

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner O'Dell, Mr. Norris stated that the \$600 fee that was applied to the developer was only for that section of Peggs Road from the stream crossing to Chancellors Run Road. Mr. Gerred pointed out that the \$600 fee to developers was for projects that were in front of the Planning Commission for rezoning or project approval: Tosca, Patuxent Park West and the Bean property. It did not include Countryside. He stated that the issue at this point is that approval was given in 1984, the subdivision plat had not been recorded, and now according to the Zoning Ordinance, time had run out on the approval.

Mr. Norris advised that the development would be expending funds in excess of the \$600 per lot fee for him to build the extension of Peggs Road just to serve his development. He further explained that if the County were to build Peggs Road, the improvements made by the developer would have to be torn out if it did not meet line, grade, or cross sections for the new road. Mr. Norris advised that a more intelligent decision would be to accept the funds from the developer for the value of the work that he had to perform within the Peggs Road right-of-way and apply that to future county construction costs. He further added that the County would then be responsible for taking title to the property and providing a temporary surfaced service road to the development.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss a solution to this matter at next week's meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

- 1) SURFACE TREATMENT SCHEDULE
SLURRY SEAL PROGRAM
ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM

Also Present: George Jarboe, Supervisor of Construction
and Inspection

Asphalt Overlay Program

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Program for FY '88 and requested that he be given authorization to be this year's tonnage and half of next year's so that the County get get a better price because of greater tonnage.

Slurry Seal Program

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Program for FY '88 and requested the Board's concurrence in the schedule and that he proceed to go out for bids.

Surface Treatment Program

Mr. Norris presented the referenced Program for FY '88 and requested the Board's concurrence in the schedule and that he proceed to go out for bids.

The Commissioners agreed that by the time Mr. Norris goes out for bids in April, he will be back before the Board for formal approval.

- 2) ROAD IMPROVEMENT PETITIONS AND LETTERS

Mr. Norris reviewed the following petitions regarding road improvements:

- a) McKay's Beach

Petition from residents of McKay's Beach Road on February 17 requesting flat asphalt surface for the last 1/2 mile of the road. Mr. Jarboe advised that this road is included in the current surface treatment schedule. He stated that the road is narrow and there are many fences and shrubbery impeding the right-of-way. Mr. Norris stated that he would prepare a response indicating that the County would be unable to asphalt the road at this time.

b) Lore Court

Letter received from a resident of Lore Court, Esperanza Farms advising that there has been no maintenance to the road since the original road surface in the '70's. Several homes have been built and severe damage has been done to the surface including cutting through to bring in water lines. Mr. Norris advised that this road is included in the Slurry Seal Program for calendar year 1987.

c) Pin Cushion Road

Petition received January 1987 requesting that Pin Cushion be paved and widened like Sunnyside Road. Mr. Norris advised that a traffic count was conducted and the amount of traffic did not warrant asphalt surface. Mr. Norris agreed to prepare correspondence to property owners stating this.

d) South River Road

Correspondence received from property owner requesting relocation of utility poles because they are too close to the road creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Norris advised that SMECO is willing to move the poles if the County would pay for it. Mr. Norris will prepare correspondence to the property owner.

3) AIRPORT FUEL TANKS

Because of the recently discovered leak in the fuel tank at the Airport, Mr. Norris requested authorization in the amount of \$25,500 for the purchase of a new tank (\$19,000); filling the two old tanks with concrete (\$5,500); and for transporting of the Exxon fuel tank from New Jersey (\$1,000). Mr. Jarboe indicated that Exxon is not charging the County for the use of the tank truck.

The Commissioners advised that because of the emergency situation, they would approve the request and requested Mr. Norris to determine a source of funds.

Later in the meeting, the County Administrator presented Budget Amendment No. 87-29 authorizing the transfer of \$25,500 as requested. Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the Amendment as presented. Motion carried.

LEXINGTON PARK TRANSPORTATION PLAN REVIEW

Present: Kenneth Evans, The Wilson T. Ballard Company
John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works
Dan Ichniowski, DPW

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to review the Lexington Park Transportation and distributed the following information:

- (1) Transportation Plan booklet;
- (2) May 22, 1987 from Dept. of Navy;
- (3) Summary sheet of data in booklet.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, March 17, 1987

Present: Commissioner Joseph P. O'Dell, President
Commissioner W. Edward Bailey, Vice-President
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 8:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners meeting of Tuesday, March 10, 1987. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

INTRODUCTION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING

Present: Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Joseph Suchinsky, Deputy Director of Accounting

Mr. Wade introduced Mr. Suchinsky, the recently appointed Deputy Director of Accounting for the County, to the Commissioners. Mr. Suchinsky reviewed his background and past experience relative to his field and stated he looked forward to working with the County. The Commissioner welcomed Mr. Suchinsky to County Government and stated they looked forward to working with him also.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE
STUDY OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Institute for Governmental Service granting authorization to begin the study of the County's boards, committees and commissions, which is to start the first of April.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

2) OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
BUDGET AMENDMENTS (TEMPORARY CLERK-TYPIST AND EQUIPMENT)

a) Temporary Clerk-Typist Position By memorandum dated February 18, 1987 the Director of Planning and Zoning requested funds for the employment of a temporary clerk-typist to assist with the work of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. Since the workload in his office did not allow current staff to fully serve the Committee. After review the Commissioners decided that sufficient funds existed within the salary account of Planning and Zoning for the position and that the County Administrator had the authority to approve the temporary employment.

b) Equipment In the February 18 memorandum, Mr. Gerred requested the purchase of several pieces of equipment by account transfers and a budget amendment. The Commissioners agreed to defer action on this request until a later date because of the concern for a budget shortfall in FY '87.

WICOMICO SHORES FEASIBILITY STUDY
CHAPTICO RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation & Parks (Board Member)
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator (Board Member)

Mr. Baggett appeared before the Commissioners to report on the meeting held yesterday with the Chaptico Recreation Board of Directors and the Chaptico Recreation Advisory Committee and to recommend the selection of a firm to do the feasibility study of the Wicomico Shores Golf and Country Club.

He stated that the Advisory Committee voted one-to-four against have the study done, and the Board of Directors voted four-to-one in favor of the study. Mr. Baggett explained that two proposals were received and that the Board of Directors recommended awarding the contract to American Institute for Leisure Resources.

Mr. Cox, who serves on the Board, indicated that it was his opinion as well as three other members, that what was needed was a thorough analysis of the present facilities and assets and a detailed course of action for the future. Without this study, the chances for success would be very limited.

During discussion Commissioner Bailey advised that he was not in favor of making a decision on this until the Board of Directors met again with the Advisory Committee to convince the Committee of the need to have the study done.

After discussion Commissioner O'Dell requested Mr. Baggett to meet with the Director of Finance to determine a source of funds.

Later in the meeting, the County Administrator presented a Budget Amendment for funds to conduct the Feasibility Study for Wicomico Shores. Commissioner Jarboe moved to approve awarding the contact for the Study to American Institute for Leisure Resources and to approve and sign the Budget Amendment. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioners Bailey and Thompson indicated that before any decision was made concerning the study that the Advisory Committee should have input in the decision.

Commissioner O'Dell pointed out any further delays in this project would jeopardize the goals and objectives set forth a few months ago relative to this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

COUNTRYSIDE SUBDIVISION

Present: Israel Swarey, developer
Robert Erickson, on behalf of developer
John Norris, Director, Department of Public Works
Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning

The referenced representatives of Swarey Builders appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the construction of the road in Countryside and requirements by the County. The developer received correspondence from the Office of Planning and Zoning indicating that he could obtain permits, and based on that letter purchased the property. At a subsequent Planning Commission meeting the developer was informed that Countryside was subject to the \$600 impact fee towards the construction of Peggs Road, and that the project required reapproval. Mr. Erickson advised that Mr. Swarey is requested that the County not require the \$600 impact fee if he in fact had to build a portion of Peggs Road to serve that property.

PROCLAMATION
RED CROSS MONTH

Present: Murray Jackson
Kathleen Jackson
Kenneth D
Audrey Ridgell
Valerie

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

PRESENTATION OF COUNTY FLAG

Present: Daryl DeCeasar, Ranger, Point Lookout State Park

Commissioner Thompson, on behalf of the County Commissioners presented a St. Mary's County flag to be flown at Point Lookout along with the American flag and State flag.

ST. MARY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ASBESTOS SURVEY REPORT

Present: Jerry Himmelhaber, Supervisor of School Construction
Paul Redding, Aerosol Monitoring & Analysis, Inc.
Bruce Lippy, "

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present and review the survey report for asbestos-containing materials in all of the school-owned buildings. During discussion it was pointed out that St. Mary's County was in relatively good condition; however, some areas did require attention at an estimated cost of \$1,200,000. Mr. Lippy recommended that the County apply for EPA funds for this Program. Presented were the following documents:

- 1) Asbestos Survey Report for St. Mary's Public Schools'
- 2) Comprehensive Asbestos Management Program
- 3) Asbestos Litigation and Cost Recovery Investigation.

A copy of these documents are on file in the Commissioners' Office.

FY '88 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Gerda Manson, Personnel Officer

At the time the Commissioners conducted a work session on the FY '88 Capital and Operating Budget. Mr. Wade presented several issues that will require addressing such as: Property Tax Rate; Services; Allocation of Funds; Cost of Living; Health Insurance; Procedures.

It was agreed that the Board would meet on Tuesday, March 24, 1987 to continue work on the budget.

(EVENING SESSION)

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Frank Gerred, Director
Anita Meridith, Secretary
Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary

Commissioners present: Joseph P. O'Dell, W. Edward Bailey, Robert Jarboe, John G. Lancaster and Rodney Thompson. Staff present including Frank J. Gerred, Director, Jim Weber, Chief, Permits & Inspection, and Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary.

Members of the audience included: Christopher & Joseph Clark, John Goddard, Margaret Goddard, Mary Jean Goddard, Joseph H. Goddard, Paul O'Brien, Jeff Yount, Louis P. Eberle, Jerry Himmelheber, Dick Steffens, Vince Del Gavio, Richard Burger, Agnes Birch, Josephine Scully, Clarence A. Goddard, III, C. J. Cooper, Charles H. Latham, J. K. Latham, L. P. Spalding, E. F. Fitzgerald, John Richards, James Stone, John E. Stone, Floyd Williams, Regina Abell, Lloyd F. Stancil, Robert F. Stancil, M. Alberta Goddard, Clarence A. Goddard, Marian J. Goddard, F. Michael Harris, L. M. Suit, Adele Suit, Margaret Goddard, Mary Jones, Sandra Goddard, Jeff Goddard, James L. Goddard, Leonard Goddard, Kathleen O. Goddard, J. H. Goddard, Jr., Sara Woodburn, David Woodburn, Roy Laird, Wm. A. Goddard, George E. Gohler, Bert Abell, Sam Goddard, Michael Veitel, David F. Abell, M. L. Bridges, Harry A. Dalton, Cuthbert Fenwick, Kim Keiper, Vivian Troiano, Dominick Brown, Teresa Knott, Bunky Knott, Ann Richards, Peter Van Bsuif, James Knott, Louis Hanson, and Aleck Locker.

ZONE # 86-0298: JOSEPH H. GODDARD

Requesting rezoning of 5.4 acres from R-1, Rural-Residential, to C-2, Commercial. The property is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Maryland Routes 5 and 244, Medley's Neck, Third Election District shown on Tax Map 41, Block 13, as Parcel 52.

Mr. Gerred read the Notice of Public Hearing aloud, as advertised in "The Enterprise" Newspaper on February 25, 1987, a publication of county-wide circulation, providing legal notice for the following public hearing.

Mr. F. Michael Harris, counsel for the applicant, advised that the property had been posted with the placard provided by the Office of Planning and Zoning and that Mr. Goddard could attest to that. Entered into evidence as Applicant's Exhibit No. 1, find returned postal receipts with copies of letter sent to all contiguous property owners, advising them of the requested rezoning hearing to be held this date.

Applicant's Exhibit No. 2 - Series of petitions signed by 1,598 neighbors and resident of St. Mary's County not opposed to Mr. Goddard's rezoning request. At this point, Mr. Gerred formally entered the complete record of the Planning Commission hearing into the Commissioners' public hearing. Mr. Harris provided a brief introduction and orientation as to the location of the property and then asked Mr. Goddard to give his testimony. Mr. Harris then asked the applicant a series of questions and Mr. Goddard replied as follows: the property in question has been owned by the applicant since 1961 and it is currently being used as an apartment building with four separate apartments, and the land behind the house has been used agriculturally since 1962. Mr. Harris then asked the applicant his reasoning for asking for the rezoning request and the applicant replied as follows: "I was trying to get a fast food restaurant on the property." Mr. Goddard has had contact with McDonald's, and they informed him that rezoning was required first.

Mr. Goddard then spoke about the development he had observed in the vicinity of his property since 1974. He stated that quite a bit of development has gone since then; the schools being built, Mr. Fenwick was working out of a trailer on the corner of the field before building the other structure, quite a bit of development has happened with the building of houses down Route 244. Within close proximity to this site the following businesses are located: Maryland Rock, Base Company, Bob's Rentals, La Grande Mobile Homes, and Bennett's Bar.

Mr. Herbert N. Redmond, Jr., of D. H. Steffens Company, offered testimony as an expert witness on behalf of the application. Mr. Redmond entered into evidence, marked Applicant's Exhibit No. 3, a plan that had been put together from surveys that Mr. Goddard had and some adjoining surveys of the neighbors. The line indicated in red are the boundaries of Mr. Goddard's property which is approximately 5.2 acres. The property shown in red is predominantly cleared land as Mr. Goddard has stated before. The boundary on the west side is bounded by an old road and adjoins the property of Hanover Farms which also adjoins the property on the northeast side. The northeast side is also Hanover Farms, but this is where Fenwick Used Cars is located and has been operating for years. The right-of-way that this property fronts on Maryland Route 5 is 160 foot right-of-way (which is a single-lane highway). The property has very little land that cannot be used for development.

Applicant's Exhibit No. 4 - Plat of the site that's being the Leonardtown property.

Mr. David M. Jenkins, of D. H. Steffens Company, came forward and speaking as expert witness offered testimony regarding the application. Mr. Jenkins then gave the Commissioners' a little background on his experience in the land-use field. Mr. Jenkin's stated that he had been with D. H. Steffens Company for approximately 15 months and had testified in zoning cases in St. Mary's County. Studies were performed by Mr. Jenkins concerning the property owned by Joseph Goddard located at the intersection of Route 5 and Route 244 which consisted of an inspection of the property and a tour of the neighborhood. A property line survey was then developed for the property and referencing the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance looked at the Article 7, Section 70.05 which regards to the finds of statutory rezoning case. Based on studies of the neighborhood a number of changes have occurred. Two rezoning cases involving the Green Acres property, the first was a Case Number 79-252 which was approved by the County Commissioners in June, 1980. In granting this request, the County Commissioners did note that this site had a mistake in the original zoning of the property which at that time was residential. The second zoning case abutted the previous case, Case No. 81-0882. This case was approved by the County Commissioners in February, 1982. In the approval of that particular rezoning, the County Commissioners did site a number of items- first, that since comprehensive zoning in 1974 the Middle School, the Vocational Technical Center, and the High School were constructed within the immediate vicinity of the property. Also, the Commissioners felt that there had been a significant change in the character of the neighborhood within the vicinity of this particular property. The neighborhood itself contains approximately 21,000 acres of land with only approximately 3 acres of land being zoned commercial. Mr. Jenkins felt that some argument could be made with regard to a mistake in that the zoning plan does not anticipate the need for commercial zoning in a area that was adjacent to a recognized county growth center, i.e. Leonardtown. Mr. Jenkins noted that it was his opinion there had been a definite change in this neighborhood, and that it was a mistake not to zone, at least in this particular neighborhood, some commercial property. Also, that had been a definite change in the population in this area. Within the third Election District there has been a change in population of approximately 32% in that ten year period. From 1980 to 1985, there has been approximately a 7% change in population growth. Another factor, in terms of change, was that the amount of increased traffic on Maryland Route 5 that again runs along the east portion of the subject property. In reviewing the application from an accumulative matter, in terms of the zoning changes, population increases in traffic, plus other construction in the area, if you look at that as an accumulative whole, Mr. Jenkins urged that there was no change in character of the neighborhood.

Mr. Jenkins also elaborated on the traffic situation for Route 5 and Route 244. The property has approximately 100-110 feet of frontage on Route 5 and approximately 385 feet of frontage along Route 244. There are double access points on the property, and the access would be subject to the State Highway Administration's access permit at time of development and site plan reviewing. There is an adequate provisions for an access point along the Maryland Route 244, and it would not over-burden or provide any traffic hazards within the area.

Commissioner O'Dell noted that he would like to see a verification that the property would be allowed to be tapped into the Leonardtown Sewer and Water. Mr. Harris then stated that Mr. Goddard pays a front footage benefit now for the sewer line. Commissioner O'Dell then said he would still like to see a verification or documentation from the town of Leonardtown that says that this will be available to Mr. Goddard, which could be able to be obtained from MetCom.

Commissioner O'Dell said he would also like to get a formal response from the Superintendent of Schools concerning the impact that the opposed development would have on the school complexes.

Commissioner O'Dell had a question concerning the petition, and that related to how the petition was handled, (relevant to the signatures on it). Mr. Harris asked Mr. Goddard to address the Commissioners on that subject. Mr. Goddard felt it was necessary to obtain as many signatures as he could. The signatures were obtained from neighbors, people that worked around or in Leonardtown, and other parts of the county as well. The majority of the people who signed the petition were from the general area of Leonardtown.

Entered into the record by counsel, marked Applicant's Exhibit No. 5, was a State Highway Plat which is on record at the Court House. This plat showed access from Mr. Goddard's property onto Maryland Route 244 and Maryland Route 5.

Counsel advised that this concluded their presentation and deferred to the Chair. The Board having no questions of Mr. Goddard, Commissioner O'Dell opened testimony for public input, asking individuals to please state their name and where you resided in St. Mary's County.

Mr. John Richards of White Point, stated that he had a daughter attending Leonardtown High School and that he had talked with quite a few people at the school concerning this matter. He stated that the response received was most people were in favor of it. "We feel that it would be a convenience not only to the schools in the area, but also to the people who attend Adult Education or for any reason are at the schools at night. We feel that this would definitely be an asset to Leonardtown".

Mr. Harry Knowlton commented that he thought it would be good business to have another restaurant in Leonardtown. He also felt that it might even help Mr. Fenwick's business grow.

Mr. Aleck Loker, Jr. of Medley's Neck, commented on the long drive he has to do in order to get to a store. Mr. Loker strongly supports Mr. Goddard in his efforts to put in a restaurant. As to the subject of the school board being opposed to have a restaurant near a school, he reminded the Board of the location of two convenience stores across from Great Mills High School. He urged the Board to not only approve the project, but to do it quickly.

Ms. Regina Abell of Leonardtown, stated that she now resides across from the County Fairgrounds. She feels that whether she likes it or not, progress must go on and she understands that.

Mr. Jeff Young of Sand Gates, who is an employee for Besche Oil Company in Leonardtown, commented on the difficulty of parking a large vehicle in a parking lot of a restaurant at lunchtime. He feels that it would be very nice to have something more accessible, especially for the larger trucks that are always driving on Route 5.

Mr. Cuthbert Fenwick of Fenwick Ford, a neighbor of Mr. Goddard, stated for the record that he is not opposed for the zoning change. He feels that the zoning staff was correct in recommending that the ingress/egress would be kept to Route 244, and that is my main concern.

Mr. Louis P. Eberle who currently resides in the Cedar Lane Apartments in Leonardtown, was concerned with how many of the individuals who signed the petition were property owners and pay taxes.

Mr. Joe Clark, who lives within one mile of the Applicant's property and pays taxes, feels that this is a good location for a business.

Mr. James Goddard (son of Mr. Goddard), stated that he uses the intersection of Route 5 and 244 and does not feel that it would be a hazard to the community of Leonardtown to have a restaurant at this site.

Mr. Roy Laird who lives on Route 244, feels that it would be better for the students of the schools to have to cross Route 244 rather than Route 5 to get lunch or whatever they need. It would definitely be safer for the students. He also noted that he has never seen any accidents on Route 244.

Mr. Ed Fitzgerald had just a couple of thoughts about the question of the zoning mistake and the change in the neighborhood, he asked that when the County Commissioners did the investigation of the area that they look at the change and how it evolved from what it was to what it is today. He would have liked that kind of information available to the public.

Mr. Leonard Goddard feels that if it becomes necessary, with the money the people use to pay taxes with, a traffic light should be put in at the intersection of Routes 244 and 5.

Mr. Claude Williams feels that the changes that occur in this neighborhood need to be defined more or else it will continue to destroy the people that live right in the neighborhood. If the Board decides to approve this rezoning, Mr. Williams hopes that knowing the problems that have occurred before with the setbacks, that the Commissioners take a hard look at the normal setbacks that are allowed in the Zoning Ordinance so that the home owners in the area can be protected.

Mr. Lloyd Suit, who owns property approximately 1/2 mile of Mr. Goddard's property, did not feel that it was fair that the automobile business next to Mr. Goddard's property had access to Route 5 and Mr. Goddard does not.

Mr. Mike Bridges commented on the traffic light situation brought up in earlier testimony by Mr. Leonard Goddard. Mr. Bridges feels it would be too expensive to install at this time.

Commissioner Jarboe asked Mr. Harris what would be the problem for getting access to Route 244. Mr. Harris replied that they would like to get as much access to Route 244 as possible. He feels that there is not much choice, but he feels it can be lived with.

Commissioner Thompson asked Mr. Goddard about his 5-acre tract, as to whether he was wanting it all to be rezoned. Mr. Goddard felt it would be easier and cheaper to do it all once and get it over with.

Commissioner Thompson stated that one basis they had for making the change of the two is a change in the neighborhood. All the people present at the hearing verified the fact of the change in the community in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Bailey noted that it was still up to the State to approve access on Route 5.

Mr. Gerred stated that additional information was requested by the Board and that the hearing should be held open to a point and time certain that at the next meeting the information should be received so that anyone not agreeing with it has the opportunity to rebutt the information.

Hearing no further testimony, the Chair entertained a motion to close the hearing.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, and unanimously passed, to close the hearing.

STATE RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented a memorandum for the Commissioners' review and approval requesting the Housing Authority to formally accept the administrative responsibility of the State Rental Allowance Program.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to forward the memorandum as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ACCOUNTING

The County Administrator presented an Employment Contract dated March 16, 1987 between the County Commissioners and Joseph W. Suchinsky, Deputy Director/Accounting.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to authorize Commissioner President O'Dell to sign the Contract. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-03
DUKE DRIVE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

The Commissioners having conducted a public hearing on March 3, 1987 on the establishment of a Special Taxing District for Duke Drive located in Prospect Hill Subdivision, Third Election District, the County Administrator presented the referenced Ordinance for approval.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and sign the Ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

HOLLYWOOD OPTIMIST CLUB
FIRE PREVENTION GRANT

Commissioner Thompson advised that in 1985 the Board of County Commissioners prepared correspondence endorsing a grant application of the Hollywood Optimist Club to be used for fire prevention. He explained that the Hollywood Optimist Club is again requesting a letter of endorsement for a fire prevention grant in the amount of \$18,750.

The County Administrator was requested to prepare the letter for the Commissioners' signatures.

Commissioner O'Dell requested Commissioner Thompson to obtain a copy of the grant application for the County's records.

CHAPTICO RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE


Commissioner Bailey pointed out that the Committee did not have a resident of Wicomico Shores and therefore moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to appoint Melvin Reed to the Advisory Committee in an ex-officio capacity. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

At this time the Commissioners conducted a public forum whereby comments and questions were received from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED,

Joseph P. O'Dell
President