

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, January 7, 1986

Present: 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

(COMMISSIONER AUD WAS NOT PRESENT AT OPENING OF MEETING.)

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 of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, December 31, 1985. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) PERSONNEL

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

a) JANITOR I POSITION  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Memorandum dated January 6, 1986 from Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Robert E. Morgan to the Janitor I position, Grade 4, in the Department of Public Works, effective January 13, 1986.

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

b) CORRECTIONAL OFFICER I  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Memorandum dated January 3, 1986 from Personnel Officer recommending the appointment of Mark Clark to the Correctional Officer I position, Grade 10, effective January 13, 1986.

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

c) ANIMAL WARDEN  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Memorandum dated January 3, 1986 from Personnel Officer requesting authority to fill the Animal Warden vacancy created by the appointment of Mark Clark to Correctional Officer.

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

2) CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Traffic Signalization  
Rt. 235 and Airport Drive

Responding to 12/30 correspondence from William C. Moyer, Tracor, advising that his 9/30/85 letter concerning traffic signalization at Rt. 235 and Airport Drive has been forwarded to SHA for review and action.

b) Warehouse for Food Distribution

Correspondence to Governor Hughes expressing support in the request of Archbishop Hickey for funds for the construction of a warehouse for food to be distributed to the poor in the Southern Maryland area.

(COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT AUD ENTERED MEETING - 9:25 A.M.)

REQUEST FOR CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERMIT  
NABPO-RR - 86-0229 AND 86-0230  
TOWN CREEK MARINA

Commissioner Sayre advised that he has been made aware of a proposal by Bronberg, Inc. for permits for the construction of three floating piers in the Patuxent River at Town Creek for an 81-slip marina for a condominium complex and the construction of six piers with mooring piles and finger piers, riprap and dredging for a 113-slip marina for a condominium complex. He stated that the Watermen's Association is concerned about this proposal in that the area is one of the largest oyster bars in the Patuxent River. Therefore, Commissioner Sayre suggested that a request be made to the Army Corps of Engineers that a public hearing be held in St. Mary's County on this proposal.

Later in the meeting, the County Administrator presented correspondence to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting that no action be taken on the referenced projects until the associated land development project is approved or denied by St. Mary's County, and further requesting that the hearing on the applications be held in St. Mary's County.

MARCEY HOUSE  
ALCOHOL HALFWAY HOUSE  
GRANT APPLICATION

Present: Walter McLellan, Executive Director  
Sybil Basnight, Chairman  
Berlin Cummings, Vice-Chairman  
Other Members of Marcey House Board of Directors  
Advisory Committee Members  
Interested Citizens

The referenced representatives of Marcey House appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal for a grant application for an Alcohol Halfway House, consisting of 3.5 acres to be located on Peabody Street in Leonardtown.

Mr. McLellan introduced the members of the Marcey House Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee and then proceeded to present the background of the project explaining the need for such a facility in St. Mary's County.

Total cost of the project is \$261,402 and the County, having previously committed approximately \$44,000 for the project, is now being requested to commit an additional \$21,200 (25% of the project - \$65,350). The grant application will be requesting 75% from the State.

During discussion the Marcey House Board indicated that approval is needed by the legislators, and the project must also receive approval from the Leonardtown Commissioners. The Commissioners suggested that in order for the project not be held up that alternative sites be selected should the original site not be approved by the Town of Leonardtown.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve submission of the grant application to the State for the Alcohol Halfway House. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
ZONING DISCUSSION/DECISION

The full complement of the Board was in attendance. Members include: Commissioner President George Aud, Vice-President Larry Millison and Commissioners Ford Dean, David Sayre, and Richard Arnold. Staff present included: Frank J. Gerred, Director, and Anita M. Meridith, Recording Secretary, Office of Planning and Zoning.

ZONE # 84-1306: MARYLAND MONEY MARKET MORTGAGE CORP.

Requesting rezoning from R-4, Medium Density Urban Residential, to CL-0, Commercial Limited - Office. The property is Lot 9, Block H in Section I of Patuxent Park Subdivision, located in the Eighth Election District, shown on Tax Map 43A.

Commissioner Aud advised that he had not been present during the initial hearing on both of these matters and would therefore abstain from participation. The Chair was subsequently relinquished to Commissioner Vice-President Larry Millison.

Commissioner Dean stated that he would be in favor of requesting the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolution, approving the requested rezoning based on the staff's report and recommendation and the Planning Commission's recommendation. Deliberating further, Commissioner Dean reflected that the main considerations pertinent to this application were that this was a CL-0 request; this particular property was serviced by an existing service road; and the predominant use of contiguous properties was commercial.

Commissioner Millison inquired whether anyone in the audience wished to comment either in favor or opposition. There was no response.

Having stated his stance on the matter, Commissioner Dean proffered a favorable motion (as outlined previously), seconded by Commissioner Sayre and unanimously passed.

ZONE # 85-0619: J. L. MILLISON

Requesting rezoning of 1.07 acres from C-1 to C-2, Commercial. The property is located on the west side of Maryland Route 235, Lexington Park, opposite Millstone Landing Road, shown on Tax Map 43, Block 8, as Parcel 221, Eighth Election District.

Commissioner Millison absented himself from participation in this matter and yielded the Chair to Commissioner Dean.

The Chair reflected that in this instance, the applicant had made a request for rezoning from C-1 to C-2, on the basis that there had been a change in the character of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, and unanimously passed, to instruct the County Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolution approving the rezoning, based on the staff's report and recommendation and Planning Commission's recommendation. Commissioner Dean emphasized that the key element in this consideration was that this property had been part of an original parent parcel now zoned C-2, the subject parcel having been extirpated from the larger, surrounding tract.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John B. Norris, Director

1) FY '86 CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Mr. Norris presented the FY '86 Capital Project Status Report and highlighted with the Commissioners the significant projects in the areas of Engineering, Highways, Solid Waste, General, and Building Maintenance. A copy of the Report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

(COMMISSIONER MILLISON LEFT MEETING - 11:15 A.M.)

2) TANNER'S CREEK DREDGING PROJECT  
ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL

Mr. Norris presented a proposal in the amount of \$3,350 from J. R. McCrone (who was the successful bidder in the County's surveying contract) for engineering services in connection with the Tanner's Creek dredging project. Therefore, Mr. Norris requested the following regarding this project:

- a) Concurrence by the Board in awarding the contract to J. R. McCrone in the amount of \$3,350, pending approval by the Department of Natural Resources;
- b) Authorization to allow President Aud to sign the appropriate Budget Amendment providing funds for this project.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to grant the above requests. Motion carried.

3) LEWIS CREEK DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. Norris presented a proposal from J. R. McCrone dated December 16, 1985 to provide field location and topography in connection with the referenced project in the amount of \$945.

Commissioner Arnold moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to accept the contract from J. R. McCrone pending approval by DNR as recommended by the Director of Public Works. Motion carried.

4) TALL TIMBERS SHORE EROSION DISTRICT NO. 2

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between the Department of Natural Resources and St. Mary's County agreeing to the payment to DNR the amount of \$188,685 in 25 annual installments relative to the referenced project.

After discussion, the Commissioners gave their concurrence to authorize Commissioner President Aud to sign this Agreement.

5) SURVEY OF COUNTY ROADS

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that next week he would like to have discussion in connection certain road changes: Road length, name and route numbers, and roads to be added to the system. He stated that he thought that these changes could be accomplished by a Resolution of the Board without a Public Hearing. Mr. Norris indicated that he would also like to start discussion on some of the roads to be eliminated from the County's system.

6) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS  
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF

Mr. Norris highlighted with the Commissioners the various construction projects which will be underway during this calendar year (Airport Grading, Chingville Road, Lighthouse Road, Asphalt Overlay, Surface Treatment, Slurry Seal, Indian Bridge Road, Subdivision Site Plans, Shore Erosion Districts, Northern Library, State Office Building, Correctional Facility, Nursing Home). He stated that the project load in his office is heavier than it ever has been, and in order to support development work and county project work, his department will need additional clerical and inspection support. Mr. Norris advised that he would come back before the Board at a later date with suggestions on how to obtain this support.

VIDEO ON ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Present: Christine Clarke, Tourism Development Specialist, ECD  
Sean O'Hara, Intern, ECD  
David Taylor  
Linda Shaffer

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to three videos on St. Mary's County: 1. Capture a Memory - Discover St. Mary's County; 2. Let's Go Fishing in St. Mary's County; 3) Southern Maryland Days at Baltimore Inner Harbor.

Ms. Clarke advised that the first two videos will be shown at Information Centers, shopping malls, bus depots and other public facilities. The video on Southern Maryland Days is for the County's use.

The Commissioners thanked the Economic & Community Development representatives for their efforts in developing the videos.

(COMMISSIONER DEAN LEFT MEETING - 11:45 a.m.)

RESOLUTION NO. 86-01 - BEECHWOOD ESTATES  
RESOLUTION NO. 86-02 - LAUREL RIDGE  
SWAREY BUILDERS  
CDA FUNDING FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development

Mr. Mitchell presented Resolutions endorsing the construction of the referenced developments under the Homeownership Development/Mortgage Presentation Program to be financed by the Community Development Administration.

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and sign Resolution Nos. 86-01 and 86-02 as presented. Motion carried.

(COMMISSIONER DEAN RETURNED - 11:55 A.M.)

ST. MARY'S NURSING HOME  
STATE GRANT PROJECT

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advising that the St. Mary's County Building Authority will be issuing revenue bonds to finance the construction of the new nursing home, and will be the principal owner of the new facility and will lease the structure to the Nursing Home for \$1.00 per year. The letter also advises that the Building Authority will also be constructing a multi-service center on behalf of the State of Maryland.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

MARYLAND AGGREGATES ASSOCIATION, INC.

The County Administrator presented a response to correspondence from Mr. George Grier, Md. Aggregates Association, Inc. regarding his opposition to the County's legislative proposal for a sand and gravel severance tax.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Aud moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of Personnel (consideration to Boards, Committees and Commissions). Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:20 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

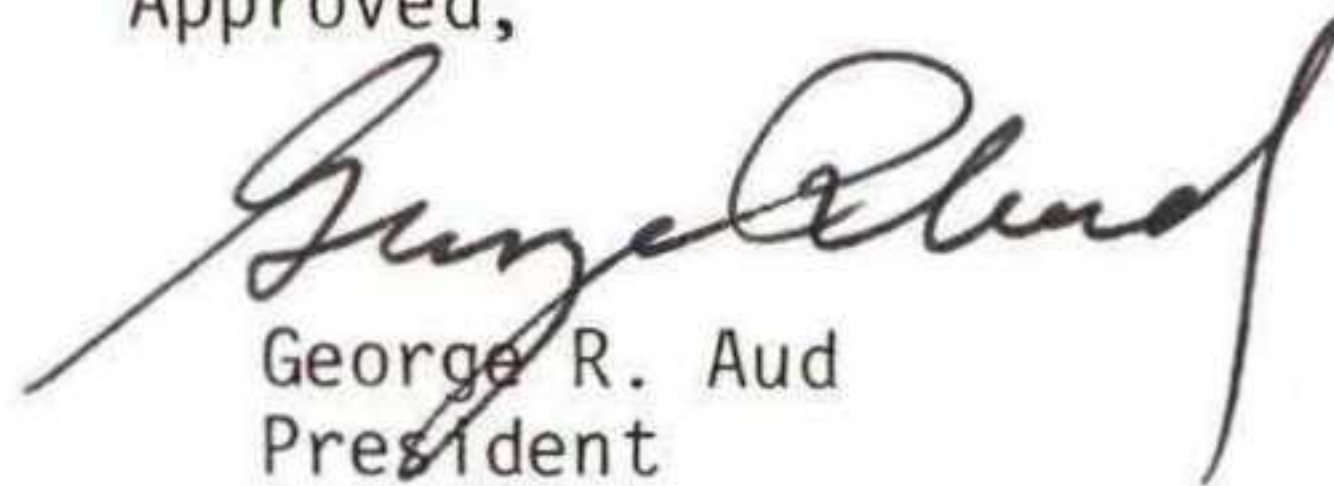
APPOINTMENT  
ST. MARY'S ETHICS COMMISSION

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to appoint Joseph D. Weiner to the St. Mary's Ethics Commission for a term to expire June 30, 1987. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud  
President