

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, July 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 8:55 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe, moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, June 28, 1988. Motion carried.

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director, Economic & Community Development

Mr. Mitchell appeared before the Commissioners to obtain confirmation of action taken by the majority of the Commissioners on July 1, 1988 to authorize Commissioner President Loffler to sign the referenced CDBG grant application. Therefore Mr. Mitchell presented the Grant Application for "Tubman Douglass Child Care Center and Training Institute."

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to confirming the signing of the application by Commissioner Loffler. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) SECOND ANNUAL "MARYLAND YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL" PROGRAM

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to appoint Carolyn Billups as the County's liaison to the Second Annual "Maryland You Are Beautiful" Program. Motion carried.

2) 1989 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE  
LETTER OF SOLICITATION

The County County Administrator presented correspondence to be distributed to all departments, agencies, boards, committees and commissions soliciting items for the 1989 Legislative Package. Included in the letter is the time schedule for the legislative package for 1989.

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

3) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

The County Administrator advised that there is a case being pursued by the Permits Office against a local business and because both attorneys have a conflict, the appointment of a special counsel is required. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the matter in Executive Session.



4) CHESAPEAKE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to appoint Marianne Chapman as St. Mary's County's liaison to the Chesapeake Clean Up Campaign Committee. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Present: Dorothy Harper, President, Board of Education  
Rev. Robert Kirkley, "  
Joan Marsh "  
Jonathan Nelson "

The referenced members of the Board of Education appeared before the Commissioners to get clarification on the issue of the three elementary school counselors. Mrs. Harper referred to the May 10 letter from the Commissioners advising that \$3.8 Million was available to the Board of Education. She stated that it was the Board's interpretation that funds for the counselors was a grant outside of the budgeted funds. However, the June 21 letter indicates that funds for the counselors was not additional funds, but part of the allocated amount to the Board of Education.

Mr. Cox explained the letters stating that the May 10 letter merely explained the use of the \$3.8 Million and was not meant to imply there were additional funds for the counselors.

During discussion Mrs. Harper advised that there were no funds available in the Board's budget for the three counselors positions and requested the Commissioners' reconsideration to allocate \$81,000 for this purpose. Mrs. Harper went on to explain the roles of the counselors in the classroom and with individual students.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to consider the request and would advise the Board of their decision by letter.

WORK SESSIONS WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION

In discussing attaining better communication between the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education, both parties agreed that there be monthly work sessions on the third Tuesday of the month.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss a matter of litigation. Motion carried.

Litigation

Also Present: Joseph Densford, Asst. County Attorney  
John Norris, Director, DPW

The Session was held from 10:10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Litigation

Also Present: John Norris, Director, DPW  
George Smith, Director, St. Mary's Nursing Home  
Joseph Tolson, Chairman, Nursing Home Board

The Session was held from 10:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.



Litigation

Also Present: Sheriff Pettit  
Richard Voorhaar  
John Norris, Director, DPW

The Session was held from 11:05 a.m. - 11:20 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: John Norris, Director

1) WILDEWOOD SHOPPING MALL  
BUILDING PERMIT

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the appropriate plans had been submitted from Wildewood Builders, Inc. in accordance with the County's June 7 correspondence. Therefore, Mr. Norris presented correspondence to Mr. Wettengel acknowledging compliance and advising that the building permit is deemed to be valid and in full force and effect.

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

2) OLD NURSING HOME RENOVATION

Mr. Norris requested the Board to appropriate \$11,000 out of the Capital Projects Account in order to do the following: additional excavation of parking area, additional curbing, sidewalk modifications, and bumper blocks.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize the expenditure of \$11,000 as requested with source of funds to be determined by Director of Finance and Mr. Norris and further that the Budget Amendment will be submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Motion carried.

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX RESOLUTION

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

A Public Hearing had been held on May 20, 1986 on the adoption of an Ordinance for a proposed public accommodations tax and was adopted June 10, 1986. Therefore Mr. Wade presented Resolution No. 88-19 imposing a 5% tax effective August 1, 1988.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and sign Resolution No. 88-19 imposing the accommodations tax as presented. Motion carried four to one with Commissioner Bailey voting against stating he was opposed to it at this time because it had been agreed that St. Mary's would adopt such a tax if Charles and Calvert Counties did so and they have not done so.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel. Motion carried.

Personnel

Also present: Jim Weber, Chief, Permits & Inspections

The Session was held from 11:50 a.m. to 12:25 p.m.



STAFF MEETING

The Commissioners attended a staff meeting from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL (continued)

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

The Commissioners continued the Executive Session on Personnel (considerations of appointments to boards, committees and commissions). The Session was held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.

(7:00 P.M.)

PUBLIC FORUM

At this time the Commissioners conducted a public forum accepting questions and comments from the audience as follows:

Mike Bridges - Elementary School Guidance Counselors;  
Educational System  
Accommodations Tax

Dick Myers - Comprehensive Plan Approval Process  
Dr. Lorton as Superintendent

Louis Eberle - Guidance Counselors  
Comprehensive Plan

James Smith - Guidance Counselors  
Town Creek Marina situation

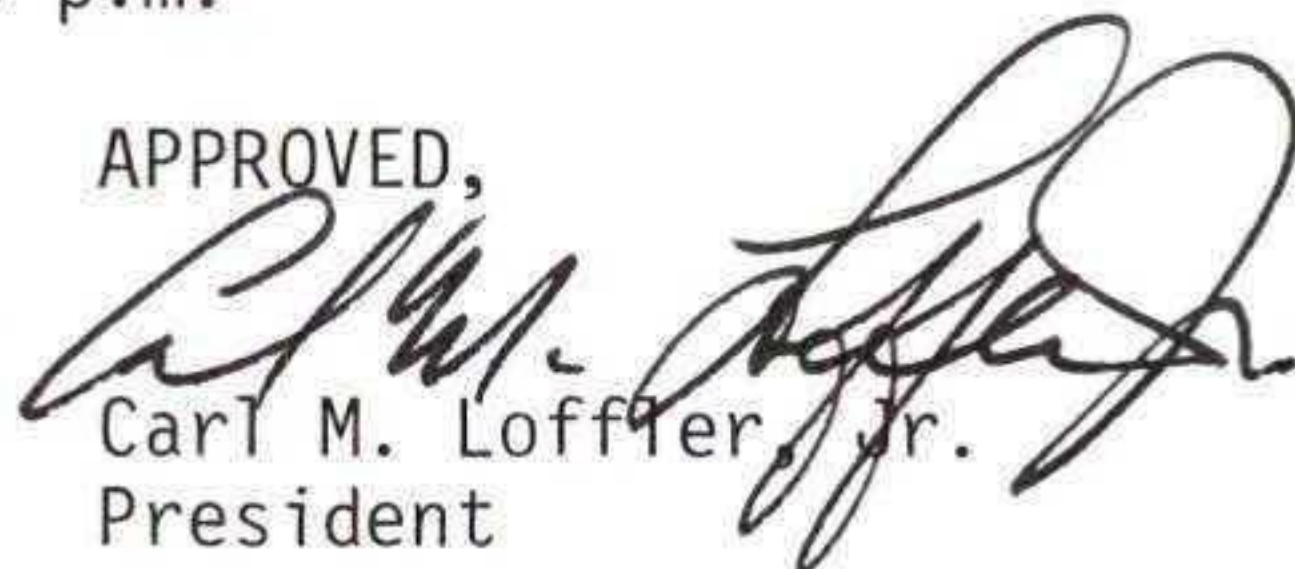
Floyd Williams - Guidance Counselors

Mike Bridges - Accommodations Tax

Viki Volk - Charter Board  
Qualifications for Superintendent

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED,  
  
Carl M. Loffler, Jr.  
President