

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 5, 1989

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
Margaret Nelson, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, August 29, 1989 and the Planning and Zoning minutes of August 22 and August 29, 1989. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Present: Edward V. Cox

1) Leonard Hall Eighth Grade Students

The County Administrator introduced the Leonard Hall eighth grade students who were observing the County Commissioners' meeting because they are presently studying county government.

2) Distribution of Commodities Extension

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated August 22, 1989 from Frank Blanton, Executive Director of the Community Services Administration requesting Commissioner authorization for a second one-year renewal of the Agreement for Distribution of Commodities and Funds for Temporary Emergency Food Assistance. The Agreement will renew the Program contract for the period of October 1, 1989 through September 30, 1990. Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Letter of Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

3) Letter of Gratitude

The County Administrator presented a letter for Commissioners' signatures thanking Mr. Al Rudman, Manager of Mattingly's Foodliner for his donation of stuffed ham and biscuits for the Maryland Association of Counties Annual Conference that was held in Ocean City in August.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director

The Director of Economic & Community Development presented a Letter of Intent for Commissioner approval that would enable St. Mary's County to receive allocated funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program for Fiscal Year 1990 in the amount of \$71,497. Funds under this program can be used for rehabilitation of single family homes, rental properties containing up to 100 dwelling units, and buildings which serve the commercial or social needs of a community.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board of sign the Letter of Intent as presented. Motion carried.

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION BONDS
PUBLIC HEARING

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

The Director of Finance opened the floor for Public Hearing comments and discussion concerning transportation bonds in the amount of \$600,000. With no comments from the floor the hearing was closed. The record will be held open for ten days for further comments.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA TRADEMARK

Commissioner Thompson reported that Hollywood, California agreed to drop their application for the exclusive use of the Hollywood trademark and said they would instead apply for use of the Hollywood trademark for specific areas. Commissioner Thompson felt that the eleven other Hollywoods would not oppose that request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried. The session ended at 9:48 a.m.

AGRICULTURE/SEAFOOD COMMISSION

Present: Bradford Reeves
Jim Banagan
Jim Beavans
Walter Raum

1) Agriculture/Seafood Development Specialist

The Commission members were not in agreement with the Herget study that downgraded the position of the Agriculture/Seafood Development Specialist. They commended the work that has been accomplished through that position and the uniqueness that has contributed to direct contact with farmers, watermen, the community and all activities associated with development of the agriculture/seafood industries. They requested the Board of County Commissioners' reconsideration.

2) Agriculture Representation on Economic Development Commission

There was unanimous agreement by that Agriculture/Seafood Commission that there should be representation by agriculture on EDC and recommended that the Chairman of the Agriculture/Seafood Commission be that representative.

3) Agriculture Land Preservation Districts

Mr. Reeves felt there were not enough incentives in St. Mary's County for St. Mary's farmers to join in the preservation districts. He pointed out the following innovations from various counties

- a. Charles County - has tax relief for farm land;
- b. Montgomery County - has county easement program concerning the appraisal process;
- c. Howard County - buys easements and pays for over a 30-year period;
- d. Carroll County - pays 5% of easement price at time land is entered into the district; after sale to state program the county pays another 5%.

Commissioner Bailey feels the public should be educated concerning agriculture preservation and any future restrictions pointed out before entering land into the preservation districts.

Commissioner Jarboe stated that he has discussed the matter with Secretary Cauley who said the state is looking into the preservation program.

LORETTA HOUSE UPDATE

Present: Michael Whitson

Mr. Whitson reported that Loretta House is most fortunate in receiving funds from the county fundraisers, and particularly for its uniqueness of acquiring state funds for capital improvements. He reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming annual race scheduled for September 9 and invited their participation.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Daniel F. Ichniowski, Director

1) Dukehart's Creek

A Letter of Intent was presented from Bryan T. Dugan, the landowner's attorney, dated August 21, 1989 in which he requested Commissioner approval to include a length of agreement clause. Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Letter of Intent extending the length of Agreement. Motion carried.

2) Recycling Program

The Director of Public works updated the Commissioners on the recycling program that is being undertaken by the consulting firm of Gerschurn, Gerschman, Britton and Bratman. The recycling committee will serve as advisors to the firm. Because a coordinator is needed from St. Mary's County, Mr. Ichniowski requested that the Board appoint him to the position at this time as liaison with the state and county. Once the recycling needs have been established he foresees transferring the position to someone else.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, appointing the Director of Public Works as Recycling Coordinator for St. Mary's County. Motion carried.

3) Waste Oil Collection

Mr. Ichniowski reported that 550 gallons of waste oil was collected in July; 940 gallons collected during August; totalling 1,490 gallons.

4) Asphalt Overlay and Slurry Seal Programs

The Director of Public Works distributed information showing the proposed Fiscal Year 1990 asphalt overlay and slurry seal programs for county roads in each election district.

5) Tipping Fees

Mr. Ichniowski reported the fees collected at the St. Andrew's Landfill amounted to approximately \$400,000 for the first six months. Because of several delinquent accounts, consideration is being given to implementing a delinquent payment process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At the request of Mr. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, for executive session, Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to enter into executive session for land acquisition. Motion carried. The session began at 10:52 a.m. and concluded at 11:14 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to enter into executive session for personnel matters. Motion carried. Joining the session were the Director of Public Works, Dan Ichniowski and Acting County Attorney, Joseph Densford. The session began at 11:15 a.m. and ended at 11:30 a.m.

PROCLAMATION

U.S. POWER SQUADRON DAY

Commissioner Loffler presented a proclamation to members of the U.S. Power Squadron and recognized the unique and important contribution made by the organization founded by recreational boaters who hoped to make this nation's waterways safer and more enjoyable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to enter into executive session for possible litigation purpose. Motion carried. Joining the session was Benjamin Burroughs, Jr. The session began at 11:43 a.m. and ended at 12:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to enter into executive session for personnel matters. Motion carried. Sheriff Wayne L. Pettit joined the session. The session began at 12:08 p.m. and concluded at 12:29 p.m.

STAFF MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator and Department Heads began a staff meeting held at the Garvey Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. and ended at 3:00 p.m.

EVENING MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

Present: John V. Baggett, Director

Informational Report

Proposed Regulations for Public Landings & Boat Launching Ramps

The Director of Recreation and Parks presented a report on public landings and boat launching ramps. Mr. Baggett presented six proposals for governing their usage which he suggested incorporating into an ordinance. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Baggett was directed to continue monitoring the situations at the public landings and boat ramps and return another time with an updated status.

PUBLIC FORUM - 7:30 P.M.

Minnie Russell - Problem with public wharf being blocked, loitering and public nuisance in the area;

Louis Eberle - Feels Ordinance would enforce rules when required at the boat ramps and landings;

Floyd Williams - If there are not enough problems to adopt an Ordinance, adding more laws could create more problems;

Viki Volk - Asked each Commissioner his opinion of the Charter if it should or should not be voted in. Will the vote reflect the county's current assessment of how it is run?

Louis Eberle - When talking with a number of people they expressed dissatisfaction in how the Charter was written;

Floyd Williams - Feels public is dissatisfied with Charter Committee and the public was not properly informed;

Kay Reed - The Charter is a good learning experience;

Floyd Williams - Chemicals used for erradicating Johnsongrass and assistance from the state;

APPLICATION FOR 1990 LITERACY WORKS GRANT

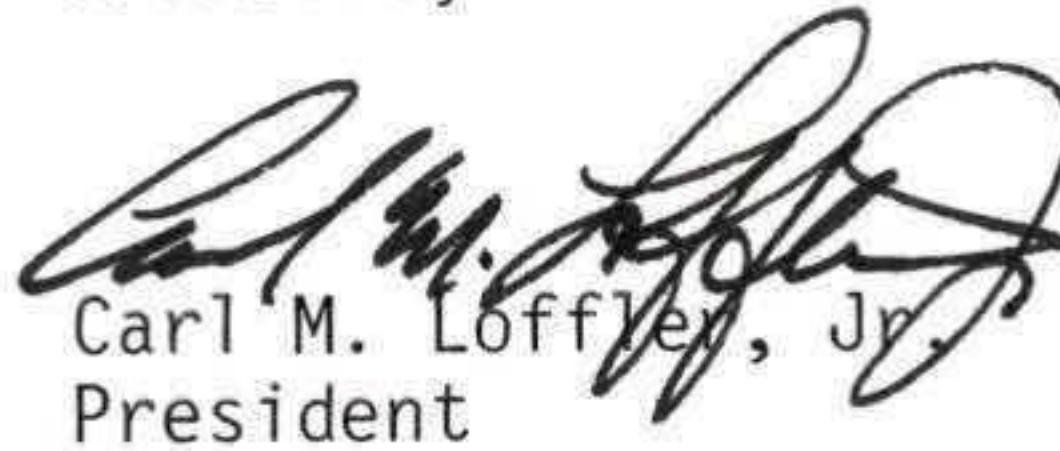
The County Administrator presented for approval the application for the FY 90 Literacy Works grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of October 1, 1989 to July 1, 1990. This grant will provide funds for tutoring services through the local Board of Education.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, authorizing the President of the Board to sign the grant as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED,


Carl M. Löffler, Jr.
President