

August 28, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 10:25 a.m.

Master Water and Sewerage Plan

Messrs. B. E. Beavin and Harold Miller, Beavin Co.; Fred Pyne, State Health Department; R. Pierce; C. Alaish, Dept. of Water Resources; Walter Miles, Metropolitan Commission. Mr. Beavin stated he is presenting the preliminary report for general opinions and recommended changes. Any recommendations that are valid will be incorporated in the report. Comments will possibly be included as an appendix in the appendices. Mr. Beavin then welcomed comments from the group. Mr. Pyne stated he feels this is a good report with a terrific amount of information. He suggested that in the final report tables and graphs be used. By January 1, the county must decide how it wants to handle water and sewerage, where developments will be and what lands will be used. The plan must be revised at least once a year, and may be amended at anytime during the year. Mr. Beavin would like this to be in the form of a resolution from the Commissioners as he will be the consulting engineer. Mr. Pyne stated the present type of building permits may need to be revised as it will be necessary to show that construction is in conformance with the plan.

Mr. Pierce asked about control the county will have over pollution. He stated that all points of discharge for water should be in the report. He requested a copy of the Harland-Bartholomew report and was presented with same. He feels a large industry will have to locate in the county. He stated there is not enough prime land in the county for agriculture. This plan will make it difficult for developers to obtain land and permits for developments. Also, this will make it advisable for developers to concentrate on land near treatment sites. Mr. Pierce asked if the Commissioners should take over these private facilities? Mr. Beavin stated that taking over the sewerage is the county's responsibility and the Commissioners would still have control over what the Metropolitan Commission would do. Mr. Aud elaborated on the existing pollution problems and the problems being caused by the upper counties. The three problem areas in the county are Leonardtown, Lexington Park and Piney Point, according to Mr. Beavin.

Mr. Miles felt that the developments should go up and then determine where the sewage facilities will be. He does not feel that the county has resources to develop this all over the county. Mr. Aud stated most of the pollution is near the water. To help control pollution, Mr. Beavin suggested that the county get cooperation from farmer's organizations, SCS, etc. He stated farming will have to be thought of as an industry with the same benefits and wage rates as other businesses.

General discussion relative to presenting the plan to the public one month prior to the public hearing. It was decided that a tentative public hearing will be held on November 20, at 7:00 p.m.



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Messrs. Francis Taylor, Lewis C. Merchant, T. R. McKee, James Kenney, Walter Miles, A. V. Cherbonnier, Adm. T. B. Clark, Marvin Kaminetz, Metropolitan Commission; B. E. Beavin, Harold Miller, Beavin Company; David M. Gruber, John C. Little, D. M. Gruber & Co.; W. S. Donaldson and D. Williams, Attorney.

Mr. Taylor lead the discussion and stated the Metropolitan Commission should purchase Patuxent Water Company even though a large sum of money is involved. Mr. Beavin stated the Metropolitan Commission had requested him to determine the value of the plant for water and sewage and replacement costs. He stated he took the value of what was already there and used estimates for work only. Mr. Beavin had to come up with 25% reduction to take care of those estimates and a two-year depreciation for the major part of the installation. He took 25% to allow for inferior construction of pipes and the fact that their construction was not up to the type a municipality would have. He estimated the value of the plant to be \$586,830, of which the sewerage is \$284,580. The water system was \$286,525. He was unable to get any estimates on general plant tools, equipment, etc., because he could only obtain estimates from the Public Service Commission. Estimated for tools, equipment, etc., is \$5,418. Some of the water lines were put in by other people and later turned over to the water company.

Under the provisions of the Master Plan, any extensions they make along the roads will have to be according to this plan. Mr. McKee stated that the Fire Department is having difficulty obtaining an adequate water supply. Mr. Beavin stated that in a few years connections will have to be extended to the industrial area on Pegg's Lane.

Mr. David M. Gruber presented an information sheet outlining cost of operation of the Patuxent Water Company and a purchase price of \$450,000. Said estimates were reviewed and discussed and a copy is attached. Mr. Gruber stated the company should be acquired at the earliest reasonable date. He stated the company would accept the long term notes, but the county may have to obtain permission from the legislature to borrow the money.

It was agreed that the Metropolitan Commission would meet with their advisors and then make recommendations to the Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved,

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