

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 1988

Present: Commissioner Carl M. Loffler, Jr., President  
Commissioner W. Edward Bailey  
Commissioner Robert T. Jarboe  
Commissioner John G. Lancaster  
Commissioner Rodney Thompson  
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator  
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, March 29, 1988. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

RELAY SYSTEM FOR DEAF

Present: Phebe Barth, Director, Office of Community Services

Ms. Barth appeared before the Commissioners to present an update on the status of the Relay System for the Deaf that was presented by the Ladies Lions Club on December 1, 1988. She stated that the TTY equipment was donated to be placed at the Library, and C&P has installed it at no cost. She stated that there is only one line, which is used by the deaf to communicate with each other; however, another line is needed for a hearing individual to relay messages for the deaf.

In closing the Commissioners thanked Ms. Barth for the information, and requested her to get additional information on the additional line.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Administrator presented the following Budget Amendments recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with justifications as indicated:

No. 88-47

Finance

For payment to Cox, Long & Colvin for development of implementation plan and procedures for collection of Energy Tax - \$5,400.

No. 88-48

Public Works

To increase: Lexington Park Roadway - \$15,936  
Lexington Park Roadway - 8,471  
Lexington Park Transp. Study - 11,774

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Budget Amendments as presented. Motion carried.

2) LEGISLATIVE ITEMS STATUS

The County Administrator presented a status sheet of the County's legislative items. The last day of the 1988 General Assembly is April 11.

3) OFFICE ON AGING - NGA  
TITLES III-B, C-1, C-2

The County Administrator advised that the federal government has increased funds to enhance the Title III-B, C-1, and C-2. St. Mary's total award is now in the amount of \$150,150. There is no cost to the County.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the NGA as presented. Motion carried.

4) DEAUTHORIZATION - BRETON BAY CHANNEL

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated March 24, 1988 from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the deauthorization of certain navigation projects and inquiring as to the deauthorization of the dredging of the Breton Bay Channel, which was authorized in 1902.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign correspondence to the Corps of Engineers agreeing to the deauthorization of Breton Bay channel. Motion carried.

5) CONTRACT SERVICES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT ST. MARY'S

The County Administrator presented for the Commissioners' review the referenced contract with Charles County Community College at St. Mary's. He stated that there are sufficient funds in the recommended budget to implement the contract.

The Commissioners agreed to defer a decision until next week's meeting.

6) SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS POSITION

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated March 8, 1988 requesting the submission of five qualified applicants for the Supervisor of Assessments position in light of the pending retirement of William S. Lawrence. Therefore, Mr. Cox presented a letter for the Commissioners' signatures to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation forwarding a list of five applicants as requested.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to sign and forward the letter as presented. Motion carried.

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Present: Blacklock Wills, Chairman  
Capt. Stuart Fitrell

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to reiterate a previous request for the County's support and participation for the development and funding of a regional tourism marketing plan. Mr. Wills advised that a conservative estimate of return is \$4.00 for every \$1.00 spent. He indicated that with the implementation of the public accommodations tax, funding could be provided for this endeavor, and therefore presented a proposed formula.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler noted that tourism should be a concerted effort of all groups providing tourism promotion. Commissioner Bailey further suggested that the Wills Group make contact with motel owners to get their cooperation in the tourism effort.

EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Present: Laura Cirrincione, President, EASMC  
Charles Purcell, Negotiator  
Bob Pellicoro, Accountant, MSTA

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request the Board to honor the three-year agreement negotiated last year, which calls for a salary enhancement of 7% per year. Various documents were presented to support their position that the County has the fiscal resources to honor the agreement and they requested the Commissioners to arrange priorities to allocate the necessary funds.

The Commissioners stated that the goals of the County Commissioners and the EASMC are the same--to provide the best quality education that the County can afford and that the question of affordability is a difficult one to answer when compared to the many other needs of the community.

The Commissioners further advised the EASMC representatives that the Recommended Budget has been forwarded to the Board of Education for revision of priorities and possible categorical changes.

On April 12 the Board of Education and the County Commissioners will meet to discuss the Recommended Budget and to negotiate possible revisions.

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Frank Gerred, Director, Office of Planning and Zoning  
Betsy Anthony, Recording Secretary

SPEC # 87-2001: ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT MASTER PLAN and  
AIRCRAFT OVERFLIGHT AREAS DESIGNATION

The Airport Master Plan designates certain areas as Clear Zones in which no building will be permitted due to safety considerations associated with Airport activities. The Plan under review will designate those clear zones as Aircraft Overflight Areas of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Maps.

Present: John Paradis, Chairman, Airport Commission  
Thomas McGuyre, Member, Airport Commission

Commissioner Jarboe asked if all the necessary changes had been made on the plan, and Mr. Gerred replied affirmatively.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, and unanimously passed, to approve the St. Mary's County Airport Master Plan.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, and unanimously passed, to request the Assistant County Attorney to prepare the appropriate resolution adopting the St. Mary's County Airport Master Plan and Airport Overflight Areas Designation.

AIRPORT LEASE

Present: John Paradis, Chairman, Airport Commission  
Thomas McGuyre, Member, Airport Commission  
Arthur Bildman, President and Agent  
Airpark Sales & Service, Inc., lessee

Commissioner Loffler explained that the lease for the St. Mary's County Airport was before the Commissioners for renewal as recommended by the Airport Commission. He noted several items of concern which primarily dealt with the operation of the Airport. He expressed concern over the fact that those projects need close coordination between the County Commissioners and the Airport Commission.

During discussion of the lease, it was noted by Mr. Bildman that there had been some changes in the lease regarding paragraph 16.

Commissioner Loffler instructed Mr. Paradis and Mr. Bildman to come to an agreement with regards to paragraph 16 of the lease and that the Commissioners would accept Airpark Sales & Service, Inc., as the sub-lessee in place of Atlantic Aero.

Decision deferred at this time.

Later in the meeting Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Operating Lease between St. Mary's County Airport and Airpark Sales and Service, and further to accept the Release to be signed by H. Earl Hopkins, the previous operator. Motion carried.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners presented the following Proclamations:

(1) AMERICAN HOME WEEK

Present: Lyle Sakie, So. Md. Board of Realtors

Designating the week of April 1988 as American Home Week in St. Mary's County.

(2) HARMONY MONTH

Present: Barbershop Quarter of St. Mary's County

Designating the Month of April as Harmony Month

(3) FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Present: Serita McFarling  
Richard Portee  
Nancy Hutson

Designating the Month of April as Fair Housing Month in St. Mary's County.

#### FY '89 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REVIEWS

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

Recreation and Parks

Also Present: John Baggett, Director

Mr. Baggett requested the Board's consideration for the following:

1. That \$4,000 be taken from the Museum budget and restored for tennis courts. He stated that the Museum should be able to raise those funds.
2. That the full time crew chief position be restored - \$13,000
3. That the Enterprise Revolving Fund amount be \$56,000

Office of Planning and Zoning

Also Present: Frank Gerred, Director  
Anita Meridith, Office Manager

Mr. Gerred requested the Board's consideration for the following:

1. Restoration of the Secretary II position and elimination of the Secretary I position.
2. That the space needs of OPZ be addressed.

Office of Community Services

Also Present: Phebe Barth, Director

Ms. Barth requested the Board's consideration for the following:

1. Restoration of the part-time clerical position - \$8,958.
2. Reconsideration of the Summer Youth Employment Program funds.

LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

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

Mr. Wade presented for FY '88 three alternatives for financing the Lease/Purchase for equipment. He stated that Alex Brown \* Sons recommended the acceptance of Citicorp North America's to finance the Lease Purchase of equipment for FY 1988. Citicorp North America prepared three alternative draw down proposals. Mr. Wade recommended that the County accept Alternative #2 in the amount of \$696,100. Mr. Wade indicated that this alternative offers the advantage of level payments.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize commissioner Loffler to sign the Acceptance of Offer awarding the project to Citicorp North America in the amount of \$696,100. Motion carried.

(THE EVENING SESSION BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.)

COMMENDATION - LEONARDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Present: Leonardtown High School Girls Basketball Team

The Commissioners presented a Commendation to the Leonardtown High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the Class A State Championship. In turn the team presented the Commissioners with a plaque similar to the teams award.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Commissioners opened the meeting for the public forum and received questions and comments from the audience as follows:

Floyd Williams - FY '89 Budget

Dick Myers - St. Mary's Academy property

County Council of PTA's

Present: Jean Campbell, President  
Kathy Lacer  
Dan Laskin

Representatives of the County Council of PTA's appeared before the Commissioners during the Public Forum to discuss the quality of education for the students in St. Mary's County. Areas Addressed were: student/teacher ratios, adequate school room space, and elementary school counselors. A copy of the Council's Statement is on file in the Commissioners' office.

Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities, Inc.

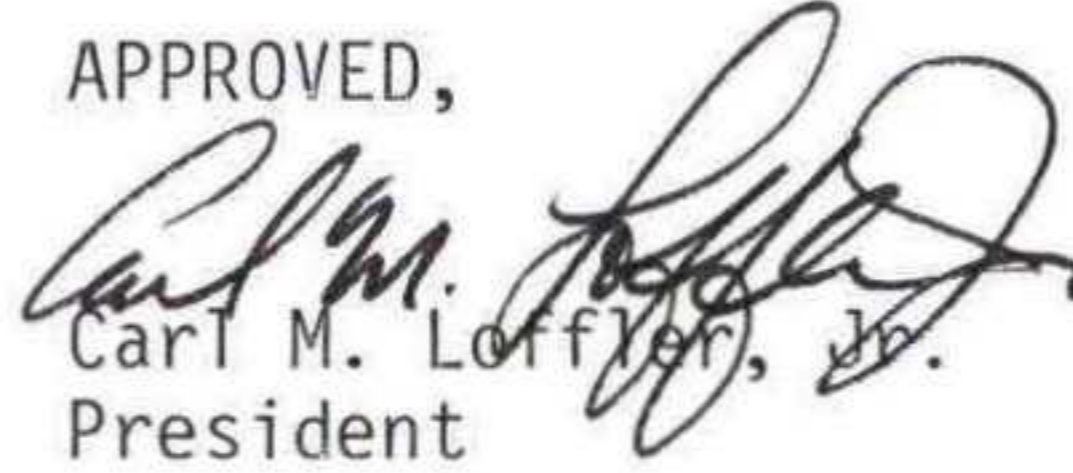
Present: Terri Wilson, Co-President

Ms. Wilson appeared before the Commissioners to present a statement from the Association regarding issues on behalf of the learning disabled. A copy of the Statement is on file in the Commissioners' office.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED,



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.  
President