

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 1983

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. Spalding, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, May 3, 1983 as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

REHEARING OF THE AMBER MEADOWS ZONING CASE
ZONE #81-0163

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the referenced zoning case was remanded back to the Board of County Commissioners and a date needs to be set that will be satisfactory to Commissioners Aud, Arnold and Sayre, who will be hearing the case. The Commissioners will decide on a date and advise Mr. Cox.

Commissioner Arnold inquired as to the legality of a hearing officer being appointed to hear the case. Mr. Cox advised that he would pose this question to the County Attorney to get a legal determination.

ROAD RESOLUTIONS

On behalf of the County Engineer, the County Administrator presented the following Road Resolutions for the Commissioners' review and approval:

R83-10
FENWICK MANOR SUBDIVISION

Posting Pinto Drive located in Fenwick Manor Subdivision, Section 4 at 25 miles per hour.

R83-11
TOWN CREEK SUBDIVISION

Designating the following streets located in Town Creek Subdivision as Stop Streets:

River Road as it intersects with Rolling Road;
River Hill Road as it intersects with Sunrise Drive.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and sign the referenced Road Resolutions as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 83-62
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Budget & Data Services as follows: To extend the temporary help in the Economic Development Commission's Office through June.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve said Budget Amendment. Motion unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF REDISTRICTING BOARD

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre and unanimously carried, to appoint the following individuals to the Redistricting Board:

Dr. James Boyd
Mr. Charles Louis Clements
Mr. Alfred Gough, Jr.
Mr. Francis J. Russell
Mr. Sterling Tennison

Mr. Cox advised that when all appointment letters have been received, he will meet with them to explain the law and duties.

BURCH PROPERTY APPRAISALS

The County Administrator stated that the Option to Purchase executed by the county on the referenced property contained a requirement for at least two appraisals in order to establish approximate property value so that state funding could be used in the possible purchase of same. In that other land has been donated by the Dean family for a Second District Park, the property purchase had never occurred. Since the County had required the appraisals, it is recommended that the fees for the appraisals be paid by the County and the person who obtained the appraisals be reimbursed in the amount of \$2,550.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve payment and directed the County Administrator to implement the details necessary to reimburse Mr. Rue who paid for the appraisals. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Aud abstaining. Motion carried.

AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF FUNDS

The County Administrator advised that the American Wind Symphony Orchestra will be arriving in St. Mary's County on May 26 and they require payment upon their arrival. Mrs. Wilson, Coordinator for this project is requesting that the County advance the funds in order to meet this commitment and that reimbursement will be made with proceeds from the various fund raisers.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ST. CLEMENTS SHORES SEWAGE TREATMENT PROJECT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Metropolitan Commission forwarding correspondence from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency addressed to singling out St. Mary's County for its commitment to the environment.

ST. MARY'S GARDEN RELOCATION PROJECT

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Public Housing Coordinator

Mr. Mitchell appeared before the Commissioners to present an update on the St. Mary's Garden Relocation Project and to request authorization to proceed with arrangements for a meeting with Capt. Heisner, Commanding Officer, NAS. He stated that five staff persons have been hired for this project: Program Manager, Inspector, two Relocation Specialists and a part-time Clerk Typist. Ten families have been relocated.

Mr. Mitchell advised that he would like to arrange a meeting for the Captain and the Commissioners to discuss interim use of a portion of St. Mary's Garden Apartments, specifically Officers Court. He reviewed a plat of the property and indicated the demolition schedule of the apartments. He stated that Officers Court is in good condition and wanted to discuss the possibility of retaining the units of that section of meet some of the county's housing needs.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence for Mr. Mitchell to proceed with the referenced meeting. Commissioners Arnold & Aud will attend the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold and unanimously carried, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel followed by an Executive Session with the Director of Planning and Zoning and the County Engineer regarding a matter of litigation. The Session was held from 9:50 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Present: Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer
Walter Raum, Director, Environmental Hygiene
Richard Sellars, State Health Department, Director, Water Mgmt. Admin.
Jack Holthaus, State Health Dept., Chief, Sanitation Division
Dane Bauer, St. Health Dept., Dir., Inspection & Compliance Program
Larry Petty, Director, Metropolitan Commission
Steve King, Metropolitan Commission
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Young, Windmill Point Farm

At the request of the Board of County Commissioners, representatives of the state and local health departments appeared to present a update relative to on-site alternative sewage disposal systems.

Mr. Sellars stated that a program has been developed for the study and establishment of experimental systems. Secondly, a policy was executed allowing for the installation of alternative systems under two conditions: (1) repairs to current system and, (2) for new projects if suitable. Further, the State has undertaken a review of the Regulations pertaining to alternative systems regarding criteria for groundwater penetration which is being allowed on the eastern shore and prohibited on the western shore. The new Regulations which are in the public hearing process will deal with geological boundaries rather than political boundaries. In addition, a change has been proposed to increase the timing of "perc" tests from 30 minutes to 60 minutes under certain circumstances.

Discussion ensued as to the experimental systems; mound, sun drive, and alternating and what conditions and circumstances must exist for their use. The Commissioners stressed the point that because of so many failing septic systems and because of "unperkable" soils, that they would be interested in having experimental systems in the County and would be willing to contribute toward the costs.

In summary, it was agreed that the health department officials would develop a list of types of innovative alternative systems, what different types of circumstances and conditions are needed for those systems and the costs. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in 60 days to review this information.

Regarding the situation involving Mrs. Charles Young's sister, Mrs. Hendrickson, who has been attempting to have a sun-drive system installed on her property at Windmill Point Farm, Commissioner Aud directed that Dave Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator, be the mediator between the Health Department and the Youngs.

AEGIS AWARD
NAVAL ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING ACTIVITY (NESEA)

Present: Captain Alfred Victor, NESEA
Box Waxman, NESEA
Michael Reisch, NESEA
Joseph Knoefel, NESEA
Pat Woodburn, NESEA

At the request of the County Commissioners, the referenced officials from NESEA appeared before the Board to receive recognition for being recipient of the AEGIS Excellence Award for their work on the communications system for the shipbuilding project.

Capt. Victor gave a slide presentation on the location, mission and engineering breakdown of NESEA as well as a description of the awarding winning communications system.

Capt. Victor pointed out several areas of concern regarding the roads in the vicinity of NESEA and requested the Commissioners' consideration for improvements. The requests are as follows:

1. Improvement of condition and sign distance problem at Beachville Road;
2. Part-time traffic control signal light at the intersection of Route 5 and Villa Road;
3. The possibility of rerouting traffic from Route 5 via Trapp Road to Rt. 235.

Mr. Norris advised that the Commissioners have recently approved the resurfacing of Beachville Road and that the sight distance problem will also be corrected as well as shoulder area being increased.

The Commissioners advised that they would have the County Engineer investigate the referenced concerns to make a determination as to what can be done.

In conclusion, the Commissioners congratulated Capt. Victor and the other NESEA representatives on receiving the AEGIS Excellence Award and expressed the County's cooperation in relieving the road problems.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
SCHOOL-COUNTY COOPERATION AWARD

Present: Dr. Larry Lorton, Superintendent of Schools
John Baggett, Director, Recreation & Parks

Dr. Lorton and Mr. Baggett appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the County is in receipt of the referenced School-County Cooperation Award from the National Association of Counties and National School Boards Association for sharing to increase efficiency and reduce costs. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation that the two agencies have cooperation on this effort.

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

As had been previously requested by the Commissioners, Mr. Sterling presented and reviewed the Cash and Investment Schedule as of May 10, 1983. The Commissioners made several comments and suggestions regarding the investments and requested Mr. Sterling to keep them apprised on a regular basis.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

(1) ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PLAT

Mr. Norris presented the referenced plat for the taxiway construction project and requested authorization for Commissioner President Aud to sign same. Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign the referenced plat. Motion unanimously carried.

(2) PROJECT NO. SM 78-1-3(B)
McINTOSH ROAD - CURB AND GUTTER CONTRACT

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between J.T. Hayden, Jr., Inc. and the Board of County Commissioners for the construction of concrete curb and gutter on McIntosh Road.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

(3) PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
GILLENS GROVE SUBDIVISION

Mr. Norris requested authorization for Commissioner President Aud to sign the appropriate Public Works Agreement by and between Robert I. Garner and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the completion of Anne Court Extended, Section 5 in Gillens Grove Subdivision.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Public Works Agreement when submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

FY '83-'84 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Director, Budget & Data Services

Mr. O'Dell submitted and reviewed a memorandum dated May 6, 1983 with the Commissioners setting forth certain budgetary information and summarizing the issues that need to be decided prior to the approval of the FY '83-'84 Budget and the setting of the tax rate. Listed were items required to be added to the budget and those items in the operating and capital budget that need the Commissioners' consideration. The total amount of revenue available is \$451,819 and total amount of additional considerations is \$2,017,249.

During discussion, Commissioner Arnold raised the issue of possibly decreasing the tax rate .04¢ from \$1.99 to \$1.95 of \$100 assessed valuation. It was agreed that time be set aside at next week's meeting to discuss this issue as well as other budgetary considerations.

OFFICE ON AGING
NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARDS
TITLE III-C-L and III-C-2

The County Administrator presented the Notification of Grant Award - dated April 26, 1983 from the Office on Aging Title III-C-I and Title III-C-2 for the period October 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983. Said NGA's supersede the Awards issued on December 15, 1982. The Commissioners gave their concurrence to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said NGA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of Personnel. The Session was held from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved,



President