

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 1987

Present: Commissioner Joseph P. O'Dell, President
Commissioner W. Edward Bailey
Commissioner Robert Jarboe
Commissioner John G. Lancaster
Commissioner Rodney Thompson
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday February 3, 1987 as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

Present: Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer

On behalf of the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, Dr. Marek appeared before the Commissioners to request a letter of support to the Governor requesting the reinstatement of funds for the operation of the proposed new facility for Tri-County Youth Services Bureau. He stated that the Bureau has been in the process of constructing a new facility on a one-acre parcel donated by the St. Charles Subdivision. In addition the Southern Maryland Building Industry Association has agreed to donate construction of the facility under a project entitled "Tom Sawyer."

Dr. Marek pointed out that TCYSB solicited from Juvenile Services a commitment to fund operational and staffing costs to operate the facility. During the transition to the new leadership in Maryland Government, this allocation was omitted.

After discussion, Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize that a letter be prepared for the Commissioners' to the Governor requesting reconsideration of the funds for Tri-County Youth Services Bureau. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDS

Present: Sheriff Wayne Pettit
William Miedzinski, Administrator

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request additional office space for the Sheriff's Department by leasing an additional 484 square feet on Courthouse Drive from Walter Dorsey and 780 square feet from the Commissioners of Leonardtown. Sheriff Pettit advised that the space is necessary because of the increase in the demand for police services and the lack of adequate work space.

Sheriff Pettit explained that Circuit Court Judge Briscoe has requested the Department to vacate the office on the second floor which currently houses the Polygraph Unit because of space needs by the Court. He indicated that the Polygraph Unit would move to the former Leonardtown Commissioners Office, and the Drug Enforcement Personnel and Crime Prevention Office would be moved from the present location to the space to be acquired from Mr. Dorsey.

The Commissioners agreed to make a decision next week once the following is ascertained:

- 1) Identification of source of funds;
- 2) Coordination with Department of Public Works relative to costs;
- 3) That the lease for the requested space is in line with the completion of the renovations of the Health Department building for use by the Sheriff's Department.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Sheriff presented to each of the Commissioners a copy of the Sheriff's Department Annual Report, which he advised that he would review at a later date.

AMENDED FY '87 BUDGET PROCESS PROPOSAL

Present: Charles H. Wade, Jr., Director of Finance

Mr. Wade appeared before the Board to present a revised schedule relative to the FY '87 Budget Process. He stated that it is proposed that there be an internal review by a budget review panel that will develop a recommended budget and prioritize spending levels for the Board's decisions. The panel will consist of the County Administrator, Director of Finance and Personnel Officer. Any Commissioners desiring to attend the panel meeting would be welcome. Presentations will be made on Tuesdays to provide the Board with a brief progress summary.

Mr. Wade went on to explain the proposed schedule advising that a presentation will be made on February 24 to report on anticipated revenues, expenditures and capital budget. Copies of the submissions from the various departments will be distributed at that meeting. The Review panel will meet on February 25 with certain spending units and from March 17 - 20 certain departments will meet with the Commissioners. Public Hearings will be scheduled during the period of April 20-24, with the final document to be presented on May 26.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence with the schedule and suggested that any departments having budgetary reductions be given the opportunity to appear before the Board to express their positions.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

- 1) COMPENSATION TO BAILIFF

The County Administrator advised that Judge Briscoe has submitted a request for reclassification for the position of Bailiff to Chief Bailiff and a request for increase in compensation for that position. According to Section 2-506 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings of the Maryland Annotated Code, the amount set by County Government cannot exceed \$30; therefore, the increase cannot be granted unless the law is changed.

Mr. Cox advised that he has contacted the Legislative Delegation regarding this, and they have drafted a bill amending Section 2-506 which they will submit pending endorsement. The amendment will consist of placing a period after the words "county government" and deleting "but not more than \$30." Mr. Cox indicated that it would then be the decision of the Commissioners during the budget process as to what the Bailiff would receive.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to endorse the submission of the suggested legislation as set forth above. Motion carried.

2) PERSONNEL

The County Administrator presented the following personnel items for the Board's consideration:

a) Promotion of Jacqueline Wallmark
Department of Public Works

Memorandum dated February 6, 1987 from the Personnel Officer recommending the reclassification of the Clerk Steno position to Secretary I and promote Jacqueline Wallmark to that position, Grade 6-1, effective February 23, 1987.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to approve the reclassification and promotion as set forth above. Motion carried.

b) Request for Authority to Hire
Stormwater Management Inspector I Position

Memorandum dated February 5, 1987 from the Personnel Officer requesting authority to fill the Stormwater Management Inspector I position, Grade 9, in the Office of Planning and Zoning, which was vacated by Fred Kless on February 5, 1987.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to grant this request. Motion carried.

3) CHAPTICO RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The County Administrator advised that Mr. Baggett appeared before the Board on December 23 to discuss the Wicomico Shores Golf and Country Club and requested authority for the Chaptico Recreation Association be advanced certain funds from the County. He stated that the minutes of that meeting do not reflect the Commissioners concurrence in granting that request. Therefore, Mr. Cox requested the Board to advance the Chaptico Recreation Association, Inc. the amount of \$50,000 in order to pay past-due bills that the corporation had incurred prior to the transfer of the corporation to the County. That amount will be repaid to the County by Chaptico Recreation Association, Inc. at a later date.

After discussion, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, for the County to advance the \$50,000 as requested. Motion carried.

4) FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT MAPS

The County Administrator reminded the Commissioners of discussion of last week regarding the deadline for submission of the resolution adopting the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. He stated that the Director of Planning and Zoning had requested an extension of time for submission and it was learned that it must be submitted by February 19 or the insurance program will be suspended. Mr. Cox stated the hearing is scheduled for February 17 and the Commissioners would have to make a decision at that time to adopt the maps or intentionally suspend the flood insurance program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, 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 10:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

RENAMING OF LANGLEY ROAD TO GODDARD ROAD

Present: John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works
Robert L. Goddard, property owner

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing for the purpose of renaming Langley Road (County Route No. 3288) to Goddard Road, located off of Route 5, Eighth Election District, St. Mary's County.

The secretary read the notice of public hearing.

Mr. Norris advised that appropriate property owners were sent the notice of public hearing, and noted that the original request was received by the County in December 1986 from Robert L. Goddard.

Mr. Goddard explained that he has requested the name change because there are two Langley Roads in the area and it has created much confusion.

It was noted that the road originally ran from Great Mills To Valley Lee and was called Richneck Run Road.

The Commissioners agreed to take action on the adopting Resolution at next week's meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) EXISTING NURSING HOME FACILITY

As a follow up to last week's discussion on the design of the existing nursing home facility for use by the Health Department, Mr. Norris advised that the Sheriff's Department will be able to be accommodated in the existing Health Department facility.

Therefore, Mr. Norris requested approval of the contract with FSI dated December 15, 1986 for the design of the existing nursing home facility in the amount of \$52,824. Funds for the design are in the current budget.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to approve and authorize the President of the Board to sign the contract with FSI to perform the design of the renovation of the nursing home building. Motion carried.

2) LEXINGTON PARK TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Also Present: Dan Ichniowski, DPW
Ken Evans, The Wilson T. Ballard Co.

Mr. Norris and Mr. Ichniowski, along with Mr. Evans, reviewed the history of the proposed Lexington Park Transportation Plan. Mr. Norris indicated that the Office of Planning and Zoning, the Planning Commission, and the Department of Public Works worked together to produce the Plan document which was taken to public hearing.

Maps of the area were displayed and specific details of the plan discussed. In addition Mr. Norris displayed an aerial photograph of Lexington Park area and advised that because of existing development proposals, the transportation plan was developed. The three developments are Patuxent Park West, Tosca, and Calvert Bean property.

Mr. Norris went on to explain the necessity the the road improvements for FDR Boulevard and Peggs Road extended. He stated that in addition to the above proposals, existing developments were proposing expansion of the area, which will generate considerable additional traffic on Great Mills Road. Mr. Norris further indicated that highways should be built to provide proper infrastructure to accommodate growth and that Rt. 235 should not become another Great Mills Roads.

During the discussion Mr. O'Dell suggested that the potential use of the proposed Peggs Road extended should be carefully analyzed.

Because of time constraints, the Commissioners agreed to continue discussion on the Plan at next week's meeting.

SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN

Present: John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works
Walter Wise, DPW
Sheriff Wayne L. Pettit
Tom Oliver, Emergency Operations Center
Eddie Wood, Resident Maintenance Engineer, SHA
Dennis Younkin, St. Mary's Public Schools

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss and review the Snow Emergency Plan as it applied to the two recent snow storms. Those present indicated a general cooperative effort among all agencies involved; however, the following areas of concern were brought forth:

1. Inability to adequately communicate with contractors once they were on the road;
2. Lack of notification when the snow begins so that appropriate call-outs can be made.
3. Calling in of false emergencies so that driveways could be cleared. SHA referred emergency calls to Control Center.
4. Secondary roads not being cleared for school bus transportation and turnarounds. Mr. Younkin pointed out that Public Works did a commendable job under the circumstances, and was aware of the fact that the primary roads were given first consideration.

During discussion Sheriff Pettit suggested that a Command Post be set up during snow emergency whereby volunteers and agency representatives would coordinate the use of four-wheel drive vehicles, screening emergencies, shelters, etc. Some present indicated that having a representative at a Command Post would impact on already-spread-thin personnel.

Commissioner O'Dell directed that the involved agencies get together to review the Snow Emergency Plan and work out the particular issues that were discussed at this meeting and bring recommendations back to the Board of County Commissioners.

PROCLAMATION DAFFODIL DAYS - CANCER SOCIETY

Present: Mike Dugan

The Commissioners presented the referenced Proclamation designating the last two weeks of March, 1987 as Daffodil Days in St. Mary's County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Theodore Weiner, County Attorney
Joseph Densford, Assistant County Attorney

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of litigation. Motion carried. The Session was held from 11:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

At this time the Commissioners received questions and comments from the audience.

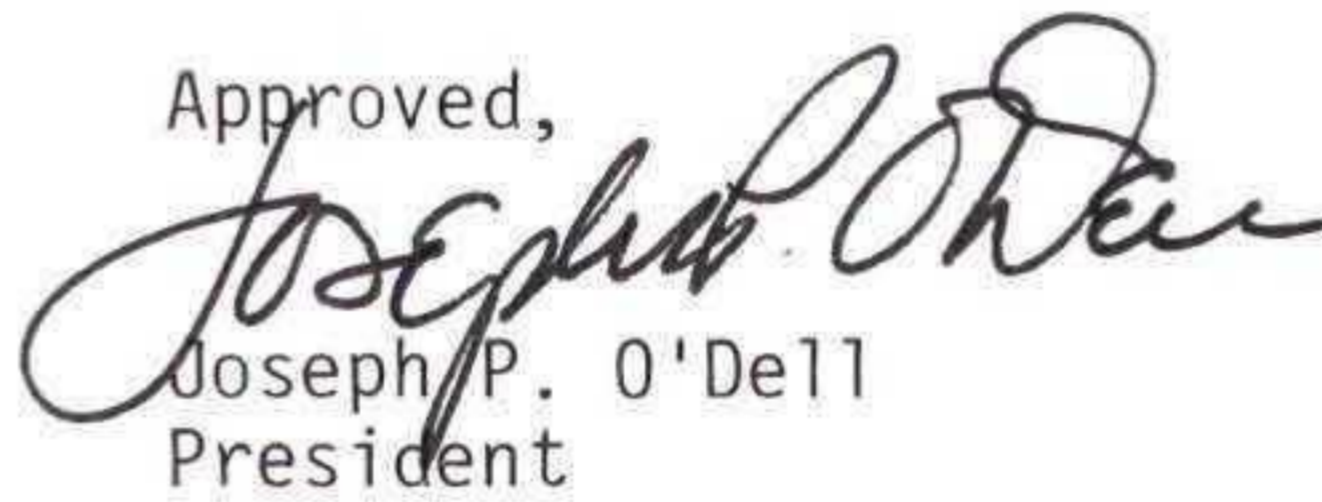
TOUR OF PLANNING AND ZONING PROJECTS

At 1:30 p.m. the Commissioners departed for a tour of various Office of Planning and Zoning projects in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approved,



Joseph P. O'Dell
President