 28, 1982. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve payment of the bills as submitted by the Director of Finance. Motion unanimously carried.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY

It was agreed by the Board that Commissioner President George Aud be reappointed as the Commissioners' representative to the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency Governing Board and Commissioner Richard D. Arnold be appointed as the alternate member.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 83-25  
OFFICE ON AGING

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Budget and Data Services. Said Budget Amendment increases the authority of Budget Amendment 83-10 relative to Title III-B, Title III-C-1, and Title III-C-2. The Commissioners agreed to approve said Budget Amendment

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENT OF PATROLMEN IN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

By memorandum dated January 3, 1983 it was the recommendation of the Personnel Officer that the following individuals be appointed to the position of Patrolman in the Sheriff's Department: William S. Morris, Jr., Grade 12, effective January 3; and Samuel T. Haynie, Grade 12, effective January 17.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to accept this recommendation. Motion unanimously carried.

350TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

The County Administrator reported that the 350th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Maryland Committee has been formed and a Coordinator appointed. In that regard a budget has been prepared for the period of January 1, 1983 through June 30, 1983 for the Commissioners' review and approval.

After discussion and review, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to accept the Budget as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

The County Administrator advised that a Budget Amendment will be prepared and submitted for this project.

STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY  
MD. RT. 235 and 4

With regard to the surplus state property referred to the County by State Highway Administration at the intersection of Md. Rtes. 235 and 4, the County Administrator advised that SHA did not accept the County's recommendation for a Park 'N' Ride to be located there. He stated that SHA had selected another location in that vicinity for a Park 'N' Ride which was more accessible. Therefore, SHA has requested the Commissioners to rescind their previous position.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize the County Administrator to draft correspondence to State Highway Administration rescinding the County's previous position recommending that a Park 'N' Ride be located at the state surplus property on Md. Rtes. 235 and 4. Motion unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE TO STATE AGENCIES  
SPACE NEEDS

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Department of General Services and the Department of State Planning extending invitations to St. Mary's County for the purpose of reviewing the current space needs of various state agencies and for a tour of the St. Mary's Hospital facility which has been proposed for use by the State of Maryland.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said correspondence.

SAND AND GRAVEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The County Administrator advised that in February 1981, the Sand and Gravel Taxation Review Committee submitted a final report. It was proposed that legislation be submitted to the 1983 Maryland General Assembly. Mr. Cox stated that with the Board's concurrence he would prepare correspondence to the legislators incorporating the report and requesting legislation.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ZONING AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NO. Z83-01  
HELEN RURAL SERVICE CENTER  
ZONE #81-1441

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to approve and sign Zoning Amendment Resolution No. Z83-01. Motion unanimously carried.

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION  
NAVAL AIR STATION

The County Administrator advised that official notice was received that the restricted flying area surrounding the Patuxent River Naval Air Station has been reduced. The Airport Commission has recommended that the County Commissioners formally endorse this reduction and so notify the Navy through the Airport Commission.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

HOUSING SURVEY  
MEETING WITH DEPT. OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator

Mr. Mitchell requested concurrence from the Board that he make arrangements for a meeting with the Department of Economic and Community Development and our legislators to present the Housing Survey which was submitted to the Commissioners in December.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION  
INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND PROPOSAL

Present: F. Elliott Burch, Sr.  
Senator Roy Staten  
Michael Devine  
Dan Reed, Director, St. Mary's City Commission  
Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator

Representatives of the St. Mary's City Commission appeared before the Commissioners to bring them up to date with regard to progress and plans for the 1984 Celebration of the Founding of Maryland. Senator Staten stated that there has been ongoing discussion for a number of years concerning the need for a restaurant and lodging accommodations at St. Mary's City and therefore an Accommodations Committee has been formed. A further need will be created with the plans for the future expansion of St. Mary's City. Senator Staten inquired if the Commissioners would be receptive to an Application for an Industrial Revenue Bond by a business interested in locating in the St. Mary's City area.

Commissioner Dean remarked that the Commissioners have adopted a procedure whereby all applications for Industrial Revenue Bonds would be considered. At this point, Mr. Morgan explained the step-by-step application process including the review committee, public hearing, etc.

In closing, the Commissioners agreed that the Economic Development Coordinator, Mr. Morgan, work with the Committee on the IRB Application process.

POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK EVALUATION COMMITTEE  
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PURPOSE

Present: David Hoffman, Committee Member  
Larry Petty, Chairman

Mr. Hoffman appeared before the Commissioners to request an additional purpose be added to the charge of the Point Lookout State Park Evaluation Committee as follows: "To determine the feasibility of the Point Lookout Park Waste Water Treatment plant serving as the regional facility for the Lake Canoy Sanitary District" (and add: "And

determine unequivocally what innovative on-site alternative waste water treatment systems can be used for existing and new construction."

Discussion ensued as to whether the word "unequivocally" should be eliminated or not. Commissioner Dean contended that neither the Commissioners nor the Committee could "unequivocally" determine which system can be used in that is within the purview of the State.

In conclusion, Mr. Hoffman recommended that the word "unequivocally" remain and add the following words after "new construction": "if any such system or systems exist."

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

#### POTOMAC RIVER ASSOCIATION

Present: Norman Breslauer  
Ann Breslauer  
Mary Jansson  
Betty Robrecht  
George Gateau  
Madelyn Gateau  
Larry Petty, Director, Metropolitan Commission

Representatives of the Potomac River Association appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a number of issues of concern to their organization:

##### (1) Potomac River

Mr. Breslauer presented correspondence dated December 15, 1982 from the Potomac River Association advising that a report has been released by the Greater Washington Research Center indicating that environmental goals regarding discharge from sewage treatment plants into the Potomac River be relaxed. It stated that this should be done in order to save money. Members of the PRA were of the opinion that in trying to save money, irreparable damage will occur to the river. Therefore, it was requested that the Commissioners contact our state and federal legislators regarding this.

The Commissioners agreed to contact the legislators as well as appropriate state agencies to challenge the statements in the report.

##### (2) Deposit Law

Mr. Gateau presented correspondence from the Citizens Against Waste concerning the problem of littered bottles and cans and requested the Commissioners' consideration of a "Deposit Law."

##### (3) Update of Groundwater Study

In response to an inquiry from Betty Robrecht, Larry Petty, Director of the Metropolitan Commission updated the progress of the groundwater study and advised that it should be complete within a week.

##### (4) Roadside Herbicide Spraying

Mrs. Janssen expressed appreciation to the Commissioners in getting the roadside herbicide spraying stopped in the County; however, State Highway Administration is requesting bids for spraying for next season.

Commissioner Aud indicated the contract is probably for state roads, which the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over.

Mrs. Jansson requested that the Commissioners include in their legislative package an item banning roadside spraying in the tri-county area.

(5) Planning Commission membership

Mrs. Gateau advised that the PRA recommends that Hope Swann be reappointed to the Planning Commission and that Aloysius Spalding be appointed to replace R. Johns Dixon who is resigning.

In closing, the Commissioners thanked the members of the Potomac River Association for expressing their concerns and opinions.

(Commissioner Dean left meeting.)

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE  
HERSCHEL MCLEOD PROPERTY - ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: Roger Myerberg, Attorney for Mr. McLeod

Mr. Myerberg appeared before the Commissioners to request a waiver of payment of the \$500 Economic Impact Fee for property owned by Herschel McLeod fronting on St. Andrews Church Road, known as the Drive Line building and consisting of two acres. Mr. Myerberg indicated that Mr. McLeod has entered into a Contract of Sale for the property. He stated that the property has had no impact on roads or schools in the past and will not in the future, and further that it would be a financial burden to the buyer or seller.

The Commissioners agreed to grant the waiver.

(Commissioner Dean returned)

PROPOSED SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Having conducted a public hearing on the proposed Procedures for the Establishment Special Taxing District for Drainage Improvements on December 14, 1982, Mr. Norris advised that the comments made by the firm of Briscoe, Kenney and Kaminetz and others have been incorporated into the Proposal.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to prepare an adopting Resolution to be reviewed by the County Attorney and presented at their January 18 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel. The Session was held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President