

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, July 23, 1991

Present: 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 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, July 16, 1991 and the Planning and Zoning portion of the July 16, 1991 minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) **SOUTHERN MARYLAND WOOD TREATMENT PLANT**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency indicating that the Commissioners do not believe there is sufficient information to justify moving forward with incineration process at the Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant. The letter points out the establishment of a Task Force which will development recommendations after which the County wishes to enter into a three-party agreement with EPA and MDE defining the clean-up activities and methodology.

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

2) **PERSONNEL**

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW POSITION - STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated July 22, 1991 from the Personnel Officer indicating that the State's Attorney has requested the establishment of a full-time position for a Case Coordinator I, Grade 10. The position will be funded from the increased revenues that will be produced through monitoring and expanded services.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

3) **DRAFT RESOLUTION
LEGAL ADVERTISING**

The County Administrator presented a draft Resolution setting forth a policy statement for legal advertisement publications. He stated that although there is currently only one publication that meets the legal requirements for advertising, this would prepare the County in the eventuality of other publications meeting those requirements. Mr. Cox stated that he would bring this document up again at a future meeting.

4) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY - FRASER**

The County Administrator presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of County Commissioners and William and Alex Fraser regarding the conveyance of approximately one acre in the Oakville area (portion of Tax Map 14, Parcel 23, and parcel 110) to the Frasers). The subject property is intended for use as access to the Fraser property.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried.

5) **LEONARDTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the St. Mary's County Board of Education indicating that the County has received several expressions of concern relative to the roof condition at Leonardtown Elementary School. The letter requests an report on the progress on resolving the roof problems and whether the work will be completed by the opening of the school year.

Commissioner Lancaster suggested that the Board of Education should respond to these concerns directly with a copy to the Commissioners. He further pointed out that there was no documentation regarding the complaints. Commissioner Loffler indicated that he had received telephone calls regarding the roof and further stated that the Commissioners should request the information.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Loffler, to sign and forward the letter. Motion carried.

6) **CORRESPONDENCE**

The County Administrator presented the following response letters for the Commissioners' review and signatures:

- To Robert Ray regarding construction at 109 Daniels Road in Hollywood;
- To William Tinsley regarding the correctional facility proposal;
- To Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey regarding the correctional facility proposal;
- To Jean M. Torgerson regarding the Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant;
- To Scott Rowan regarding the disposal of hazardous waste - Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant.
- To Joan L. Bowling, Chairperson, Wicomico-Zekiah Advisory Board regarding the expansion of the design of the Wicomico Shores treatment plant.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the referenced letters.

7) **RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST**
GEORGE LEROY SPALDING, JR.

The County Administrator presented correspondence to George Leroy Spalding, Jr. regarding his request for reclassification and advising him of the proper procedures for the reclassification process during the budget cycle.

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

8) **CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
PORTABLE BUILDING

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated July 19 from the Director of Finance regarding funding for the acquisition of a portable classroom for the Charles County Community College. There is \$7,867 remaining in the Fiscal Year 1990 appropriation to the College, which can be applied to this project; \$20,000 will be provided by the College; and Mr. Wade recommended that \$8,133 from the Sixth District Elementary School site acquisition be applied for this purpose.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve this recommendation, to sign and forward a letter to the Board of Education regarding the use of the \$8,133, and to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$8,133 as presented. Motion carried.

9) **LAND APPLICATION OF SLUDGE - CALVERT COUNTY**

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated July 17 from the Maryland Department of Environment forwarding a Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit Application for the application of sewage sludge on agricultural land in Calvert County by James T. Briscoe. Mr. Cox indicated that since the utilization project is located within one mile of St. Mary's County, the Commissioners may conduct a public informational meeting as provided in the Environment Article 9-234. County Administrator Cox recommended that the Commissioners not request a public meeting on this request.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept the County Administrator's recommendation to not require a public meeting. Motion carried.

10) **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD - RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH**
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented correspondence dated July 15 from the Department of Health and Human Services forwarding the Financial Assistance Award for Fiscal Year 1991 continuation funding for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program through Walden/Sierra, Inc. in the amount of \$75,000.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Financial Assistance Award and related documents as presented. Motion carried.

11) **NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD**
SENIOR CARE (GATEWAY II) GRANT - FISCAL YEAR 1992

The County Administrator presented a Notification of Grant Award for the Senior Care Program (formerly the Gateway II Program) for Fiscal Year 1992. The grant is a combination of appropriate agencies to coordinate gap-filling and case management services for the elderly.

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

12) **NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD
DRUG ALLIANCE PROGRAM**

The County Administrator presented a Notification of Grant Award from ACTION Region III for the Drug Alliance Program in the amount of \$34,332 for the period July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. The purpose of the grant is to fund the Summer Fun Camps.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Notification of Grant Award as presented. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Present: Dan Ichniowski, Director

1) **Yowaiski Mill Road**

As a follow up to previous discussions, Mr. Ichniowski appeared before the Commissioners to report on the status of funding for the Yowaiski Mill Road project and to request authorization to proceed with the design.

Mr. Ichniowski distributed a handout delineating the project area (new construction, reconstruction and reconstruction within Country Lakes Subdivision) and described the project and construction limits as depicted on the handout.

Mr. Ichniowski reviewed the funding for the project and stated that the project first appeared in the Capital Budget in calendar year 1987. In the spring of 1989, a development project was proposed adjacent to the existing Country Lakes Subdivision. The development consisted of 55 lots, as shown on the handout. The Planning Commission had denied access from the development to Bethel Church Road; therefore, access for the development would be through an existing lot in the Country Lakes Subdivision to Tintop School Road. In order to finalize the option agreement with the lot owner, a offer was made to the County for participation in the construction of Yowaiski Mill Road. Preliminary estimates indicated that the cost would be \$2400 per lot, but based upon current estimates, the cost would be \$2,200 per lot, which has been verbally agreed to by the developer and will be used for the Yowaiski Mill Road project.

Additional funding for the project will come from the State Aid Program which had been previously approved when the Commissioners had signed the State Aid Agreement. Allocation of those funds was made during the Fiscal Year 1992 budget process.

During discussion Commissioner Loffler indicated that prior to going forward that adjacent developers should have a similar agreement to participate in the cost of the road construction should their land be developed in the future. Mr. Ichniowski responded that adjacent property owners are not necessarily developers and that they may not develop their property in the near future.

After discussion Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Mr. Ichniowski to proceed with the design of the project. Commissioner Loffler voted against the motion. Motion carried. four to one.

2) **SCOTT CIRCLE - SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT**

For the Commissioners' information, Mr. Ichniowski distributed a draft Ordinance for the establishment of a Special Taxing District for Scott Circle, Golden Beach Subdivision. The Commissioners' public hearing is schedule for August 13.

3) ROADBED OF OLD ROUTE 235 (FORMERLY MD 722)

Mr. Ichniowski presented correspondence addressed to the Maryland Department of Transportation indicating that St. Mary's County does not have included in its Highway Maintenance System the portion of Old Route 235 from Mt. Zion Church Road, north, and therefore considers that portion as abandoned. The letter further indicates that the roadbed will not be used for highway purposes, the County has no objection to the State quit claiming their interest in the property.

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

4) DEED OF ACCEPTANCE
ROAD RESOLUTIONS
COLUMBIA COMMONS

Mr. Ichniowski presented the following Deeds for Acceptance of roads in the County Highway Maintenance System and appropriate Road Resolutions:

Between Liberty Land Development Corp. and the Board of St. Mary's County Commissioners accepting the extension of Pacific Drive into the CHMS.

Between Liberty Land Development Corp. and the Board of St. Mary's County Commissioners accepting Columbia Drive into the CHMS.

Road Resolution No. R91-09 designating Columbus Drive at its intersection with Pacific Drive as a "Stop Street."

Road Resolution No. R91-10 posting Pacific Drive and Columbus Drive at 25 miles per hour.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept the Deeds, approve the Road Resolutions, and to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the documents as presented. Motion carried.

FREEDOM FEST '91 - FINAL REPORT

Present: Joe Dick, Director, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention
Judy Landau Pedersen, Public Information Specialist

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the Final Report on the Freedom Fest '91 held July 4 at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds. Ms. Pedersen reported that the Alliance realized a \$950.72 profit from the event. She expressed appreciation to all participants and volunteers and particularly to the County Commissioners for their continued support.

WATER POLICY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Present: Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Health

Mr. Russell appeared before the Commissioners as a follow up to last week's presentation by the Water Policy Task Force to request the Commissioners approval to proceed as outlined.

Mr. Russell advised the Commissioners that the County is on the list for grant monies from the Army Corps of Engineers for a study of the surface water impoundment areas.

During discussion the Commissioners emphasized the need for an annual review of the issues relating to the water policy, which would require the continuation of the Task Force.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to accept the recommendations of the Water Policy Task Force as outlined by the Task Force and that there be an annual review by the Task Force. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER PENETRATION

Present: Tom Russell, Director, Environmental Health

Mr. Russell appeared before the Commissioners to advise that although he has received verbal approval, he is requesting from the Maryland Department of Environment a letter formally allowing St. Mary's County to proceed with the groundwater protection report. Mr. Russell indicated that he will keep the Commissioners apprised of the progress on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to meet in Executive Session to discuss matters of Personnel and Litigation. Motion carried. Sessions were held as follows:

Litigation

Also Present: Joe Densford, County Attorney

Held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Personnel

Held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Jon Grimm, Director
Joe Meinert, Deputy Director
Jeff Jackman, Land Use Planner
Scott Kudlas, Environmental Planner
Peggy Childs, Recording Secretary.

A list of attendees is on file in OPZ.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) PARCEL OF RECORD

Amend Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Change Parcel of Record Date from 3/15/78 to 8/1/90.

Add to Lot of Record definition, "... parcel of land legally subdivided and recorded in Land Records of St. Mary's Co."

Amend Subdivision Regulations as follows:

Change Parcel of Record date from 3/15/78 to 8/1/90.

Add to Lot of Record Definition: "A parcel of land which has been legally subdivided and recorded in the land records of St. Mary's County."

Legal Ad published in The Enterprise on 7/3/91 and 7/10/91.

Planning Commission Public Hearing - 5/28/91.

Planning Commission Recommendation for Adoption: 6/10/91.

Mr. Meinert noted for the record that the St. Mary's County Subdivision Regulations (Sections 1.04B and 2.04C), as well as Article 66B of the Annotated Code, stipulate that the only way a property can be legally transferred or partitioned is through the subdivision approval process. He stated this is a very problematic area because, evidently,

since March 15, 1978, there have been a number of parcels partitioned by deed. This is extremely frustrating for both OPZ staff and for property owners, who believe their recorded Deed establishes a Parcel of Record and constitutes a buildable lot.

Staff's proposal is to change the Parcel of Record Date to 8/1/90, the adoption date of #90-11, in order to "clean the slate", and legalize these parcels of record, allowing property owners in this position to have a buildable lot. He added staff had brought this to the Commissioners' attention a year ago during preparation of the Legislative Package, and the Commissioners supported legislation allowing the Clerk of the Court to strike any deed proffered for recordation without OPZ approval through the subdivision process; however, the legislative delegation would not introduce the bill, suggesting there were other administrative measures which would address the situation.

Commissioner Loffler stated this is a rather landmark recommendation from OPZ, and expressed concern over OPZ's waiving their influence and advice over so many illegal subdivisions, stating that changing the parcel of record date would only perpetuate the situation, and he is interested in not just moving the date forward but solving the problem. Commissioner Bailey stated he agrees the date should be changed to coincide with the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Grimm stated the reason this is such an issue is that OPZ now requires the landowner to demonstrate that he has, by definition, a lot of record that is an approved building site under County regulations, before they will issue a permit. He said with that change in the administration of building permits he feels the problem will not multiply. The second focus is that staff is asking the Planning Commission to "hold the line" and not grant exceptions for illegally subdivided parcels. Finally, staff is asking to send a message to the community at large and especially the legal and surveying community, that this is the regulation for subdivision of land, and, in fact is a basic State law. Letters have gone out to local attorneys and surveyors specifically addressing the problem. The County Attorney has reviewed the proposal and finds it acceptable from a legal point of view.

The Chair opened the hearing to public comment.

Dianne Travera spoke in favor of the proposal, relating her recent experience in attempting to get a building permit for a garage. Ms. Travera said she went to OPZ every day for a week and a half, and was told she could not build where she wanted because she could not meet the required setbacks; even though she had purchased an adjoining acre of land and had more than 150 ft. behind the proposed garage, the acre could not be counted because it was not a parcel of record. After changing her site plan three times, Ms. Travera said she was told by OPZ on a Friday that there had been a misunderstanding about the setbacks and she could, in fact, build her new garage on the site of the existing garage and could get her permit on Monday with no problem. On the strength of that advice, Ms. Travera tore down her existing garage, only to find on Monday morning she could still not get - and still does not have - a permit or a garage.

Former County Commissioner and Builder Ford Dean spoke in favor of the proposal, saying a precedent was set when the parcel of record date was changed to March 15, 1978. He said some consideration has to be given to preventing this from occurring in the future, but the Commissioners have the chance to help people currently in this plight, and suggested the key lies in communication between the Clerk of the Court and OPZ to determine whether land has been legally subdivided. Commissioner Loffler agreed that that is what he wanted to hear and that is the solution, there has to be a State requirement for the Clerk's Office to involve the County, so these deeds will never be recorded in the first place. Mr. Dean suggested working with the legislative delegation to build support for preventing the problem in the future.

Mr. Grimm responded that the Clerk of the Court is required by law to record whatever deeds are presented in an acceptable fashion, but added efforts are underway to try to correct the problem and, in addition to the parcel of record check by OPZ and educating the community, staff is developing a fact sheet which will be distributed at OPZ and mailed to the same mailing list as the letter to the attorneys and surveyors, and which the Assessment and Clerk's Offices have agreed to distribute. Staff is also working with the local Bar Association to make presentations about this issue to bring it to the forefront of legal practitioners so they understand their responsibilities when they close real estate transactions.

The Chair closed the public hearing at 2:05 p.m., stating the record would be held open for written comment for 10 days. Staff was instructed to bring the proposal back in two weeks for decision.

**2) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS / PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
(EXTENSION OF "GRANDFATHERING" DATE)**

Also Present: Lanny Lancaster, Vice-Chairman, Planning Commission
John Bohanan
Billy Guy
Hope Swann.

Legal Ad published on 7/3/91 & 7/10/91.

Mr. Grimm stated the public hearing was directed to be held as the result of a request by John Norris, representing members of the community, to extend the "Grandfathering" Date beyond the 8/1/91 deadline, to allow projects already vested which have not been able to obtain all required agency approvals an additional time period to get the approvals and an additional time period to go to record.

The Planning Commission, at their meeting of July 22, 1991, reconsidered their EDU allocation policy for the Pine Hill Run Wastewater Treatment Plant, extending the policy to ALL vested projects whether on public or private sewer. Under the Planning Commission policy, all vested projects will have an additional 90 days to obtain agency approvals and one year, from 8/1/91 to 8/1/92, to go to record. Mr. Lancaster, on behalf of the Planning Commission, presented the policy as the Commission's recommendation.

The Chair opened the hearing to public comment.

John Norris, of NGO, said he is very grateful to be in the position we are in and very grateful to the Planning Commission for the attitude and their efforts to approve the projects affected by the 8/1/91 deadline. However, with regard to the 90-day extension, Mr. Norris said he strongly suggests that it not be a rigid deadline, but a guideline, as some projects will not be able to reach fruition because of, for example, SHA hydraulic review or other State reviews which are beyond applicant's control. Mr. Norris suggested a one-year extension for agency approvals.

Attorney Oliver Guyther, Surveyor Jerry Nokleby, and Developer Billy Fitzgerald also asked for additional time to obtain required agency approvals. Ford Dean spoke in favor of the grandfathering extension and Joe Mitchell, Director of DECD, representing the Economic Development Commission, spoke in support of extending the grandfathering date on the Commission's behalf.

Commissioner Loffler closed the public comment portion and asked if the Planning Commission feels there is a strong argument for limiting the deadline for agency approvals to 90 days. Mr. Lancaster replied the Commission felt the original grandfathering extension was very generous but, because they recognize the economic situation, both staff and the

Commission have agreed to give more leeway, beyond the 90 days, to projects which have made a sincere effort to obtain the approvals but where extenuating circumstances exist. However, Mr. Lancaster said the Commission feels any further extension would allow new projects to come forward. That's why the Commission supports the 90-day extension, with perhaps some flexibility at the administrative or Planning Commission level.

Miss Swann added both staff and the Commission have been leaning over backwards and have made a serious effort to accommodate vested projects which were nearly complete, but if the County is not going to put the new Ordinance in place, why did we pass it? She said she thinks it does need to be put in place and that people beginning projects should expect to develop under #90-11. Miss Swann said the Commission is not saying there shan't be any development, but someone who has not been doing his homework should have to come back under the 1990 Ordinance, and maybe that wouldn't be so bad because they would have to provide adequate facilities - all of the projects we have been working on are immune from the Adequate Facilities Provision, and there are lots of them, which will result in a tremendous increase in population in the County.

Miss Swann concluded she is in favor of sticking to the 90 days, with some authorization to the Commission for exemptions, if necessary, as recommended by the Planning Office.

Commissioner Loffler replied that we do not want to open the door to new projects, that is not the intent of any of the extensions, but he thinks we are all in agreement to allow the 90-day extension, with authority for exemptions as stated by Miss Swann, and for the one-year extension, from 8/1/91 to 8/1/92, to go to record. Staff was directed to prepare the wording and bring back for County Commissioners' approval. Suggested language follows:

D R A F T
CCRS POLICY FOR VESTED RIGHTS PROJECTS
July 23, 1991

As a result of testimony and discussion at today's Joint Public Hearing, the Policy for "Vested Rights" Projects recommended by the Planning Commission on 7/22/91 is adopted by the County Commissioners as amended:

1. Permit ALL vested projects until November 1, 1991 to gain all final agency approvals (following PC final approval with conditions necessary) for site plan or subdivision plat signature for recordation. However, for vested projects which have been unable to obtain required approvals through no fault of their own, authority is granted to the Planning Commission to extend the November 1, 1991 deadline as they deem necessary and reasonable, on a case-by-case basis, with the recommendation of the Planning Director.

2. Further, ALL vested projects are permitted one year from August 1, 1991 to August 1, 1992 to go to record and receive their official EDU allocations to wastewater treatment plants.

During this period of 8/1/91 - 8/1/92 all such projects shall be exempt from required debt-service/EDU allocation charges until the plats are signed by MetComm as approved for recordation.

3. Importantly, any available EDU allocations shall be made available on a first-come, first-served basis to ALL projects. The granting of EDU allocations to vested projects shall not occur until record plat signature by MetComm. There shall be no inherent right to an allocation unless the available capacity exists at the time of plat recordation.

4. This policy applies to ALL vested projects, whether on public sewer or private septic/sewer.

The suggested language will be forwarded to the Planning Commission members for their review and acted upon by the Commissioners on July 30, 1991.

3) BOARD OF APPEALS POLICY 91-CA

Mr. Grimm presented for information purposes a proposed policy recommended by the Board of Appeals to delegate approval authority to staff for certain expansions or additions to existing noncomplying structures or other proposed construction, of no more than 500 sq. ft. cumulative, in the Critical Area 100 ft. Buffer. He added Mr. Kudlas has spent many hours on the proposed policy, and staff believes it is approvable. The proposal would reduce both staff's and the Board of Appeals' workload for minor applications, and would also reduce the cost to the applicant, which has been of much concern to the Board of Appeals. The Board has encouraged the formulation of the policy for many months, and St. Mary's would, in fact, be the first County to propose such a policy.

Mr. Kudlas said he has been discussing this with the Critical Area Commission for a year, and feels the CAC may consider it a "refinement" to the Critical Area Program and act on it at a regular meeting. If, however, the CAC determines the policy to be an amendment to the Program, public hearings must be held by the County and by the CAC, and, to address that possibility, staff has advertised a public hearing to be held by the County Commissioners on August 6, 1991, with the Commissioners' concurrence.

The policy contains a provision that staff is to report all such administrative approvals to the Board of Appeals within 30 days of the approval, or the second meeting of the month (regular Critical Area meeting), and also provides an appeal process to the Board of Appeals for any aggrieved applicant. Staff emphasizes also that the Critical Area Standards for Variance must and will be strictly applied.

Commissioner Loffler was concerned that adjoining property owners or other interested parties be made aware of an application. Mr. Kudlas suggested staff include the applications and properties in the Legal Ad published for each Board of Appeals' hearing. The Commissioners concurred with holding the August 6 public hearing.

4) HOUSE BILL 601

At the last meeting, Mr. Grimm reminded, he had asked the Commissioners' consideration of their intent in recommending the adoption of HB 601 and offered several scenarios. He said staff's principal interests are: (1) to define the scope of how we look at the bill for requiring public hearings before the Planning Commission when public sewer is involved; and (2) to bring to closure any "loose ends", or projects implemented before July 1 but perhaps not brought to the Commissioners' table until after July 1.

Commissioner Lancaster moved to accept and endorse staff's Conclusions and Recommendations regarding House Bill 601 as contained in Mr. Grimm's memorandum dated July 16, 1991. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jarboe and passed by unanimous vote.

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
CALLING ON AMERICA CAMPAIGN**

Present: Norma Powers

The Commissioners presented a Proclamation wherein the County Commissioners join with Jim Brady and the National Organization of Disability in calling for the support and involvement of all citizens in the nationwide "Calling on America" campaign.

MARYLAND'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARENTS

Present: Dr. William Marek, County Health Officer
Becky Stevens, Community Services Coordinator
Judy Landau Pedersen, Public Information Specialist

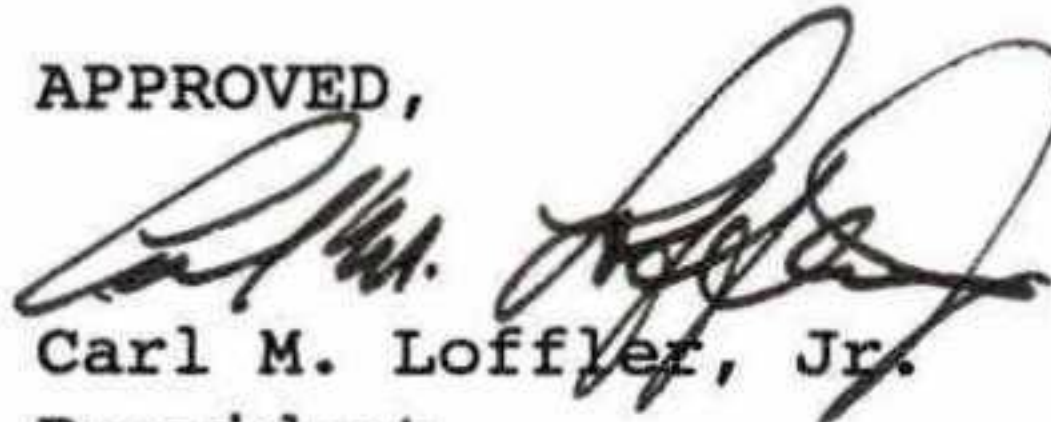
St. Mary's County Health Department along with the St. Mary's County Child Care Association and the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene presented the winners and nominees of the first "Maryland's Most Beautiful Parents" contest. There were 11 local nominations. Presentations were made as follows:

Joan and Rick Knight - overall winners (posthumously to Mr. Knight)
Ann and Mark Kovalchik, Michael and Lynn Whitson, Scott G. Franzak,
Ada Yorkshire, John Bousquet, Ann Murdock, Nancy Moore, Michael and
Mary Russell, Chuck and Jane Lancaster, Brian and Ellen Clark.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

APPROVED,



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President

