

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, November 20, 1990

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, November 13, 1990. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1. **INFORMATION RELEASE**
RECYCLING PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented an Information Release setting forth the County's initiatives relative to its recycling efforts.

2) **NAACP - MINORITY BUSINESS**

The County Administrator advised that correspondence was received from Christina Verleger, Assistant General Council of the NAACP inquiring as to the county's efforts regarding minority business. County Administrator Cox presented correspondence providing information on minority businesses in St. Mary's County for the Commissioners' signatures.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

3) **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT**

The County Administrator presented the 1991 Stormwater Grant Agreement in the amount of \$69,331, which is less than the \$132,012 requested by the County on June 22.

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

4) **CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. MD901105-1003**
GREENWAY ADDENDUM TO LAND PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PLAN

The County Administrator presented the referenced clearinghouse project and recommended that it be forwarded to the State with the comment that it is consistent with the County's plans, programs, and objectives.

The Commissioners agreed with this recommendation.

5) MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE-AID SECONDARY AND URBAN NON-ATTRIBUTABLE PROGRAMS

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated November 15 from the State Highway Administration forwarding a copy of a proposed Master Agreement. He stated that SHA had previously entered into an annual agreement with each county which has created a cumbersome process with delays in funding. The Master Agreement would create a binding contract and each jurisdiction would have the option whether to participate or not for any given year.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Master Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

6) BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 91-24
TEEN CENTER

The County Administrator presented Budget Amendment No. 91-24 recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with the following justification: Funding for teen center approved by County Commissioners on November 13, 1990 - \$11,900 (for balance of FY '91).

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Budget Amendment as submitted. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

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

ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES

Present: Jerry Himmelheber, Coordinator, School Facilities
Jon Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to review the Adequate Public Facilities requirement of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Himmelheber stated that the Board of Education adopted two Resolutions: (1) School Capacity to Meet requirements for Adequate Facilities Ordinance and (2) School Population Generations from Proposed Developments for Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance. A public hearing has tentatively been scheduled for December 11 regarding these Resolutions.

During discussion Mr. Himmelheber distributed information regarding the local rated capacity for each of the County's schools. He also distributed historical enrollment figures as well as average students per household figures for years 1980 - 1989

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to conduct a public hearing on the Board of Education Resolutions as presented on December 11 at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Present: Jerry Himmelheber

Mr. Himmelheber presented and reviewed the Board of Education's Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 1992 - 1997, which was submitted to the Interagency Committee for State Public School Construction on October 9. A Resolution will be presented to the Commissioners accepting the Program to be submitted to the State by December 7.

The Commissioners agreed to take action on the Resolution at their meeting of December 4.

FISCAL YEAR 1990 AUDIT REPORT

Present: John Cox, Cox, Long, and Colvin
Charles Wade, Director of Finance

Mr. Cox appeared before the Commissioners to present and review the County's Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 1990 as well as a Summary of the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 1990. During review Mr. Cox pointed out the County's increase in fund balance, comparisons of actual revenues and expenditures to budgeted figures, general long-term obligations, and ratios of improving financial conditions.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler requested a breakdown of the County's debt in order to separate out the County's obligations from other indebtedness. Mr. Wade will prepare that information for the Commissioners.

WATER POLICY

Present: Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Hygiene
Larry Petty, Director, Metropolitan Commission

As a follow up to last week's presentation by Robert Miller of the Water Resources Administration, the Commissioners discussed the State's offer of a test well in the northern end of the County.

Mr. Russell indicated that he is awaiting a well log that had been done by the drillers of the test well at the Veterans Home at Charlotte Hall several years ago. He further pointed out that the County may want to adopt a policy setting the pump to the minimum water level.

During discussion of the test well, the County Administrator advised that the cost will be \$9,000 (\$1,000 from the County for a backhoe, and \$8,000 for two test wells: Aquia at Golden Beach, and a deeper aquifer at an as yet undesignated area in the northern end of the County. Mr. Russell indicated that one test well is only one data point of the aquifer and does not give an overall geographic picture. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of additional test wells and requested the County Administrator to contact WRA to determine if it can be done and the cost of doing it particularly around the development district in the northern end of the County. Mr. Cox will report back to the Commissioners next week regarding test wells.

Discussion ensued regarding the formation of a task force to develop a water policy and standards for the County. The Committee should include representatives from the Health Department, Metropolitan Commission, drillers, and concerned citizens. Mr. Cox, Mr. Russell and Mr. Petty will develop recommendations for makeup of this committee for the Board's consideration.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Present: Charles Wade, Director of Finance

1) HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Mr. Wade presented a memorandum dated November 15 indicating that the General Assembly passed the Property Tax Reform Act of 1990 which permits the County to set the percentage increase used for computation of the Homestead tax credit between 0% and 10%. Mr. Wade advised that the State has set the percentage it will allow assessments to rise for the State property taxes at 10%. He recommended following the State in setting the percentage at 10% effective January 1, 1991.

In closing Mr. Wade advised that a public hearing has been scheduled for December 11 on the tax credit.

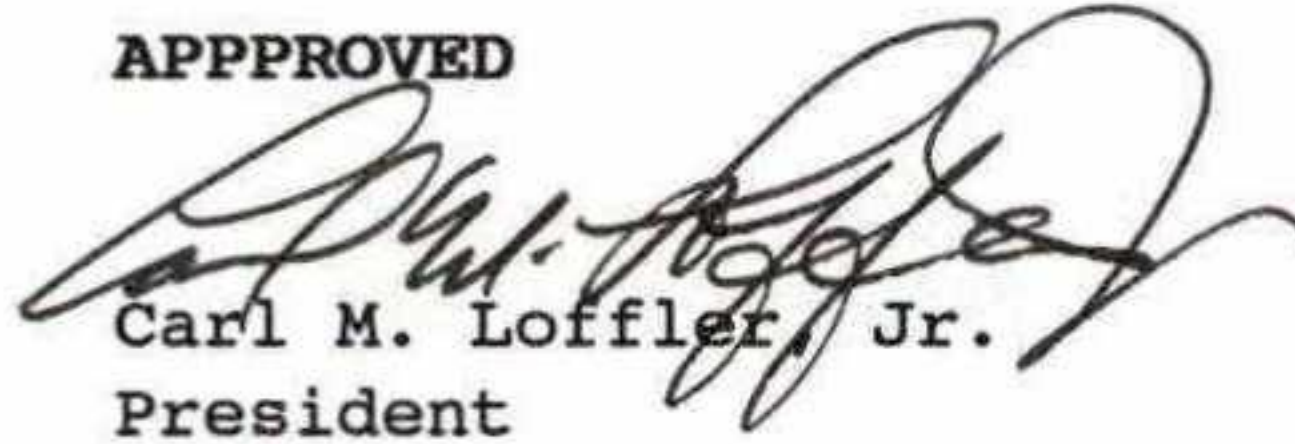
2) 1990 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE

Mr. Wade distributed a handout listing the capital projects for road improvements, public buildings, landfills, schools, and airport improvements for the 1990 Bond Issue in the aggregate amount of \$6,850,000. Representatives from Piper & Marbury will be before the Commissioners next week to review the Bond Issue Resolution. The Bond sale is scheduled for December 13.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President