

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

March 17, 1992

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 9:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of Tuesday, March 10, 1992. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ITEMS

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

1) **TRI-COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA**

County Administrator Cox presented a list of proposed agenda items for the tri-county commissioners' meeting scheduled for March 24 at St. Mary's Landing. Commissioner Thompson suggested that the Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Plant Superfund site be added to the list.

2) **STATUS SHEET - 1992 LEGISLATION**

The County Administrator presented a handout showing the status of the items submitted by the Commissioners for the 1992 Legislative Session. Mr. Cox pointed out that the County had attempted to transfer from the Clerk to the Treasurer the collection of the Recordation Tax and Transfer Tax; however, it appears that the bill for collection of Recordation Tax will not happen. The other bill provides that if the Clerk collects the recordation tax, she will receive no fee for the collection of the transfer tax. Delegate Bell has indicated that this would save the County \$50,000.

3) **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The County Administrator presented the following budget amendments recommended for approval by the Director of Finance with justifications as indicated:

No. 92-30
Planning and Zoning

Transfer of funds for payment of Board of Electrical Examiners members for attendance of meetings, grading of and overseeing exams, as required by county code. (\$1,000)

No. 92-31
Planning and Zoning

Transfer of funds to cover cost of Legal advertising for public hearings and agendas for Planning Commission, Board of Appeals and County Commissioners. (\$3,000)

No. 92-32
County Administrator

Redistricting Board expenses

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

3) **GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

The County Administrator presented correspondence from Helicopter Applicators, which has been awarded the contract by the State of Maryland for the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, forwarding a form to be signed by the local governing body.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to approve and authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the form indicating St. Mary's County's to permit Helicopter Applicators, Inc. to treat the gypsy moth as indicated. Motion carried.

4) **PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT
HEARD'S ESTATE**

On behalf of the Department of Public Works, the County Administrator presented a Public Works Agreement dated February 22, 1992 between Gertz, Inc. and St. Mary's County guaranteeing completion of Barkentine Court, Frigate Place, Caravel Court, Clipper Drive by February 1, 1993. The Agreement is backed by a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$181,600 with The Washington Savings Bank.

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

5) **LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM FIRE DEPARTMENTS/
RESCUE SQUADS/ADVANCE LIFE SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS**

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated March 12 from the Personnel Officer forwarding the listings for fire department, rescue squads and ALS volunteers who qualified for service credit in 1991, listing of current volunteers who have served an additional year, and those who qualify for Length of Service pay for the first time in 1992 and 1993.

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

6) **ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
WALDEN-SIERRA**

The County Administrator presented a grant the Abuse Prevention Program Grant Application for state funding for the "On Their Turf - On Their Terms" program in the total amount of \$133,435 for the period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993.

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

7) **BOARD OF EDUCATION - INCREASE IN GRANT AWARDS**

The County Administrator presented correspondence addressed to the Board of Education approving the increase in grant awards as requested in March 11 correspondence.

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

8) **PERCOLATION TESTING - OVERTIME**

The County Administrator advised that because of reduced rainfall and low water tables, percolation testing has been compressed, thereby limiting the amount of time to do the testing during normal work hours. Dr. Marek has requested approval of payment of overtime to accomplish the wet season percolation testing. Funds are available in the Health Department's FY 1992 budget.

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the expenditure of funds for overtime to accomplish the wet season percolation testing. Motion carried.

9) **CORRESPONDENCE**

The County Administrator presented the following items of correspondence for the Commissioners' review and signatures:

To Patuxent River Association indicating that the article on thermal treatment would be shared with the Southern Maryland Wood Treatment Task Force.

To Frances Anderson requesting her assistance in notifying citizens of Patuxent Beach area of an informational meeting that the County will be conducting on May 5 relative to several issues of concern.

The Commissioners agreed to sign and forward the letters.

10) CHARLOTTE HALL PROPERTY

The County Administrator advised that property has become available in the Charlotte Hall area adjacent to a parcel owned by the County. The Charlotte Hall School Board of Trustees has an option to that property and has informed the County that they would be willing to exercise that option and convey the property to the County for the purchase price.

County Administrator Cox presented correspondence to the Charlotte Hall School Board of Trustees thanking them for the offer, but indicating that because of current economic conditions, the County would not be able to pursue the purchase.

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

11) MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

The County Administrator presented correspondence to the Department of Agriculture submitting the following recommendations for representatives to serve on the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation: Donald P. Tennyson, Rudy Baliko, and John Colleary, Jr.

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

LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

The County Commissioners presented Length of Service Award pins to the following employees:

Howard A. Adams	20 years
Ernest S. Carter	20 years
Joseph P. Jones	20 years
Charles A. Hill	20 years
William L. Buckl	15 years
Michael E. Mattingly	15 years
George C. Yates	15 years

SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX

The County Administrator advised that Maryland Association of Counties had taken an official position in opposition of the semi-annual payment of property tax legislation. The Governor and the Maryland Association of Realtors have endorsed it and the bill is coming up again for reconsideration. Mr. Cox requested the Commissioners to restate its opposition to MACo in that from the County's point of view it would not be in the County's best interest.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to restate to MACo opposition to the bill. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT

Present: Sheriff Wayne Pettit
Capt. Greg Capado

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the Sheriff's Department's Annual Report for 1991. Sheriff Pettit stated that the purpose of the report is to advise the Commissioners of activities of the Sheriff's Office not only in law enforcement, but in other services as well.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND DRUG TASK FORCE

Present: Sheriff Pettit
Sheriff Lawrence Stinnett, Calvert County
Lt. James Petrick, Charles County
Barbara Dotson, Fiscal Specialist

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a Drug Enforcement Grant Application through the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission. The grant is for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement efforts in handling the drug and alcohol problems in Southern Maryland. The grant, which provides for 75% federal funding with a local match of 25% from each of the three counties, focuses on continuing three drug control projects:

Assets Forfeiture, Drug Diversion, and Street Operations; and establishes two new projects: Alcohol Enforcement and Narcotics and Assets Forfeiture Court Coordinators Project. Total cost of the project is \$462,936 (\$347,203 - federal; \$38,432 - St. Mary's; \$41,891 - Charles; and \$35,410 - Calvert). If approved these programs would be effective July 1, 1992 with renewal options for future years.

In response to an inquiry from the Commissioners, County Administrator Cox indicated that St. Mary's County's contribution is in the Sheriff's Department's 1993 budget request, and that the grant could be approved contingent upon funding by the County.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to authorize Commissioner Loffler to sign the Grant Application, funding of which is contingent upon funding in the County's Fiscal Year 1993 Budget. Motion carried.

DRYDENS - ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE

Present: Sherman and Mary Dryden
Jon Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County's requirement for an economic impact fee for the addition to their home and to discuss the altering of documents by the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Relative to the \$2,000 impact fee Mr. Dryden requested the Commissioners' reconsideration in requiring the fee for attached accessory apartments that are built for the purpose of taking care of family members (brothers, sisters, children, parents). He stated that the addition was built for their daughter and granddaughter, who are now no longer on welfare or a burden to the county. He suggested that should the apartment no longer be used by a family member or should they sell the property, that perhaps there could be a notation in the land records that the EIF could be paid at that time.

Commissioner Bailey stated he believed that this situation is different than what the EIF was intended in that the addition did not add people because they were living with the Drydens.

Commissioner Thompson pointed out that verifying change of use could complicate administering this.

During discussion of the Dryden's violation of not receiving a final certificate of use and occupancy, Mr. Grimm pointed out that a separate dwelling exists when there is independent housing, sleeping and cooking facilities. Payment of the EIF must be made prior to obtaining the certificate of use and occupancy.

Commissioner Loffler requested staff to do a survey to determine what is done in other counties.

With regard to the second point, Mr. Dryden stated that it was not until October 1991 that they learned that it was an illegal apartment. Work had commenced in May of 1991, and if they had known it was going to cost \$2,000 for an EIF they would have made other arrangements. Mr. Dryden explained the process of obtaining building and zoning permits, stating that the second zoning permit showed the planned apartment. Mrs. Dryden informed the Commissioners that the requirement for the \$2,000 was added to the Zoning permit without their knowledge after they had signed it.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey to allow the occupancy of the apartment for 30 days or until the commissioners receive staff recommendations for handling the matter. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Present: John Norris, Chairman
Ann Marum, Director, Chamber of Commerce
Michael O'Brien, Government Affairs Committee

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to request the Commissioners' concurrence to allow county staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee in developing processes and procedures for development in St. Mary's County and to solicit comments from the Board. Mr. Norris explained that the Committee, consisting of Tom Waring, Mike Wettengel, Michael O'Brien, Joe Densford, Bob Dean, John Bohanan, Pete Breck,

Joe Slater, Ford Dean, Ann Marum, and himself, will be reviewing the process currently in place and looking at methods to expedite projects. Some comments for improvements received by the committee include extension of authority with specific departments, placement of individuals from one department to another, computerization, electronic transfer of comments and plans between departments, and privatization of certain components of the process.

Mr. O'Brien pointed out frustrations experienced by developers in the time it takes to get projects approved. He noted, however, that there is no problem with the planning staff, but with the process.

Commissioner Jarboe stressed the importance of taking into consideration the individual home owner when looking at improving the process.

After discussion Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster, to allow and encourage staff to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce in the development process. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Present: Jon Grimm, Director
Scott Kudlas, Environmental Planner
Peggy Childs, Recording Secretary.

GROWTH ALLOCATION DECISION

ISUB #91-1646 - SOTTERLEY CLIFFS FARMSTEAD (Single Lot)
ISUB #91-1644 - CHRISTMAS HILL (Minor Subdivision)
ISUB #91-1648 - WINDWARD COVE (Minor Subdivision)
ISUB #88-0434 - ST. WINIFRED'S ESTATES (Design Competition)

Mr. Grimm distributed a list of recommended notes for the growth allocation projects, stating that at the Commissioners' instruction applicants will be given 3 weeks to revise their plans and staff will prepare correspondence for the Commissioners' signature transmitting the projects to the State following the plan revisions. Regarding the notes, he said the first four notes apply to all the projects, note (5) will apply to St. Winifred's Estates only, and the last two will apply to St. Winifred's Estates and to Christmas Hill, provided the 20-acre set-aside is required by the State. For the record, the notes are as follows:

- 1) Approximately _____ acres of this site lie within Maryland's Critical Area. Any and all development activities proposed within this area are subject to Critical Area regulations and will not be permitted until all appropriate local, State and Federal agencies have approved the development plan.
- (2) The 100 ft. Critical Area Buffer must remain in natural vegetation and may not be distributed except as provided under Section 38.02, St. Mary's County Critical Area Ordinance (90-02), part 8, Habitat Protection.
- (3) No development is permitted in wetlands without approval from the appropriate local, State, and Federal agencies.
- (4) Any and all afforested or reforested areas created under the provisions of the St. Mary's County Critical Area Ordinance (90-02) and designated on this plat hereon shall be preserved from future disturbance.
- (5) Parcel _____ (and _____) shown hereon are established to meet the provisions of the growth allocation design competition set aside requirements of Section 38.02, St. Mary's County Critical Area Ordinance (90-02), part 9, Computing the Use of Growth Allocation. In accordance with the provisions of this Section, these must remain undeveloped.
- (6) Parcel _____ must retain its natural features in accordance with the covenants recorded at _____ in the Land Records of St. Mary's County.
- (7) Parcel _____ must remain in open space and undeveloped in accordance with the covenants recorded at _____ in the Land Records of St. Mary's County. Agricultural activities shall be permitted on this parcel.

Mr. Grimm stated, with the exception of the debate regarding minimum lot size, staff thinks the projects are approvable by the State. He said he is afraid we will get the same answer as last year regarding the lot size, but he thinks we need to lay the process out. The plats will be recorded in the Land

Records and the notes become a requirement of subdivision approval, running with the land just as if they were in a Deed.

Commissioner Thompson moved for denial of Sotterley Estates, based on staff's and the Planning Commission's recommendation, because it does not meet the threshold date of 12/1/85 and is not eligible for growth allocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lancaster and passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lancaster moved for approval of Christmas Hill, Windward Cove, and St. Winifred's Estates, subject to plat revisions, including adding the appropriate notes to the plats, per staff's and the Planning Commission's recommendation. Commissioner Jarboe seconded.

During discussion, Commissioner Thompson stated she still has some problems with the small lots and 1.5 acre lots in the Critical Area, but as far as she can see the projects meet the Ordinance requirements and, based on staff's recommendation, she doesn't see how the Commissioners can deny them. She stated she will vote for approval, although she does have some reservations, however, this is not the forum to address those.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIGNING OF CRITICAL AREA MAP

NOTE: Commissioner Loffler did not participate due to a possible conflict of interest regarding Avenmar.

Mr. Grimm asked that the Commissioners complete last year's Growth Allocation Cycle and sign the zoning map designated the Avenmar project as LDA, as approved by the County and the State during last year's growth allocation.

Commissioner Lancaster moved to authorize the Vice President to sign the zoning map. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson and passed by a vote of four in favor. Commissioner Loffler abstained.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL FOR ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS

As a follow up to last week, Commissioner Thompson reviewed the handout regarding property tax deferral for elderly or disabled homeowners. She indicated that staff will need to develop information on several items prior to going to public hearing, such as income cut-off, type of taxes that would be eligible for deferral, interest rate, duration of deferral, amount of tax that can be deferred, and where a citizen would go to apply for the deferral.

Commissioner Thompson moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to instruct staff to develop the information in order to proceed with taking the proposed Ordinance to public hearing. Motion carried.

BULK MAIL

Commissioner Thompson inquired whether the County used bulk mail on a frequent basis. County Administrator Cox stated that for certain large mailings, it is used, but would look into the feasibility of using it more often.

BOARD OF EDUCATION - DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

Commissioner Bailey stated that the County Administrator had presented a memorandum dated March 5 suggesting a discussion of procurement and capital improvement systems and the Board of Education's plan to hire a Director of Facilities. He stated that the Board of Education has requested \$63,000 to hire this person and that the discussion never occurred at the March 10 joint meeting. Commissioner Loffler advised that the Board of Education has indicated that they would like to discuss the whole issue of procurement and county involvement at the next scheduled joint meeting in April.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY'S LETTER TO CITIZENS

Commissioner Bailey stated that he would like to again attempt to read his letter that Commissioner Loffler had prohibited him from reading last week.

Commissioner Loffler stated that he was following Robert's Rules of Order and that it was his responsibility as chair to not allow any show of disrespect at the table. He stated that under Robert's Rules of Order a committee can be appointed if another member has a complaint or question of ethics and pointed out that the County has the Ethics Commission for this purpose. Commissioner Loffler also referred to the types of actions that can be overridden and suggested that an expert on the subject of Robert's Rules of Order, Pat White, be requested to review what Commissioner Bailey has to say as well as to advise on other matters concerning Robert's Rules of Order.

Commissioner Bailey inquired whether Commissioner Loffler was denying his request to read the letter to which Commissioner Loffler responded that he was ruling Commissioner Bailey out of order.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Lancaster to appeal to the Commissioners to override Commissioner Loffler's ruling and to allow Commissioner Bailey to read his letter. Motion carried three to two with Commissioners Loffler and Thompson voting against.

During discussion of the motion the County Administrator stated that he had researched the matter and members may appeal a decision by the Chair to rule a point of order. A majority vote is required to carry the appeal. Commissioner Loffler inquired whether this would apply to the issue of disrespect and Mr. Cox responded that he would have to research that question.

Commissioner Lancaster stated that one of the fundamental rights of American citizens is the freedom of speech and stated that he believed each individual Commissioner has the right to speak.

Commissioner Thompson pointed out that under Robert's Rules of Order, the Commissioners are not supposed to deal with personalities but to deal with issues. She suggested that the Commissioners get a better knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order in order to conduct the meetings in a better way without getting personalities involved.

In conclusion Commissioner Bailey stated that he would not read the letter, but wanted it included in the records. A copy of the letter is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Commissioner Bailey moved, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to meet in Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel. Motion carried. The Session was held from 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.

ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Present: Kirk Sterling, Chairman
Robert Russell, Secretary
Arthur Goode

The referenced members of the Electrical Examiners Board appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report for the Electrical Examiners Board. Mr. Sterling reviewed the Board's background and purpose. Activities during 1991 included administering and grading master and restricted exams, license renewals, participation in state committees and boards, preparation and grading of homeowner's exams, revising rules and regulations, etc.

During discussion of problems and challenges, Mr. Sterling advised that two members, he and Mr. Russell, terms will be expiring in December. The EEB has recommended that before these terms expire, that the Commissioners select the new president in order to provide for overlap. This would allow time to update the new president and secretary on procedures. The Commissioners requested that the EEB submit recommendations for replacements as well as for an individual to serve as president.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Present: Joe Kuhna, Chairman
Dudley Lindsey
David Flood
Dave Gerdel, Department of Public Works

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report for the St. Mary's County Recycling Committee. Mr. Kuhna reviewed the activities of the committee and the progress the county has made in its recycling efforts. The report included charts and tables reflecting the amount of materials recovered since the program began in 1990.

During discussion of the Committee's conclusions and recommendations, the Committee members expressed the need for a Recycling Coordinator in order to oversee the recycling efforts to ensure compliance with state's mandate.

Mrs. Lindsey presented a handout outlining the efforts of Hollywood Elementary School Fifth graders in recycling.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

**CHARLES COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT**

Present: Charlotte Young, Chairperson
George Bailey
Elizabeth Dufresne
Fred Wallace
John Sine, President CCCC
Elaine Ryan, Dean, "
Joan Kozlovsky, Acting Superintendent

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1991 Annual Report for the Charles County Community College Advisory Board. Mrs. Young reviewed the Board's purpose and discussed activities of the past year which included attending meetings, establishment of policies, monitoring progress and success of the Tech Prep program, monitoring the BSEE program, forming a committee to collect historical information, etc. Problems and challenges included the necessity to acquire land and the building of a college. The existing facility does not meet the current needs of students because of inadequate classrooms, Tech Prep needs, lack of counselors, and funding shortages. Plans for the current year include pursuing the funding and planning for a campus and college in St. Mary's, continuing work and cooperation with the college and Commissioners in getting a community college for St. Mary's County.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

Mr. Wallace informed the Commissioners of a Educational Consortium to be held May 4. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an update to appropriate parties regarding educational projects of each institution and to brainstorm ideas. An invitation will be forwarded in the near future.

STATUS REPORT OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY COLLEGE SITE

In response to the Advisory Board's inquiry regarding the status of the community college site, Commissioner Loffler advised that the County received correspondence about differences in price between the county property and state property. He stated that the County Administrator will be meeting with a representative from the Department of General Services to discuss the matter.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FUNDING REQUESTS**

Present: Joe Mitchell, Director, DECD
F. Elliott Burch, Jr., EDC
Joe Daley, EDC

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present a status report on the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance and to request funding for three activities.

(1) Status of Southern Maryland Navy Alliance

Articles of Incorporation have been filed for the referenced organization, a non-profit membership corporation.. The Alliance has been moving forward in two areas: (a) Obtaining funding from a broad spectrum of the community--organizations and individuals; and (b) establishing coordinators from various segments of the community. A budget is being developed and will be presented to the County Commissioners in the near future.

(2) Technology Transfer Study

Mr. Mitchell advised that the Commissioners had approve the submission of a planning grant application to determine the customer base for technology transfer. St. He stated that \$10,000 was received in state funds, which was predicated on a match of \$5,000 from the private sector. It was hoped that there would be federal funds in the amount of \$2500 and local funds in the amount of \$2500. The federal funds are not available, and, therefore, the request is for \$5,000 from the County to match the state funds. The Procurement Office is working with the Technology Council in preparing the RFP for the study.

(3) Production and Duplication of Video for Warminster Visit

Mr. Mitchell advised that a local vendor has offered to prepare at cost a video about life in St. Mary's County for presentation in Warminster in early May. The cost to produce will be approximately \$3700 and to make 200 duplicate copies for distribution will be approximately \$1300. The request to the County is for \$5,000 for this project.

4) Johns Hopkins Graduate School Study

The State has put \$262,000 in its budget for the planning and design of a graduate program in math and science to be conducted by Johns Hopkins University and/or the University of Maryland. The appropriation has passed in the House and is being considered in the Senate. In addition, \$40,000 is required on a matching basis from four sources: \$10,000 from Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development; \$10,000 from the State Board of Higher Education; \$10,000 from St. Mary's Technology Council; and \$10,000 from County Government.

The total request from the County for the referenced items is \$20,000, which is over and above the \$25,000 in the EDC's marketing budget pledged to the Navy Alliance.

Commissioner Jarboe stated that there were too many gaps in the proposal and was not in favor of approving the funding at this time. He stated that he felt that staff should review it and make recommendations.

After discussion Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to request staff to review the proposal and return next week with a recommendation as to whether it can be funded and if so, identify source of funds. Motion carried three to two with Commissioners Loffler and Thompson voting against stating they believed because of timing, approval should be given to approve the proposal with staff to identify source of funds.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING
ALPD #84-1490 - DONALD MAGNANI**

Present: Laura Clarke, Planner

Ms. Clarke appeared before the Commissioners to advise that Mr. Magnani has requested permission to put an addition on an existing barn in order to process and sell fish on the property. He is in the Agricultural Land Preservation District and before it can be forwarded to the State, local approval is needed. She stated that the County Agriculture/Seafood Commission has recommended approval. The property is located off of Willows Road.

Commissioner Lancaster moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to recommend approval to the state for the addition to the barn as requested. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 1993 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Marty Jones, Budget Analyst
Mary Pat Pope, Administrative Officer

1) MACo Courthouse News

Mr. Wade referred to the March 13 edition of the Maryland Association of Counties Courthouse News which explains the Senate versions of the state budget. He pointed out that the County's FY '93 tentative budget is based on proposals in the House of Delegates as opposed to the senate versions which have a lesser impact on state revenues to the County. SB 387 makes permanent certain reductions in state aid, such as property tax grant and shared taxes.

2) Board of Education Reductions

Mr. Wade distributed a handout showing state reductions to the Board of Education which total \$2,069,530 and the county's 4% proposed reductions in the amount \$5,494,836 for a total of \$7,564,366. He pointed out that for the County to fund that amount would be equivalent to a \$.54 increase in the property tax rate. He further noted that if the Senate's version of the budget is approved, there would be an increase of funding to the Board of Education. He further indicated funding the Board of Education at \$29,326,035 (which would include the 4% decrease) would maintain the same level of service as last year.

3) Fiscal Year 1993 Tentative Budget

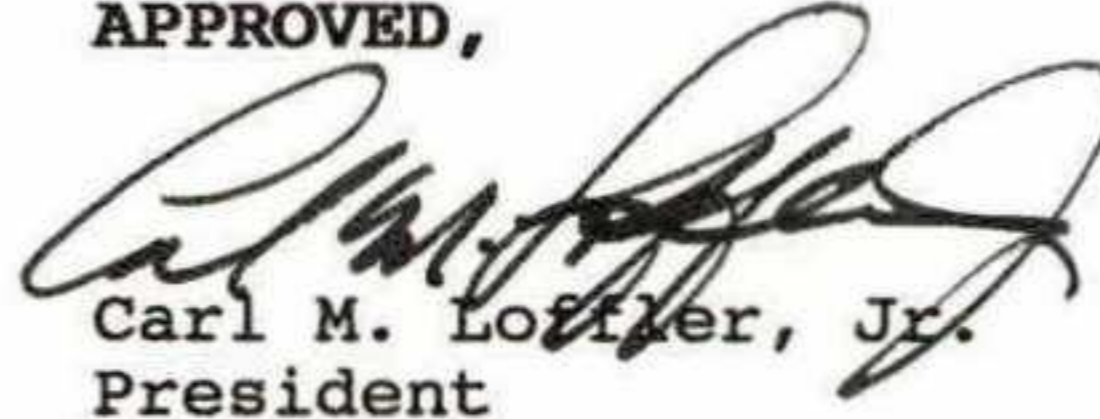
Mr. Wade recommended that the Commissioners approve the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 1993 for presentation at the public hearing on April 14 and 15. He stated that should the state take action on its budget prior to the hearing, that the public could be briefed at the hearing on this information.

The Fiscal Year 1993 Tentative Budget will be presented to the Commissioners on March 24 for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVED,



Carl M. Loffler, Jr.
President