

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, November 5, 1985

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

(Commissioner Sayre was not present.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, November 5, 1985. Motion carried.

ST. MARY'S CITY BYPASS COMMITTEE

Present: Delegate John F. Slade III, Chairman
Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning & Zoning
John Bruck, SHA
Pat Woodburn, NESEA

The referenced representatives of the St. Mary's City Bypass Committee appeared before the Commissioners to present the report of findings and recommendations of the Committee.

Delegate Slade reviewed the chronology of events of the Committee and including meetings, studies and identification of problems. He stated that cost estimates and jurisdictional responsibility information is included in the files on this study.

Mr. Bruck reviewed the report and highlighted population projections, accident data and traffic generators (the College, St. Mary's City Historic area, NESEA, Naval Air Station, and Point Lookout. Further, Mr. Bruck reviewed the recommendations in the report: 1) Immediate Action - next 180 days; 2) Short term Action - next two years; 3) Long term action (next 2-5 years).

Mr. Slade pointed out that because of environmental, geological and economic reasons, it appeared that the best alternative would be to utilize existing roads and upgrade them.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

In conclusion, the Commissioners thanked the Committee for their report; advised that the County is currently working on some of the items included in the recommendations; and would further review the report relative to items pertaining to the County's responsibility.

STORM DAMAGE REPORT

Present: Tom Oliver, Director, Emergency Operations Center

Relative to the wind and rain storm that occurred last evening, Mr. Oliver reviewed with the Commissioners that extent of damages, particularly along the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River coasts. He stated that there was bulkhead, pier, shore erosion, and some home damage.

Mr. Oliver advised that he will be obtaining estimated figures of damages and recommended that the Commissioners declare a state of emergency in St. Mary's County and proclaim certain areas in the County as a disaster area. He stated that the County may be able to obtain State and/or Federal funding assistance.

After discussion, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to accept Mr. Oliver's recommendation. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER ARNOLD LEFT MEETING - 10:00 A.M.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) APPOINTMENT
ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to appoint Ruth Sterling to the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission for a term to expire June 30, 1988. Motion carried.

2) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS ORDINANCE

The County Administrator advised that the Ethics Ordinance under Section 4, Administration, calls for three members to serve on the Ethics Commission. The Commission has had difficulty in obtaining a quorum because of the limited number of members, and Mr. Cox recommended that the Commissioners amend the Ethics Ordinance to increase the membership to five. The amendment would have to go through the normal public hearing process.

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

3) REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated October 30, 1985 from St. Mary's Technical Center requesting the waiver of the building permit fee for the technical center construction project at Brokside, Section 2, Lot 1.

Inasmuch as this request is in compliance with the County's Resolution No. 75-53, Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Millison, to approve the waiver. Motion carried.

4) TOWN CREEK MARINA/ST. GEORGE ISLAND
LAW ENFORCEMENT SITUATION
SURVEY OF PROPERTY

The County Administrator reported on the meeting that was held last with with three Commissioners, property owners, and county agencies relative to the littering and parking problems at Town Creek Marina and St. George Island. He stated that certain property ownership at both locations was questioned and it was concluded that a survey should be taken in the areas to specifically delineate the property so that responsibilities could be designated. Costs would be absorbed by the various people involved; however funds are needed now in order for the project to move ahead. Mr. Gerred, Director of the Office of Planning and Zoning, is working up cost estimates. Therefore, Mr. Cox requested authorization to expend funds for the survey of the area

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve appropriation of funds for the survey of the Town Creek Marina area and the St. George Island area. Motion carried.

5) STATE FIRE, RESCUE, AND AMBULANCE FUND

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated October 29, 1985 from the Director of Budget & Data Services recommending the Board's acceptance of a request by the Fire Board and Rescue Association for the use of the State Aid Grant to the County based on an allocation of one-fourteenth to each organization.

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

6) PERSONNEL
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated November 5, 1985 from the Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Lloyd Diernisse to the position of Correctional Officer, Grade 10, effective, November 12, 1985.

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

7) BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
NURSING HOME PROJECT

The County Administrator presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signatures requesting the State to provide assurances to the County that the State will issue General Obligation Bonds shortly and that as part of that issue, the \$500,000 State Grant will be funded out of the bond proceeds.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

SECOND DISTRICT PARK SHELTER BUILDING BIDS

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented the bids for the shelter building at the Second District Park and recommended awarding the contracts as indicated:

Concrete	-	J. A. Norris Concrete Finishers in the amount of \$2900
Plumbing	-	E & M Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$8475
Septic	-	Woodburn Excavating in the amount of \$3800

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to accept Mr. Baggett's recommendations. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER MILLISON LEFT MEETING - 10:35 a.m.)

(COMMISSIONER ARNOLD RETURNED TO THE MEETING - 10:35 a.m.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
1987-1992 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Present: Dr. Larry Lorton, Superintendent of Schools
Jerry Himmelheber, Coordinator of School Facilities

Dr. Lorton and Mr. Himmelheber appeared before the Commissioners to present the Board of Education's Capital Improvement Program for FY 1987-1992. Formal approval by the Board of County Commissioners is needed prior to December 7, 1985.

Mr. Himmelheber reviewed the projects and distributed information on projected local costs for FY 1987 School Construction Program. Mr. Himmelheber advised that the program has been submitted to the Interagency Committee for administrative review.

After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have the appropriate Resolution drafted for presentation and consideration by the Board for a future meeting.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF ROAD POLICY
WILDEWOOD SUBDIVISION - HOLLY HILL SECTION

Present: John Norris, Director, Public Works
Frank Gerred, Director, Planning and Zoning
James Kenney, Attorney, Wildewood
Michael Wettengel, Wildewood

Mr. Norris explained that representatives of Wildewood are present to request an exception to the County's road policy relative to private common driveways. The policy approved by the Board in 1983 allowed a total of five lots, two of which would front on a public street. This particular location in Wildewood has seven lots, and two of those lots should touch the public road, but do not. Mr. Gerred pointed out that building permits were issued for the lots, and the Planning Commission at its meeting last night, November 4, recommended that the Commissioners grant a waiver in this instance of the two lots have to touch a public road.

In addition Mr. Gerred advised that the Planning Commission discussed reviewing this policy in the future and making recommendations to the Commissioners with a regulation to be made part of the Subdivision Regulations.

After discussion, Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Aud, to grant the requested waiver in this particular instance. Commissioner Dean abstained. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

Present: John B. Norris, Director

1) STORM DAMAGE REPORT

Mr. Norris reviewed with the Commissioners the damage in the County as a result of the wind and rain storms that occurred yesterday, November 4. He displayed photographs of damages to the pier and road in the vicinity of the Museum at Colton's Point and flooding in Piney Point and St. George Island.

Mr. Norris stated that the costs of repairs to roads, seawalls and piers have not yet been determined, but he would present the information to the Commissioners next week with a source of finding.

2) PRE-APPLICATION
ST. MARY'S AIRPORT PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Mr. Norris presented a pre-application for a federal assistance grant from FAA in the amount of \$20,000 for an environmental assessment of the extension of the runway from 3,250 feet to approximately 4,150 feet at the end of the existing runway in accordance with the approved Airport Master Plan.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve submittal of the pre-application as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Commissioner Arnold advised that he has received some inquiries from individuals as to the possibility of paying personal property taxes semi-annually or quarterly. Commissioner Arnold stated that some individuals have had difficulty in paying the full amount at one time, and he requested the County Administrator to investigate if some arrangement could be made and to determine whether it would affect the cash flow of the County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 85-74
NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

Present: Dan Guenther
Peggy McCabe

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating November as National Hospice Month in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 85-71
YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

Present: John Pingleton
Art Thomsette
Jack Kralle
Tom Slaughter
Rober Querry
Rufus Dyer

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the week of November 10-16, 1985 as Youth Appreciation Week in St. Mary's County. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President