

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGWednesday, March 26, 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 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dean noted that on Tuesday, March 4, 1986 the Director of Public Works presented several items at the same time for the Board to review. One of the items was the acceptance of a Deed for "T" Turnarounds in the Wildewood Subdivision. Commissioner Dean stated that it has been his practice not to vote on any items regarding Wildewood and would like to withdraw his second of the motion on that date. He stated that Deed has not been recorded. Therefore, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to approve the minutes of March 4, 1986; to withdraw approval of the acceptance of the Deed for the "T" turnaround; and further that the Deed be brought back to the Board at a later date. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) BRIDGE ON HORSE LANDING ROAD

Commissioner Sayre advised that Leonard Copsey had contacted him regarding the weight restriction placed over the bridge on Horse Landing Road. Mr. Copsey was concerned that fire trucks would be unable to cross the bridge in an emergency nor would he be able to use his trucks for his business.

Mr. Norris explained that restrictions are placed according to federal highway standards and that this restriction was placed for day-to-day use; however, he felt that fire trucks would be able to cross the bridge in an emergency. Mr. Norris indicated that he would contact Mr. Copsey about the use of the bridge.

Commissioner Dan suggested that Mr. Norris bring information back to the Board as to whether anything could be done on a temporary basis so that the weight limit could be upgraded.

2) MARYLAND ROUTES 5 AND 246
IMPROVEMENTS TO INTERSECTION

Mr. Norris advised that State Highway Administration has provided several schematics for the improvement of the referenced intersection and has recommended Schematic No. 7. Mr. Norris stated that he concurred with that recommendation with certain modifications and requested authorization for Commissioner President Aud to sign a letter to SHA indicating the modifications.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner Aud to sign said letter. Commissioner Millison abstained. Motion carried.

3) ST. PATRICKS CREEK DREDGING PROJECT

Mr. Norris presented correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signature addressed to the Army Corps of Engineers relative to the referenced dredging project. He stated that the COE has indicated to the County that the project will not be implemented and the correspondence stated that the project is of prime importance to the County and requests that it proceed without delay. The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward said letter.

4) TALL TIMBERS
HERRING CREEK NAVIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Norris presented an Agreement by and between the United States of America and St. Mary's County, Maryland relative to the Tall Timbers Herring Creek Navigation project.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Commissioner Vice-President Millison to sign the Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

5) ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
COUNTRY LAKES

Mr. Norris presented a Deed dated February 11, 1986 by and between Country Lakes, a Maryland Partnership, and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County accepting the following roads in Country Lakes Subdivision: Yowaiski Mill Road, East Lakeland Drive, Bosse Drive, Joan Drive, and Rita Court.

Commissioner Sayre moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to accept the Deed as presented. Motion carried.

6) DRAFT OF PROPOSED DIRECTIONAL SIGN IN LEONARDTOWN

Mr. Norris presented a rough draft of a proposed sign to be placed at the intersection of Rt. 5 and 245 in Leonardtown giving the locations of the Governmental Center, Courthouse, State Police, Sotterly, NAS, NESEA, etc. The cost of the sign is \$1,095 and would come from the Building Maintenance Account.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to authorize Mr. Norris to proceed with the sign. Motion carried.

7) FY '87
SURFACE TREATMENT PROGRAM
SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM
ROAD STRIPING PROGRAM

Mr. Norris distributed the Surface Treatment Program list and requested authorization from the Board to proceed to bid the for the FY '87 for 58.1 miles of surface treatment, the slurry seal and the road striping project (The Slurry Seal schedule had previously been distributed). He stated that \$460,000 has been set aside this year for the Surface Treatment project and \$540,000 has been requested in the budget for FY '87. Further, Mr. Norris distributed an additional listing of roads to be surface treated and stated that it would cost an additional \$150,000.

After discussion Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre to authorize Mr. Norris to bid the Surface Treatment Program for 58.1 miles at a cost not to exceed \$540,000; the Slurry Seal at a cost not to exceed \$121,000 and the road striping project at a cost not to exceed \$57,000 Motion carried.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY SELF-INSURANCE FUND

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
John Carpenter, Insurance Buyers' Council
Larry Petty, Director, Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Carpenter appeared before the Commissioners to present a proposal that the County adopt a formal self-insurance plan to fund for general and automobile liability losses to a limit of \$250,000 per occurrence or accident. Mr. Carpenter presented a letter dated March 26, 1986 setting forth the particulars of the proposal and outlining its advantages and disadvantages.

It was noted during discussion that insurance companies would offer \$1,000,000 coverage at a premium of approximately \$400,000 per year. St. Mary's County's liability loss experience has been exceptional.

Discussion ensued as to the amount to be placed in escrow for future claims, if needed. The Commissioners agreed to make a decision on the amount to be placed in escrow annually at a later date.

After discussion, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve Resolution No. 86-08 establishing, effective April 1, 1986 the St. Mary's County Self-Insurance Fund with by-laws made a part of the Resolution and setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Risk Management Committee to administer the Fund. The By-Laws contain a provision for amendment and the Risk Management Committee should return to the Board with a recommendation for the amount of money to be put in the fund. Motion carried.

FY '87 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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

Mr. O'Dell presented documents relative to the FY '87 Budget and requested approval of the following:

1. Memorandum to All Spending Units enclosing an extract of the Budget Document for their departments and advising that they may request an appearance before the Board between April 15 and May 20, 1986 to discuss specific aspects of the budget.

2. That the Public Hearings on the Budget be scheduled for April 22 (Board of Education) and April 23 (All other Spending Units) at 7:00 p.m. at the Technical Center.

3. The FY '87 Recommended Budget setting the General Fund at \$34,734,346 and the Capital Projects at \$7,850,000 with a proposed tax rate of \$1.99 per \$100 of assessed valuation (as a result of the work session with Commissioner Millison, the County Administrator Ed Cox and Joe O'Dell last week.)

Commissioners Dean and Sayre expressed reservations relative to the Recommended Budget, but would be willing to approve it in order to meet the requirement of having a Recommended Budget by April 1 and for the purpose of taking it to the Public Hearings.

Discussion ensued as to proper procedures for making a motion on the Recommended Budget, and, therefore, Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, that for the purpose of making a motion on the Recommended Budget that the rules of parliamentary procedure be waived to allow Commissioner Millison to make the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Millison moved, seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve: the Memorandum to All Spending Units, the scheduling of the Public Hearings for April 22 and 23, and further to approve the FY '87 Recommended Budget as set forth above. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dean offered an amendment to the Budget Message: "At this juncture there is not a consensus agreement among all members of the Board of County Commissioners with respect to all of the recommendations contained herein."

In addition Commissioner Dean distributed a prepared statement setting forth his commentary on the Recommended Budget for FY '87. He stated that no response was necessary today, but should be responded to between now and June 1.

In conclusion Commissioner Dean requested the Budget Director to perform some out-year projections of revenues and expenditures to determine the potential impact of this year's Recommended Budget on future years.

OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) Personnel

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

a) Department of Public Works
Mobile Equipment Mechanic

Memorandum from Personnel Officer requesting authority to advertise the Mobile Equipment Operator III position, Grade 8. The position was vacated by Marvin White on March 21, 1986.

b) Sheriff's Department
Patrolman

Memorandum from Personnel Officer recommending the selection of Correctional Officer Louis Burris to fill the Patrolman, Grade 11, position, vacated by Andrew Holton on February 11, 1986.

c) Leave Without Pay
PFC McMillin, Sheriff's Department

Memorandum from Personnel Officer recommending an exception to current procedures in the Personnel Manual and restore all service credit to PFC McMillin for the 14 days Leave Without Pay while on military orders, and further to revise the manual to include the Veterans' Rights Statute.

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, to approve the three referenced personnel items. Motion carried.

2) BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS
APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Dean moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayre, and unanimously carried, to make the following appointments with terms as indicated:

<u>St. Mary's Council on Children and Youth</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Kathy O'Brien	December 31, 1988
Pat Lorence	December 31, 1987

Nursing Home Board

Joseph Tolson	December 31, 1989
Isabelle Raley	December 31, 1987
Daniel Capper	June 30, 1987
Laverne Stewart	June 30, 1987
John Cheseldine	December 31, 1989
Elizabeth Reynolds	December 31, 1988
William Groome	December 31, 1988
James Banagan	June 30, 1989
Garner Morgan	June 30, 1988

Zoning Board of Appeals

Thomas Anthony Bowles (temporary alternate) December 31, 1988

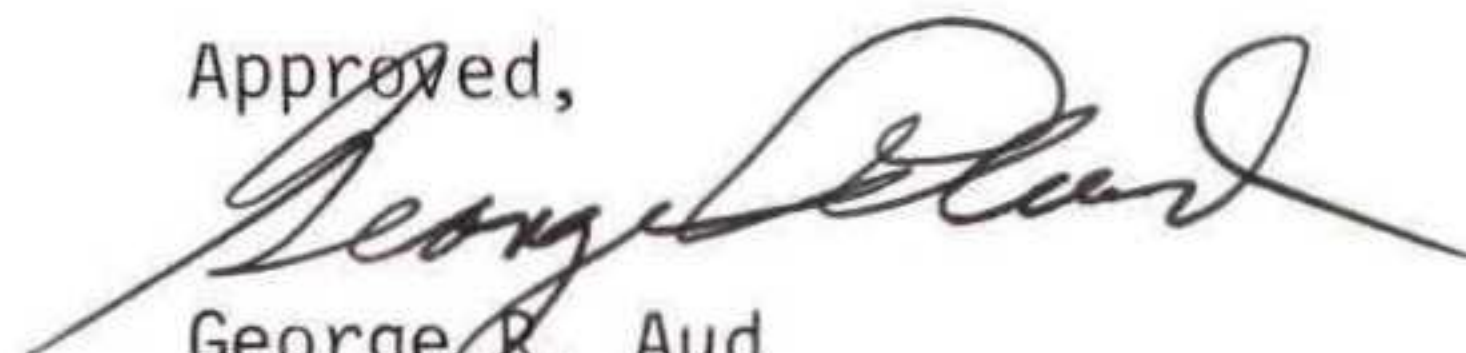
3) WATER TESTING AT HERRING CREEK

The County Administrator advised that as the Board directed, it has been determined that the waters at Herring Creek are being tested by the Health Department once or twice a month in 12 different locations and any pollution from the facilities under discussion would be discovered in those tests. The Health Department has agreed to monitor the area carefully and to make the Commissioners aware of any dangers at Herring Creek. The next testings will be April 10 and 28.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President

