

County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, July 7, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
George Robert Aud, Commissioner
Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting convened at 9:45 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday, June 30, 1970, were not read.

Payments Approved

J. O. Hills & Son, for recreation area work at the Great Mills High School, in the amount \$105.60.

Judge Alice Taylor, registration fee and travel to Annapolis, official business, in the amount of \$43.70.

Maryland Association of Counties, dues and assessments in the amount of \$1,143.00.

Quade Tire Company for tires, and equipment, for the Sheriff's vehicles in the amount of \$331.24.

The Friden Division of the Singer Company for office equipment -- adding machines and calculator -- in amount of \$1,051.00.

Long's Fence Co., Inc. for fence installed for the Office of Civil Defense in amount \$440.00.

Loker and Wigginton, fees as County Attorney in the amount of \$1,197.50.

Library Restoration (Tudor Hall)

Mr. Orin M. Bullock, Architect, presented the preliminary drawings of plans for the restoration of the interior of Tudor Hall, and stated that the working drawings could be done within three weeks, provided the Board of County Commissioners concurred with the approval of the preliminary drawings by the Library Board.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the preliminary sketches and authorized Mr. Bullock to proceed with the next stage of the restoration project.

Millpoint Shores

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Simmons and Mrs. Cook, of Millpoint Shores Sub-Division, 4th Election District, appeared to request tax relief, police protection, and shore erosion control, as well as improved roads, for the sub-division.

Police Protection -- Mr. Simmons stated that additional patrol would be appreciated, especially during the winter months, when the dwellings are unoccupied. He cited instances where belongings had been observed on sale in the Farmers' Market, Charlotte Hall, which had been unlawfully removed by vandals. Mr. Simmons stated that there was not too much trouble during the summer months, when the owners are in residence.

Tax Relief -- Mr. Simmons stated that the housing development consists of 502 lots, owned by 459 persons, and that 137 dwellings have been completed. 365 lots are, at the present time, undeveloped. There are two families in permanent residence -- and a total of two children using the St. Mary's County school system. There is a Club House, cooperatively owned, on which taxes have increased from \$305.60 to \$442.43 in 1970. Mr. Simmons asked whether some relief could be realized on these taxes since it is community property and a non-profit organization. Mr. Simmons was advised that there was no opportunity for alleviating the tax situation except through the Supervisor of Assessments Office. Mr. Wagener, the County Engineer, suggested that perhaps their by-laws could be amended to increase the annual contribution for up-keep, in order to assist in defraying the tax situation and maintenance expense in the Club House.

Shore Erosion -- Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, apprised Mr. Simmons of the opportunities for obtaining assistance in the shore erosion problem from the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs; that there was ample opportunity to borrow, without interest, over a period of 25 years, money for approved shore erosion projects.

Roads -- The County Engineer advised Mr. Simmons that the roads in the development were privately-owned and were not in the County Roads System that arrangements would be made to mark the entrance road, Route 238, so that it would be clearly visible.

Day-Care Center for the Mentally Retarded

Mrs. Fern Davidson, Mrs. Irene Dixon, and Mrs. Hautzenroder of the St. Mary's County Day-Care Center requested financial assistance in the amount of \$2,000 which will enable them to establish an additional Day-Care Center for the Mentally Retarded in a more central location, for an additional six pupils.

The Board of County Commissioners requested Mr. Harris Sterling, Office of Finance, to investigate the possibilities of coming to their assistance and to collaborate with the Department of Health and the Board of Education in this regard.

Mr. Sterling will report on his findings at the next meeting of the Board.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Douglas Bond, State Roads Commission
Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer

The Board of County Commissioners requested Mr. Douglas Bond to post speed zones as follows: St. John's Road/Hickory Hill road beginning at the intersection of Route 245 and continuing to end of new construction shall be posted for a speed of 50 mph; from end of new construction to St. John's Road to be posted 40 mph; from Sandy Bottom road to State Route 235 including both intersections to be posted 30 mph.

Chancellor's Run Road -- Mr. Bond stated that Mr. Tate had requested the square yardage on Chancellor's Run Road, which Mr. Bond had determined to be 4,352 square yards. In response to Mr. Bond's inquiry, the Board of County Commissioners reaffirmed their desire to have the State Roads Commission advertise and let the bid for asphaltting of Chancellor's Run Road, and that the monies would come from the \$300,000 bond issue participation.

Chipper -- Mr. Bond suggested that the Board of County Commissioners might wish to consider County purchase of a chipper which would cost in the neighborhood of from \$2- to \$3,000.00. No decision was made.

Recreation Area for St. Andrews Estates

Mr. John V. Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks
Mr. Everett A. Pinkerton, St. Andrews Estates
Marvin Kaminetz, Esquire

Mr. Pinkerton presented a plan for a recreation and park area, to be privately-owned and operated, for the residents of St. Andrews Estates. The project would encompass, subject to approval, a swimming pool, tennis court, playground, little league ball diamond, and other recreational facilities. Mr. Pinkerton said that Riley Brothers, who developed the complex, had reserved 4.318 acres for this purpose.

The Board of County Commissioner, as well as Mr. John V. Baggett, stated that the plan met with their approval and should prove to be of great benefit, and that they would interpose no objection to the proposal as presented.

Public Hearing, Spring Valley Sub-Division

A public hearing for the rezoning of the Spring Valley Sub-Division from "agricultural" to "C Residential", having been duly advertised by the Board of County Commissioners in compliance with statutory requirement, was opened at 3:05 p.m., with no protestors present to be heard.

Mr. Aud motioned to re-zone the Spring Valley Sub-Division to "C Residential", it was seconded by Mr. Bowles, and carried.

Messrs. Marvin Kaminetz, counsel for Riley Brothers, and Mr. Roger L. Salen of Riley Bros., Inc. were present to observe the proceedings.

Scotland Beach/Tanner Creek Shore Erosion Project

Mr. Louis Phipps, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, appeared with Messrs. Frank Lunter and Barry Rhodes of the Brevard Engineering Company of Hyattsville to discuss the survey which is to be conducted preliminary to establishing a Shore Erosion Project for the Scotland Beach/Tanner Creek area. Mr. Phipps stated that CBA had allocated a contribution of \$5,000 for the conduct of the survey engineering, of which St. Mary's County will pay \$5,000 -- for a total of \$10,000. In the course of the discussion, Brevard Engineering was requested by the Board of County Commissioners to advise them of how much additional territory they could survey since the Commissioners wished to survey up the coastline to St. Jerome's Creek, if possible. Messrs. Lunter and Rhodes stated they could complete the survey within ten weeks and they would advise the Commissioners as soon as possible as to how much additional survey work could be completed within the \$10,000 authorization.

Mr. Burch inquired about the progress being made at Kingston, Little Kingston, and Dukehart Creeks and was advised that the projects would be started soon and cost approximately \$95,000.00.

Mr. Burch inquired about the possibility of providing some assistance at Lewis Creek off the Patuxent below Seven Gables. Mr. Phipps agreed to meet with Mr. Burch and the residents of the area to determine what action could be taken, provided the work would serve the public in general rather than a community association. Mr. Phipps asserted the CBA policy of being unable to dig out a privately-owned land-locked area explaining that if the project would provide access for the public in general, CBA could get behind it.

Before departing, Mr. Phipps stated that CBA was providing some funds for a public marina at Point Lookout Park.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch