

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 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 Arnold, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

MARCEY HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Present: Sybil Basnight, Chairperson
Berlin Cumings
Dr. Richard Martin
Elizabeth Sally Raley
Dr. William Marek
other intrested citizens

Representatives of the Marcey House Board of Directors appeared before the Commissioners to present a request for the County's consideration of a commitment for 25% share of a state grant and a site commitment for the location of the Marcey House. Ms. Basnight presented a letter dated April 15, 1985 from the Marcey House Board advising that the state would provide a grant in the amount of \$125,000 contingent on a commitment of a matching 25% (\$31,250) at the local level. The letter which sets forth the particulars of this request is on file in the Commissioners' office. Ms. Basnight indicated that funding would not be needed from the current budget year, but from a future budget.

The representatives of Marcey House went on to explain that a committee of the County Advisory Council on Alcoholism has been studying the feasibility of a halfway house in the County and that a need for such a facility had been determined. The only suitable quarters for the halfway house appears to be the current nursing home facility or the landfill property at Oakville.

After discussion the Commissioners indicated their concurrence in the concept of the project; agreed to provide a letter of commitment from the County for the 25% matching fundings from a future budget; and that the Commissioners would take the matter of the site under advisement.

PROCLAMATION NO. 85-35
PRIVATE PROPERTY WEEK

Present: Pierre Vining, President, So. Md. Board of Realtors
J. Lyle Sakie, Executive Vice-President, "
Leon Anderson, Vice-President

The Commissioners presented the referenced proclamation designating the week of April 28 -May 4 as Private Property Week in St. Mary's County.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST

Present: William Fitzgerald, President
Bill Mitchell
John Raley
Roy Burch
Karen Timmons, Executive Director

The referenced representatives of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters appeared before the Commissioners to bring the Commissioners up to date with regard to the programs and activities of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and to request reconsideration for FY '86 budgetary funding in the amount of \$15,775. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the funds would be used to hire a full-time caseworker so that an additional 25 children could be served.

Mr. Fitzgerald went on to explain the services provided by Big Brothers/Big Sisters for the single parent family and the procedure used in matching children with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

After discussion, the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board and advised that they would give consideration to the request during their budget deliberations.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, that the Board of County Commissioners sit as the Board of Health in order to discuss the Joint Use of Wells proposed Resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-09
JOINT USE OF WELLS

As a follow up to last week's discussion, Commissioner Dean presented the proposed Resolution permitting a private water system with one drilled well to an approved aquifer under certain conditions as set forth.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve and sign Resolution No. 85-09 - Joint Use of Wells. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to adjourn as the Board of Health and to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER MILLISON LEFT MEETING - 10:30 A.M.)

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

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

Mr. Gerred presented a standard form of a Stormwater Management Agreement between the property owner and the Board of County Commissioners. There will be a site plan attached to each agreement specifying the stormwater management measures covered by the agreement. The enforcement responsibility rests with the Office of Planning and Zoning and the State of Maryland for the sedimentation control inspections.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed agreement form and because of certain questions requested a delay in the approval until further research could be completed.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
HERITAGE FOREST

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ

Because of a pending agreement using the proposed form, the Commissioners agreed to approve the referenced specific agreement with the understanding that further modifications can occur at a later date.

Therefore, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign said Maintenance Agreement. Commissioner Aud abstained stating he would prefer to wait until approval of the standard form. Motion carried. 3-0-1.

(COMMISSIONER MILLISON RETURNED TO THE MEETING - 10:40 P.M.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox County Administrator

1) PERSONNEL

The County Administrator presented the following personnel items for the Commissioners' review and approval:

a) Department of Public Works
Traffic and Permits Control Supervisor

Memorandum dated April 12, 1985 from Personnel Officer requesting authority to advertise for a full time permanent employee, Grade 10 prior to the termination of the temporary employee, Thomas Ryce, because of his retirement status.

b) Department of Public Works
Landfill Attendant

Memorandum dated April 10, 1985 from Personnel Officer requesting conversion of Charles Evans' (Landfill Attendant) temporary appointment to permanent.

c) Department of Public Works
Clerk Stenographer

Memorandum dated April 15, 1985 from Personnel Officer recommending the selection of Melanie Johnston to the Clerk Stenographer position, Grade 6, effective April 22, 1985.

d) Department of Public Works
Fiscal Clerk II

Memorandum dated April 10, 1985 from Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Donna Hudson to the Fiscal Clerk II position, vacated by the promotion of Adrienne Gilbert to Fiscal Clerk III, to be effective April 22, 1985.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the referenced personnel items as submitted. Motion carried.

e) Department of Recreation and Parks
Clerk Typist Position

Memorandum dated April 16, 1985 from Personnel Officer requesting authority to fill the clerk typist, Grade 5, position to replace Catherine Lepper who has submitted her resignation.

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

(Commissioner Millison was not present for this item.)

2) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments recommended for approval by the Budget Director with justifications as indicated:

a) No. 85-75
Fire Department
Personnel Office

Justification: To provide budget authority for reimbursement of past due pension amount to retired volunteer firemen. Back payment to Mr. Tippett on April 1, 1980 through March 31, 1985.

b) No. 85-76
County Administrator

Justification: Additional matching funds by St. Mary's County concerning Maryland Day activities.

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

3) AGREEMENT AND EASEMENT
ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS
(HOLT)

The County Administrator presented the referenced I & A Agreement by and between Helen T. and Paul L. Holt and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the installation of an alternative sewage disposal system.

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

4) CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. MD 850408-0496
SOUTHERN MARYLAND HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with comment that it is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs, or objectives. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

5) GRANT BUDGET MODIFICATION
WALDEN COUNSELING CENTER PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented the Modification to State Grant, Revision No. 1 for the Walden Counseling Center to be submitted to the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Modification has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Budget Director.

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

The County Administrator advised that the Budget Modification for Sierra House is still under review. Contact has been made with the State that the County has questions as to the manner in which the State has allocated funding to that project. He stated that the County bears total responsibility to this program, but it is a state-wide facility. Therefore, the County is requesting state participation prior to approving the Budget Modification.

6) MARGARET BRENT FILM

The County Administrator advised that there has been some discussion between Mr. Briscoe (EDC Director) and the sponsors of the proposed Margaret Brent film, PJDomino Co. The sponsors of the film have indicated they would contribute 25% of the net proceeds to the Margaret Brent Foundation for the continuing care and advancement of the memorial at St. Mary's City. Mr. Cox stated that he and Joe Densford, Assistant County Attorney, met with Mr. Briscoe and it was agreed that any agreement not be between the County and the sponsors of the film, but between the Margaret Brent Foundation and the sponsors of the film.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) PATUXENT RIVER WATERSHED FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Norris presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval relative to the Patuxent River Watershed Flood Management Study and indicating areas in the County which border on the Patuxent River that have experienced flooding problems--Golden Beach Subdivision, Trent Hall Road, Sandgates Road, and Millstone Landing Road.

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

2) LANDSCAPING WORK AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Norris requested authorization to contract with Wentworth Brothers Nursery in the amount of \$4300 for landscaping work around the Public Works property using existing funds.

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

(COMMISSIONER MILLISON LEFT MEETING - 11:00 A.M.)

3) MINIMUM RURAL ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS

Mr. Norris presented and reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed Minimum Rural Road Design Standards and stated that the proposal will be submitted to the Planning Commission, engineers, and developers for input, after which it will be presented at a public hearing.

A copy of the proposed Minimum Rural Road Design Standards is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

4) LEXINGTON PARK TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Also Present: Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed Lexington Park Transportation Plan and indicated the areas for new roads and accesses. He stated that the Plan is currently being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

During discussion of the timetable and procedures for finalization, the Commissioners requested that there be a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission and County Commissioners in the Lexington Park area.

5) PORTO BELLO DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Commissioner Arnold inquired of Mr. Norris if anything could be done about the drainage problem at Porto Bello (Windmill Point Road and Md. Rt. 244). Mr. Norris stated that it did not appear that the problem could be alleviated; however, agreed to accompany Commissioners Arnold and Sayre to look at the problem.

6) CLARK'S LANDING ROAD

Commissioner Aud requested Mr. Norris to look into the possibility of having the "Stop" sign replaced with a "Yield" sign at the intersection of Clark's Landing Road and Blackistone Road.

HOUSE BILL 1173
MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

Commissioner Dean indicated that the Motel Accommodations Tax Bill was killed in Committee on the final day of the legislative session, and that Senator Fowler had remarked that the reason for this was that it was not submitted along with the other proposals that were presented at the public meeting in October. He stated that there needs to be a clearer understanding of the procedures for the consideration of legislative proposals, and therefore presented correspondence for the Board's signatures addressed to Senator Fowler regarding these procedures.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to sign and forward said letter. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION NO. 85-34
WHITE CANE WEEK

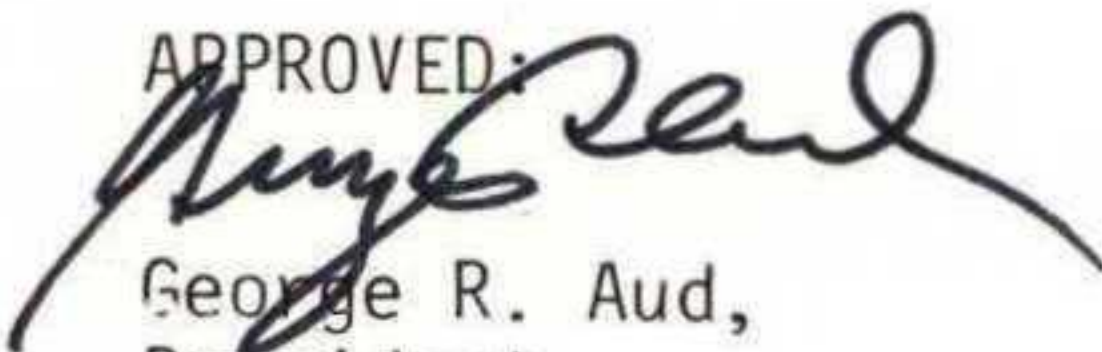
Present: Joe Sullivan
Jim Chaney
E. C. "Skeet" Finley

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of April 23 - 26, 1985 as White Cane Week in St. Mary's County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

APPROVED:


George R. Aud,
President