

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 1985

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 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 26, 1985. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

- 1) CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. MD 850208-0278
SOUTHERN MARYLAND WOOD TREATING

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.

- 2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following budget amendments recommended for approval by the Budget Director with justifications as noted:

No. 85-63
Debt Service

Justification: To change method of accounting for State Highway bond debt service. Advance funding vis-a-vis sinking fund provision rather than actual debt service payment. Decrease retirement/pension system account plus hospitalization lapse funds.

No. 85-64
Economic & Community Development
Purchasing

Justification: Office equipment requirements needed as result of centralized EDC personnel in new office.

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

3) REQUEST FOR SEASONAL PART-TIME POSITIONS
ST. CLEMENTS MUSEUM

The County Administrator presented a request from the Director of Recreation and Parks for four seasonal part-time positions at the St. Clement's Island-Potomac Museum. Funds from the termination of the Education Curator position will be used to fund these positions.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve this request. Motion carried.

4) RESOLUTION NOS. 84-32 AND 84-33
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS
PATUXENT PARK WEST LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
PATUXENT PARK VILLAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

The County Administrator presented the referenced Resolutions which had been previously approved by the Board on October 23, 1984, but needed additional signatures. Said Resolutions were signed accordingly.

5) ST. MARY'S ETHICS COMMISSION
APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to appoint Charles Louis Clements to the St. Mary's Ethics Commission for a term to expire June 30, 1986. Motion carried.

6) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PENSION PLAN

The County Administrator referred to the study that has been underway the last couple of years for a separate pension plan for the Sheriff's Department and that it is now in its implementation stage. Mr. Cox stated that approval for expenditure of funds is needed in the approximate amount of \$10,000 for the implementation of the study (\$7,000 - Edward H. Friend & Co. for implementation phase; \$3,000 - Piper & Marbury for preparation of documents for management of funds).

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to authorize the referenced expenditures. Motion carried.

7) REGIONAL TOURISM PROMOTION
MATCHING GRANT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the County's Department of Economic & Community Development recommending the County's participation in the amount of \$5,000 for regional tourism promotion as had previously been requested by Tri-County Council. Participation in the proposal has also been recommended by the county's Tourism Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the referenced request. Motion carried.

8) PERSONNEL

The County Administrator presented the following Personnel items for the Commissioners' review and consideration:

a) Leave Without Pay Request
Office of Purchasing and Logistics

Memorandum dated March 4 from the Personnel Officer advising that because of her pregnancy, Christan Jackson, Office of Purchasing and Logistics, has requested to be placed on Leave Without Pay Status until June 30, 1985. Pay Status until June 30, 1985.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve this request. Motion carried.

b) Motor Equipment Operator III Position
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated March 5, 1985 requesting authority to hire a Motor Equipment Operator III, Grade 8, vacated by the resignation of Charles A. Hill and that the position be advertised in-house. In addition, authority is requested to advertise Motor Equipment Operator III, II, I and Highway Worker II and I which will be vacated by the chain reaction of promotion to the highest grade position.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to approve this request. Motion carried.

c) Motor Equipment Operator III
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated March 5, 1985 from Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Maurice Thompson to Motor Equipment Operator III in the Department of Public Works, Grade 8, Step 3.

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

9) MECHANICSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR ADVANCE FUNDING

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated March 5, 1985 from the Mechanicsville Fire Department requesting an advance of funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the FY '86 Budget for the purchase of a replacement generator.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve this request. Motion carried.

10) TREASURER STUDY COMMITTEE

As previously discussed by the Board, the County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to various individuals and organizations soliciting a representative to serve on the Treasurer Study Committee for the purpose of studying the position and salary of the County Treasurer. The committee should complete its task by September 1, 1985. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letters.

FOXWELL POINT PUBLIC LANDING
VANDALISM AND LITTER PROBLEM

Present: Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney

Commissioner Dean brought to the Commissioners' attention a complaint he received from a gentleman who has purchased property on Foxwell Point. At the end of Cedar Lane Road beyond Ryken High School there is a public landing which has been a location for vandalism and littering.

Mr. Densford displayed a plat of the area and advised that the land records indicate that the land is county-owned property.

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to visit the property after which they would make a decision as to a solution to the problem.

DRAINAGE TAXING DISTRICT

Present: Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney

Mr. Densford discussed with the Commissioners the ongoing situation regarding the establishment of a Stormwater Management Special Taxing District on Great Mills Road and presented a letter that he proposed to send to the property owners involved. After review the Commissioners agreed that the letters be forwarded as recommended by Mr. Densford.

USE OF PVC PIPE

Commissioner Dean advised that the Plumbing Board has recommended that the County remain "status quo" on the use of PVC pipe and not allow its use. Commissioner Dean stated, however, that he is in favor of amending the County's Plumbing Ordinance to allow use of PVC as an approved material for connection of sewage drainage systems to septic systems or sewage main.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to amend the Plumbing Ordinance to allow use of PVC pipe and that the quality of materials that would be allowed, standards of installation and application of its use would be as contained in the State Plumbing Code. St. Mary's County would not adopt a different regulation for this matter. Motion carried.

JAIL ANNEX FACILITY

Commissioner Dean advised that the Town of Leonardtown Planning Commission denied use of the second floor of the Library as a Jail Annex Facility for work-release type prisoners, and he inquired as to what action the Board should take in this matter.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to institute the Leonardtown appeal process in this matter.

Commissioner Arnold pointed out that perhaps a clearer picture of its intended use should be presented and that maximum effort should be made to explain the entire issue for a better understanding by the community.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND

PATUXENT PARK APARTMENTS

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, Dept. of Economic & Community Dev.
David W. Morgan, Economic Development Coordinator
Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney
Edward Curley, developer
Chris Giroghsian, Hunton & Williams

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the closing Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$10,425,000 Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bonds to finance the Patuxent Park Apartments project. Authority was also requested for Commissioner President George Aud, County Administrator Edward V. Cox, and Assistant County Attorney Joseph Densford to attend the bond closing on Thursday, March 7, 1985.

Mr. Densford pointed out that the endorsement Resolutions stated that the amounts of the bonds were estimated to not exceed \$3.2 Million (Patuxent Park West) and \$6.8 Million (Patuxent Park Villa) and since these amounts were underestimated, this closing Resolution sets the amount of the bonds at \$10,425,000. Under the Federal Tax Act it is allowed that the issuance can be 10% in excess of the amount of the endorsement Resolution.

After Mr. Curley described the project, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve Resolution No. 85-05 authorizing the issuance of \$10,425,000 as requested above and further to authorize the President of the Board, the County Administrator and the Assistant County Attorney to attend the bond closing on Thursday, March 7, 1985 and to sign any necessary documents. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

Present: John Norris, Director
Walter Wise
George Jarboe

1) BEACHVILLE ROAD UPDATE

Mr. Jarboe reviewed with the Commissioners the status and progress of the Beachville Road reconstruction project. He stated that a meeting was held last evening with a majority of the property owners to discuss the plans and he felt that there would be no problem in obtaining the necessary rights-of-way for the project.

2) FY '86
ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM
SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM
SURFACE TREATMENT PROGRAM

At this time the representatives of the Department of Public Works reviewed with the Commissioners the referenced programs for FY '86 and highlighted particular areas of interest to the Board members.

3) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
ROADSIDE LITTER AND SIGN VANDALISM

Mr. Wise stated that he would like to request assistance from the County Commissioners and the press for publicity in encouraging the public to help clean up roadside litter. He stated that there was also a problem of street signs (road names, stop signs, etc.) being removed, which creates an unsafe situation.

Mr. Norris suggested that he contact the State's Attorney's Office regarding these matters and that he would have a letter to the community drafted for the Board's signatures stressing the seriousness of the problem and asking for community involvement.

4) STORAGE FACILITIES

Mr. Wise pointed out to the Commissioners the need for storage facilities for the Highway Maintenance Department for salt, sand, fertilizer, lime, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of Personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 11:25 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

FY '86 BUDGET REVIEW

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

Mr. O'Dell advised that certain departments will be appearing before the Board today to explain their particular budget requests. He stated that these departments cover all functional areas are representative of the types of requests that will be received by the Commissioners. He further explained that as last year, the policy will be to allow departments to request an appearance before the Board after approval of the recommended budget and before approval of the final budget (between April 1 and June 1, 1985).

The following departments appeared before the Board:

Board of Education, Health Department, Office on Aging,
Library Board of Trustees, Sheriff's Department, Department
of Public Works.

Following these presentations, the Director of Budget & Data Services reviewed the Capital Budget areas.

HOUSE BILL NO. 329
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES - AMNESTY DAYS PROGRAM

As a follow up to last week's discussion by the Director of Public Works on the referenced matter, Commissioner Dean presented correspondence to our Legislative Delegation wherein the County supports the intent of the proposed bill as well as offers suggestions for consideration. After review the Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President