

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, February 26, 1991

Present: Commissioner Carl M. Loffler, Jr., President
W. Edward Bailey, Commissioner
Robert T. Jarboe, Commissioner
John G. Lancaster, Commissioner
Barbara R. 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 Jarboe, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 1991. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Check Register as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Also Present: Joseph Mitchell, Director

RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Commissioners received correspondence dated February 15 from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development indicating that the County's Rental Allows Program (RAP) Application for Fiscal Year 1991 had been approved in the amount of \$56,340.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the grant agreement between the Community Development Administration and St. Mary's County for the Rental Allowance Program. Motion carried.

**SPRING VALLEY APARTMENTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION
RESOLUTION NO. 91-04**

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Community Development Administration received an application from Harkins Humphries Associates and Tri-County Development Corporation for a loan under the multi-family bond program and local government endorsement is requested. Therefore, Mr. Mitchell presented a Resolution indicating the County Commissioners endorsement of the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and/or operation of the 128-unit project and endorsing the project, operating or capital assistance for the benefit of families of lower income in the proposed project. The Resolution has been reviewed by the County Attorney and Office of Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and sign the Resolution for the Spring Valley Apartments as presented. Motion carried.

2) SIXTH DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to Superintendent Burroughs assuring him of prompt and efficient handling of the new Sixth District Elementary School project.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

3) MARYLAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARENTS PROJECT

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to Dr. Marek, County Health Officer, endorsing Maryland's Most Beautiful Parents project and pledging cooperation to make this program a success.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

4) RESPONSE TO MRS. GASPAROVIC

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to Mrs. Pauline Gasparovic responding to her letter regarding tax assessments.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

5) LORETTA HOUSE FUNDING

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Boards of Commissioners of Charles and Calvert Counties requesting reconsideration of the County's request of October 2 relative to proportionate sharing of costs for Loretta House. The letter request consideration of funding the shortfall of \$15,000 with each county funding \$5,000. The letter further requests each Board to include proportionate funding in the Fiscal 1992 budgets.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letter.

6) 1991 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE
STATUS SHEET

The County Administrator presented an updated 1991 Legislative Package status sheet. He pointed out that the Metropolitan Commission forwarded correspondence dated February 11 offering a compromise of amending the water/sewer plan and requesting the county to withdraw the legislation.

The Commissioners agreed to defer a decision until next week in order for the County Administrator to determine the impact of the request.

7) RESOLUTION NO. Z91-
AICUZ AMENDMENTS
CEDAR COVE PUD AND PROPERTIES ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF
MARYLAND ROUTE 235 AND ROUTE 712, AND PATUXENT RIVER

The Commissioners conducted a public hearing on October 23 and held subsequent discussion on the Office of Planning and Zoning's application to correct two perceived errors in the designation of the Aircraft Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) on certain properties located in the Eighth Election District of St. Mary's County, Maryland described as (1) a portion of Patuxent River NAS and those properties located at the corner of Maryland Route 235 and Route 712 (Parcels 9, 97, 112, 118, and 119 on Tax Map 52) zoned RPD or RC/APZ2, and (2) part of the Cedar Cove PUD (Parcel 87 on Tax Map 52) zoned PDR 3.5.

The County Administrator presented a Resolution granting the application and indicating that the official zoning maps are to be corrected to reflect the above-mentioned changes in the AICUZ boundaries for the subject properties.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and sign Resolution No. Z91- granting approval of the referenced application. Motion carried.

9) RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT
CARETAKER - WICOMICO SHORES

The County Administrator presented an Agreement dated February 12, 1991 between Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Thomas Snellings, caretaker for lease of a mobile home located at Wicomico Shores Subdivision.

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

10) OFFICE ON AGING
RETIRE SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

The County Administrator presented the referenced Retired Senior Volunteer Program grant renewal application for the period July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioners Bailey, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the RSVP grant renewal application. Motion carried.

11) APPRECIATION DAY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL

The County Administrator presented a memorandum outlining a proposal for an Appreciation Day for volunteer firefighters and rescue squad personnel in order to demonstrate community appreciation for their efforts. Tentative dates for the event are June 22 or June 23 at Dorsey Park. Maximum cost is estimated at \$5,000.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to proceed with the Appreciation Day as outlined. Motion carried.

10) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ITEMS

On behalf of the Department of Public Works, the County Administrator presented the following for the Commissioners' consideration:

- **Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement - Hughesville Warehouse**
Agreement between Board of County Commissioners, Southern Maryland Electric and Hughesville Warehouse, Inc. for the purpose of underground drain field.

Commissioner Loffler questioned whether a septic easement is a permanent easement. County Administrator Cox will look into the proposed railroad right-of-way use and return it to the Board for decision next week.

- **Letters of Claim**

San Souci Plaza, Phase IV, SWM, Grading Permit 89-48
\$50,000

Cedar Cove, Section IV, SWM, Grading Permit 90-01
\$236,200

Great Mills Center, Phase III, Grading Permit 89-42
\$58,750

Boatel California, Construction ROW Permit CP 03/90
ROW-04 - \$46,700

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Letters of Claim, to be forwarded if necessary. Motion carried.

- Country Lakes, Section V

Deed dated October 6, 1989 accepting Cox Drive, Elmer Court, Jeannie Court, Carrie Court, Glenn Court, Lenore Court, Julia Court into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R90-66 posting Cox Drive, Julia Court, Glenn Court, Carrie Court, Elmer Court, Jeannie Court, and Lenore Court at 25 miles per hour.

Road Resolution No. R90-67 designating the following as Stop Streets:

Cox Drive as it intersects with Mechanicsville Chaptico Road;
Julia Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;
Glenn Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;
Carrie Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;
Elmer Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;
Jeannie Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;
Lenore Court as it intersects with Cox Drive;

Cedar Cove Subdivision, Section 4

Deed between Jay Laurence Millison and St. Mary's County Commissioners accepting Surfside Drive into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Deed between Jay Laurence Millison and St. Mary's County Commissioners accepting Long Lane into the County Highway Maintenance System.

Road Resolution No. R90-64 designating Surfside Drive as a Stop Street at its intersection with Long Lane;

Road Resolution No. R90-65 posting streets in the Cedar Cove Subdivision, Section 4, at 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to accept the deeds for Country Lakes and Cedar Cove and to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Road Resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION
MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

Present: Raul Hernandez

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation designating the Month of March as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

FISCAL YEAR 1991 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance

As a follow up to February 19 discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 1991 Supplemental Budget, Mr. Wade presented a forecast of revenues for Fiscal Year 1992 and discussed comparisons with revenues for Fiscal Year 1991. He estimated that General Fund receipts for Fiscal Year 1991 will

be \$606,000 short of the projected amounts in the budget. The Fiscal Year 1992 General Fund receipts forecast indicates that \$2,646,000 new funds would be available for appropriation to fund approximately \$9,718,00 new funds requested.

Relative to the Fiscal Year 1991 Supplemental Appropriation, Mr. Wade presented three alternatives:

Alternative #1 - Total Appropriation: \$3,093,497
(as previously presented on 2/19)

Alternative #2 - Deletes all items for County Departments with the exception of:
\$ 698,000 - Lease Purchase
\$1,000,000 - Asphalt Overlay
\$ 60,000 - Greenview Knolls

Appropriate all Board of Education items in the original supplemental proposal

Total Appropriation: \$2,975,820
Reduction: \$ 117,677

Alternative #3 - Delete all items for county departments with the exception of:
(Same as Alternate #2)

Appropriate to the Board of Education: \$896,820

Total Appropriation \$2,627,820
Reduction: \$ 465,677

Mr. Cox and Mr. Wade recommended that the Commissioners accept Alternative #3 which would give \$465,000 to be used for either Capital or General Fund.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler indicated that he was not comfortable with the States projection of 6.6% increase in the County's tax base, and believed that it should be higher. County Administrator Cox explained that this is the figure that should be used, and if the county used figures beyond that amount, it could put the County in a deficit situation. Mr. Wade indicated that he would have more definite figures by the middle or end of March.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to accept Alternative #3 as referenced above. Commissioners Loffler, Lancaster and Thompson voted against the motion. Motion defeated two to three.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept Alternative #2 for the Fiscal Year 1991 Supplemental Appropriation Budget. Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted against the motion. Motion carried. three to two.

Ordinance No. 91-05
FY '91 Supplemental Appropriation

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and sign Ordinance No. 91-05 to increase the Fiscal Year 1991 Budget in the amount of \$2,975,820. Commissioners Bailey and Jarboe voted against the motion. Motion carried. three to two.

With regard to the Commissioners decision to accept Alternative #2, Mr. Wade presented a Letter of Certification to the Board indicating that \$2,975,820 is available for appropriation from designated fund balances.

Budget Amendment No. 91-42
Various Departments

Mr. Wade presented the referenced Budget Amendment which provides funds for items deleted from the FY '91 Supplemental Appropriation totalling \$69,420.

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


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

(The Commissioners left at 10:00 a.m. to attend a hearing in Annapolis on the Maryland 2020 Growth Allocation Plan.)

(The Alliance for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention conducted a meeting on the "War on Drugs" at the Carter State Office Building Public Meeting Room. The Commissioners were unable to attend because of hearing in Annapolis.

APPROVED


Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President