

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, September 22, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President  
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
 George R. Aud, Commissioner  
 Aleck Loker, County Attorney  
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant  
 Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

The minutes of previous meetings held on August 25 and September 8, 1970 were read and approved.

Payments Approved:

David M. Gruber and Company, 1970 Zero District, tax bills, assessment rolls and Treasurer's rolls-----	\$600.00
Loker and Wigginton, Attorney fees for August-----	575.00
Beavin Company, engineering services, Manor Run-----	473.75
Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., for materials on Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project-----	41.40
Delahay's Pile Driving Service, Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project:	
Week ending September 3, 1970-----	2,545.00
Week ending September 11, 1970-----	2,545.00
Week ending September 18, 1970-----	2,545.00
Bussells & Company:	
Larredore Road Improvements-----	1,506.00
Hewitt Road Improvements-----	2,190.50

Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority  
Request of William A. Chapman, Jr. of  
Chapman Development Corporation, Lexington Park

Mr. William A. Chapman, Jr. of the Chapman Development Corporation, Lexington Park, appeared with Dr. John H. Mills, Executive Director of the Tri-County Council, to outline a

proposal for industrial development near the Airport site. Mr. Chapman contemplates the manufacture of low-income housing in the Tri-County area and prefers to erect his plant in St. Mary's County. The housing would be partially assembled in the plant and trucked to the home-owners location for erection. It is anticipated that the housing will serve those qualified for a \$20,000 home loan. For this project, Mr. Chapman will require financing in the amount of \$350,000. Mr. Chapman and Dr. Mills outlined the possibilities for an assured loan under the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority which provides opportunities for new and expanded industrial enterprises for gainful employment by the people of Maryland. It also promotes the expansion and diversification of industry, increases employment, and provides a larger taxable base for the State's economy. The Authority assists and encourages local non-profit development corporations and local units of governments in their efforts to stimulate business growth in their communities. To these ends, the Authority may secure the payment of mortgage loans secured by industrial projects, including manufacturers plants, facilities for storing and shipping manufactured goods, and research and development facilities. Any reassured loans are limited to \$4 million for a single industrial project and to \$30 million for principal obligations of all outstanding insured mortgages. (Refer to Chapter 714, Acts of 1965, Chapter 502, Acts of 1970, and Art. 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland). During the course of the meeting, it developed that Counsel for the Board of County Commissioners would be required to study the concept in depth in order to assure the Board of St. Mary's County's liability in extenuating circumstances. Mr. F. Elliott Burch, President of the Board, assured Mr. Chapman that a decision would be forthcoming in the very near future.

Sheriff -- re Merit System for Deputies

The Sheriff appeared to ask whether or not the Board of County Commissioners will implement the Merit System for the Chief Deputy and Deputy Sheriffs. With the nomination of Larry Williams as Democratic Candidate for Sheriff, Sheriff Burroughs indicated that St. Mary's County may well lose the services of several of the thirteen deputies if an indication were not forthcoming concerning this matter. The Board of County Commissioners took the matter under consideration pending legislative research by the County Attorney.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Aubrey Cusic represented the State Roads Commission. Mr. Cusic was requested to have the 400-foot strip leading into the Fair Grounds surface treated.

Mr. Cusic was asked to provide trash barrels on the pier, loading platform, and on St. Clements Island for the "Blessing of the Fleet" event to take place on October 4, 1970.

The public wharf at Captain Sam's Crabhouse in the 7th District is in need of repair, and Mr. Cusic is making arrangements for corrective action to be taken by Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

Present: Mr. Walter A. Miles

August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Mr. Miles outlined a change in procedure which he recommends for the Sanitary Landfill at Oakville; i.e., that the filling should start at the head of the ravines rather than filling from the bottom. Such action would serve as a protection against "slide" for the equipment operators and result in more sanitary conditions.

St. George's Park

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, stated that there was still some question about riparian rights for the County at St. George's Park, but he felt confident he could clear it up with the heirs so that the property could be conveyed to the County.

C. Maurice Dixon Mobile Home Park

Mr. Oliver Guyther appeared to state that he and the County Attorney, Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, had determined correct and proper definitions under the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan for the terms "Community System", "Individual System", and "Public System", and that it was their agreement that Mr. Maurice Dixon's Mobile Home Park would fall into the category of a "Community System", thereby necessitating the need for approval of a sewage disposal and treatment plant to go to Public Hearing. No further action was taken.

Citizens Council for Lexington Park vs. Metropolitan Commission

The Citizens Council for Lexington Park, headed by Mr. Richard Weeks, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners concerning the administration of the Metropolitan Commission and to protest the increase in rate charges, front footage charges, etc. The Rev. Fred Feldner, Oliver Guyther, Mrs. Weeks, Walter E. Raum, Dr. Allan D. Houser, J. Frank Raley, and Chauncey Karstens were also present. Mr. Oliver Guyther stated that they were here to discuss the Metropolitan Commission and specifically to ask the Metropolitan Commission to make an official request to the Public Service Commission for the conduct of a review of the rate schedules and address themselves to certain other questions posed by the citizens of the Sanitary District. During the course of the meeting, the Citizens Council also requested the removal of Admiral Thurston B. Clark as Director, and the removal of the three present Metropolitan Commissioners. Mr. J. Frank Raley stated that the reason he came to the meeting was because he recognizes the necessity and vital need for the Metropolitan Commission; but he would like to avoid further acrimonious debate about it. Mr. Raley stated that he would like to see a suitable arrangement made so that the citizens could be informed and know what was going on and that he believed a review by the Public Service Commission would be advisable. Mr. Guyther stated that "if it appears that the public has lost confidence in Admiral Clark, it would appear that the County Commissioners could ask for his resignation". Mr. Weeks stated that he felt the County should hire an engineer and a manager, as required by law. Mr. Wigginton summed up by stating that the guidelines for the operation of the Metropolitan Commission were clearly set forth in the Statutes. The Board of County Commissioners took the matter under advisement and Mr. Burch stated that the Citizens Council would be apprised of their decision concerning the possibility of a review by the Public Service Commission in the very near future.

Board of Education -- Mobile Classroom Units

Messrs. Ogden and Kanowitz appeared to present the Board of County Commissioners with the bids submitted for the purchase of three Mobile Classroom units for the George

Washington Carver Middle School. The bids were as follows:

U.S.C.O.	\$8,331.89 ea.	\$33,327.56 total
Continental Homes, Inc.	8,646.00 ea.	34,584.00 total
Mobile Classrooms, Inc.	9,705.93	38,823.72 total

The Board of County Commissioners, having previously approved an expenditure of \$30,000 from the Contingent Fund for these mobile units (August 18, 1970), approved the expenditure of the additional \$3,327.56 in order to obtain the units.

#### Railroad Crossings

Mr. Burch asked the County Attorney, Mr. Wigginton, if any provisions could be made to eliminate the stopping at the railroad crossings by school buses. The question was occasioned by the fact that it is well known that there are no trains operating on the railroad in St. Mary's County. Mr. Wigginton subsequently reported that the buses are required to stop by statute, and that there is no way in which we can assist the school buses in this regard.

#### Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks

Pursuant to information obtained from the CBA by Commissioner George R. Aud, that funds are available for the dredging of Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks, and upon recommendation from Mr. Louis Phipps, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to advertise for bids and to provide the specifications to the bidders for the dredging of these waterways.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved, ,

*J. Ellcott Burch*