

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, 1984

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

(Commissioner Larry Millison was not present at the meeting.  
Commissioner Ford L. Dean was not present at the beginning of the meeting.)

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Aud opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, June 5, 1984. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION

Present: John Michael Dorsey

The Commissioners presented a Commendation to John Michael Dorsey for his outstanding accomplishments and bringing recognition to St. Mary's County by being selected by the Green Bay Packers football team.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TRANSPORTATION OF COMPOST

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox advised that according to state law, it is required that the County conduct a public hearing on any application for the transportation of sludge, etc. Mr. Gerred's office is in receipt of an application by Catholic Cemeteries, and it is suggested that the Office of Planning and Zoning schedule a public hearing at the Commissioners' regular meeting on Tuesday, July 3. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

- 1) BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 84-49  
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Budget & Data Services with the following justification: To provide budget authority prior to year's end and based on current status of accounts as of June 1, 1984. Funds available through estimated lapse of non-usage based on program changes.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign Budget Amendment No. 84-49. Motion carried.

2) MARGARET BRENT MEMORIAL

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated May 28, 1984 from Arthur "Buck" Briscoe, Director, EDC, reminding the Commissioners of the "Friends of Margaret Brent"'s request for a contribution from the County for the Margaret Brent Memorial to be constructed at St. Mary's City.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to donate \$1,000 for the Margaret Brent Memorial. Motion carried.

The County Administrator advised that funds will be taken from the unallocated reserve account for this purpose.

3) JOHNSONGRASS CONTROL PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The County Administrator presented an Agreement by and between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and St. Mary's County for the control and eradication of Johnsongrass, thistles and multiflora rose.

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

4) METROPOLITAN COMMISSION AUDIT

The County Administrator presented the Standard Arrangement Letter which outlines the services to be performed by Wooden & Benson for the audit of the Metropolitan Commission's financial records.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Letter. Motion carried.

5) EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASING AGREEMENT

As a follow up to the County's approval of the Lease/Purchase Agreement with Maryland National Leasing Corporation for the leasing of certain Highway Maintenance and Recreation and Park equipment, the County Administrator presented related documents for Commissioner President Aud's signature.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said documents. Motion carried.

6) MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION SELF-INSURED FUND

The County Administrator advised that the MACo Workmen's Compensation Self-Insured Fund has now been established and it is now in order for the Agreement allowing the County to participate in that Fund.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Agreement. Motion carried.

7) CORRESPONDENCE TO SEVENTH DISTRICT OPTIMIST

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to sign and forward correspondence to the Seventh District Optimist Club assuring them that County staff and equipment will be available for the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Motion carried.

(The following items of the County Administrator were presented later in the meeting when Commissioner Dean was in attendance.)

8) BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 84-50  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The County Administrator presented the referenced Budget Amendment recommended for approval by the Director of Budget & Data Services with the

following justification: For the purchase of payroll checks for next year.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

9) ZONING AMENDMENT RESOLUTION Z84-11  
JERRY COLVIN (ZONE #83-0788)

(Requesting rezoning from R-2, Low Density Urban Residential to C-1, Commercial. The property contains approximately 2.5 acres and is located on the west side of Md. Rt. 235, north of Hewitt Road, California, on Tax Map 43, Block 2, part of parcel 223.)

Having conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 1984 and held subsequent decision discussions, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve and sign said Zoning Amendment Resolution.

Commissioner Dean stated that there have been a number of applications in this area, which is residential, and by approving the rezonings, it is gradually being turned into a commercial area. He further stated that the residents have appeared before the Board on a number of occasions expressing their fears and concerns over the protection of their homes. He stated that the Zoning Ordinance was developed to protect the character of the neighborhood and he could not, therefore, vote in favor of granting the rezoning in this case.

The vote was three to one, with Commissioner Dean voting against; motion carried.

10) CORRESPONDENCE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FY '85 BUDGET

As a followup to last week's presentation by Dr. Lorton, the County Administrator presented correspondence for the Board's review and signatures regarding adjustment to specific funding categories. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of sale and purchase of property. Motion carried. The Session was held from 9:45 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ENGINEER ITEMS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

1) PROJECT NO. SM 85-1-9  
SLURRY SEAL COAT AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

The County Engineer presented the bid tally sheet for the referenced project and recommended that the bid be awarded to Slurry Pavers, Inc., the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$77,998.04.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept the County Engineer's recommendation. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER FORD L. DEAN ENTERED THE MEETING.)

2) PHOTOGRAPHIC UPDATE OF PROJECTS

Mr. Norris displayed photographs depicting the status of various county projects including: demolition of Carver Heights Annex, Cornfield

Harbor Bridge (the next federal bridge project), and Lexington Park Storm Drainage project.

3) PROJECT NO SM 81-1-2  
LEXINGTON PARK STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT  
EXTRA WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2

The County Engineer presented the referenced Extra Work Authorization in the amount of \$31,005 payable to Rapp Contracting, Inc., which is necessary because existing material is unsuitable for backfilling pipe trench in roadway areas. Mr. Norris stated that funds are to come from the Asphalt Overlay Account.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve this Extra Work Authorization subject to the approval of the Director of Budget and Data Services. Motion carried.

4) PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT  
OXFORD ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

The County Engineer presented a Public Works Agreement (along with appropriate bonding) by and between St. Mary's-Oxford Associates Limited Partnership and St. Mary's County, Maryland guaranteeing the completion of Long Lane Road Extension at Cedar Cove (Spyglass), Eighth Election District on or before May 1, 1986.

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

5) HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Present: Glenn Gass, Highway Engineer

In light of his recent decision to accept employment at NESEA, Mr. Gass appeared before the Commissioners to express his appreciation to the Board for their support during his nine-year employment with the County. The Commissioners thanked Glenn for his service to the County and wished him the very best in his new endeavor.

6) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Edward V. Cox, County Engineer

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of Personnel. Motion unanimously carried. The Session was held from 10:25 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

7) UPDATE ON HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Present: Walter Wise, Highway Maintenance Superintendent  
Highway Maintenance Personnel

The County Engineer reviewed with the Commissioners a map depicting the allocation of highway maintenance responsibility (north, central and south), and distributed a Draft of the Road Maintenance Performance Standards for St. Mary's. He stated that the Standards will be presented in final form next week. Mr. Norris went on further to explain that a maintenance budget and work schedule by activity is being developed.

In conclusion, Mr. Norris introduced to the Commissioners the men who will be working in the Highway Maintenance Department.

8) VIEWING OF NEW HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

The Commissioners went outside with the County Engineer to view the new Ditchmaster that has been acquired for the Highway Maintenance Department.

AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION DISTRICT  
OLIVER R. GUYTHER - ALPD 84-0702

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

Mr. Gerred presented the Petition to be submitted to the State for the Establishment of an Agricultural Land Preservation District for Belvedere Farms in Beauvue on Md. Rt. 244. He stated that the ALPD Committee, Planning Commission, and Soil Conservation Service recommend that it be submitted to the State for approval.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to submit to the State the recommendation that the above referenced property be established as an Agricultural Land Preservatin District. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of Personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 11:45 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President