

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 1986

Present: Commissioner Larry Millison, Vice President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner David F. Sayre
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

(Commissioners Aud and Arnold were not present due to illness.)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

RECREATION ANNEX
LEXINGTON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Present: John V. Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett appeared before the Commissioners to advise that the referenced project was bid as an alternate as part of the Lexington Park School renovation project. The low bidder for the project was Loffler Construction. The alternate was at a cost of \$207,600, which includes the annex, extra corridor and 14 additional parking spaces. During discussion the Commissioners agreed that the bid was too high (approximately \$83 per foot) for the annex and that it should be rebid. Commissioner Dean noted that the additional cost to extend the water/sewer and electrical lines for separate construction would not be prohibitive, and that provisions for those future connections should be made at the time the school addition is constructed.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to rebid the annex project because there were only two bidders and the bid price was higher than anticipated. Motion carried.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Present: Joseph Mattingly, Jr.

Mr. Mattingly appeared before the Commissioners to present two checks to the County; one in the amount of \$6,652 representing quarterly reimbursement of funds on behalf of the Reciprocal Trial Enforcement; and the other in the amount of \$3,050 for prosecution of welfare fraud cases.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

GENERAL LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The County Administrator presented the General Local Health Services Statement between the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and St. Mary's County in the total amount of \$1,384,010 (state funding - \$697,897; local funding - \$686,113) for the period July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve and authorize Commissioner Vice-President to sign the Statement as presented. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Dean 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 9:55 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) LEONARDTOWN BY-PASS

Mr. Norris displayed a plat of the proposed Md. Rt. 5 Leonardtown By-Pass and suggested that the State Highway Administration be requested to evaluate a modification to the alignment which would tie in the county road (take the curve out of Cedar Lane and extend it to Route 5).

The Commissioners gave their concurrence and requested Mr. Norris to prepare the necessary letter to SHA.

2) PROJECT NO. SM 96-4-9
AIRPORT APRON EXTENSION AND OTHER WORK

Mr. Norris presented two items of correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval relative to the referenced project as follows:

a) To FAA stated that the contractor has submitted a price of \$42 per cubic yard for the Graded Aggregate Base requested by FAA resulting in an additional cost of \$40,500. FAA is requested to reconsider the use of bank run gravel as the base course for the apron extension and paving. If FAA determines that the Graded Aggregate Base is to be used, an Extra Work Authorization has been approved.

b) To FAA enclosing a supplement grant application for an extension of the grading limits at the Airport so that a uniform tie-down area will be available upon completion of the project. FAA funding approval is requested so that it can be included in the current airport project.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Millison to sign the referenced letters. Motion carried.

3) SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC
LEXINGTON PARK TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Norris presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and approval addressed to SMECO advising that the County will work closely with SMECO in the planning of the Lexington Park Transportation Plan roads to avoid any conflicts with existing transmission lines.

4) PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
SOTTERLY MANOR, SECTION IV (EAGLE CREST)

Mr. Norris requested acknowledgement and approval of a Public Works Agreement dated March 12, 1986 by and between Kenneth W. Sumner and the St. Mary's County Commissioners for Sotterly Manor, Section IV (Eagle Crest) guaranteeing completion by April 1, 1987. The PWA is accompanied by a \$15,000 Letter of Credit.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT BOARD

Present: Ragina Chikar
Katie Kangas
Dotty Barclift
Ann Marie Abell
Marvin Kaminetz
Florence Ballangee

The referenced representatives of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Board appeared before the Commissioners to present an Annual Report and further to get approval of the Applications for State Funding for the Battered Spouse Program and the Rape Crises Program.

Each of the representatives spoke on the various aspects and programs of the Board (Educational Programs for Battered Spouses, Rape Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, Victims of Child Abuse, etc.). Ms. Chikar reported that the Board has been in existence for two years and has made great strides in these areas, and that St. Mary's County is being used as a role model for the rest of the State.

In closing the Commissioners expressed their continued support of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Board's efforts and further Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that upon review of the documents, to approve and authorize Commissioner Vice-President Millison to sign the applications to be submitted to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for funding for FY '87 and FY '88 for the Battered Spouse Program and the Rape Crisis Program. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Present: Sheriff Wayne Pettit
Lt. Gene Pellillo
Bill Miedzinski, Administrator
Al Smith, Jail Supervisor

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the Annual Report for the Sheriff's Department. Areas reviewed included: Court processing services, Investigations, Crime Prevention Programs, Issuance of licenses, Jail population statistics, Jail Annex Facility, etc.

In closing the Commissioners thanked the Sheriff's Department representatives for the Report.

PROCLAMATION
RED CROSS MONTH

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the Month of March as Red Cross Month in St. Mary's County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to meet in Executive Session on a matter of land acquisition. Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 P.M.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

1) OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Present: Robin Guyther, Planner

The Notices for the Public Hearings scheduled for today were read. (SPEC 85-1095: Design Standards for New Development; SPEC 85-1511: Regulations for Minor Subdivisions - a. Farmsteads; b. Access; c. Parcels of Record; d. Minor Subdivisions; e. Roadway Standards; and ZPUD #84-1307 - J.I. Knott.)

SPEC 85-1095 will be continued on Tuesday, April 1, 1986 at 1:00 p.m. and ZPUD #84-1307 will be continued on Tuesday, April 15, 1986 at 1:00 p.m.

2) CRITICAL AREA PLANNING
COMPUTER-ASSISTED DESIGN MAPPING PROGRAM

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, OPZ
Bob Dadd, Systems Analyst, Tri-County Council

Mr. Gerred advised that the Office of Planning and Zoning has been working with Charles and Calvert Counties regarding the details for the critical area planning process. There is an opportunity to obtain a computer-assisted design mapping program which will do the maps for the County in detail. Mr. Gerred advised that a camera system is needed to copy the maps for each of the three counties. He stated that that DNR has indicated that this equipment is fundable under the Critical Areas Program; and requested approval to purchase it now and the County would be reimbursed. Advance funding for St. Mary's County is in the amount of \$36,000.

The Commissioners agreed to wait until it is determined what the General Assembly does with regard to the Critical Areas legislation and funding prior to making a decision on this request.

FY '87 BUDGET REVIEW

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

Mr. O'Dell presented an outline of the General Fund Revenue Estimates and Requests and the Capital Fund Revenue and Requests and the amount of reduction required to balance the budget. Mr. O'Dell requested approval of the projected revenue and a level of expenditures and a proposed tax rate to take to the Budget public hearings.

During discussion Commissioner Millison reiterated his previously stated position that he was not in favor of increasing property tax rate; and therefore Commissioner Dean recommended that for the purpose of the public hearing, set the tax rate at \$1.99, and accept input and comments from the public at the hearing, after which the tax rate could be re-evaluated.

At this point the Commissioners began a line item review of the budget requests. During the review, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that the Commissioners set the tax rate at \$1.99 for the Recommended Budget to take to the public hearing and that the Board further authorize Commissioner Millison to continue to work through the budget and arrive at the necessary reductions in requests to achieve the \$1.99 rate funded budget. Two Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting against.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Millison continued working with the Budget Director on the line item review of the budget.

Approved,


George B. Aud
President