

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 1970

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on October 6, 1970 were read and approved.

Trailer Occupancy Fees

Mr. Burch suggested that the Board of County Commissioners might be well advised to request a meeting with the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, Capt. Graning, for the purpose of discussing the growing concern regarding the cost of trailer housing for military personnel and others. This concern was generated as a result of a request to increase the occupancy fees (see minutes October 6, 1970 meeting). The Board agreed that such a meeting would be advisable and arrangements were made to meet in Capt. Graning's Office at the Base on Thursday, October 15. Capt. Graning also expressed a desire to discuss law enforcement as it pertains to violations concerning the sale of liquor to minors, etc.

The Board of County Commissioners requested the presence of the Sheriff in order to discuss possible avenues for assisting Captain Graning at the Naval Air Station with problems he is encountering with minors drinking in the local bar rooms. The Sheriff stated that his Office would assist in any way possible. The Board requested that the Sheriff accompany them to their meeting with Captain Graning on Thursday, October 15. It was also agreed that the Liquor Board attorney, Mr. Marvin Kaminetz and the County Attorney, Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, should be present.

Trailer Assessments

Mr. Burch suggested that the Board might also be well advised to request the Supervisor of Assessments to up-date appraisals of some of the trailers so that a comparison could be made of assessments on privately-owned trailers, rented trailers, and comparable permanent housing.

Petition Protesting Increase in Occupancy Fees  
for Trailers in Mobile Trailer Home Parks

Present: William J. Veda, Petty Officer 1/c, USN  
Donald E. Jordan, Petty Officer 1/c, USN

Messrs. Veda and Jordan appeared to present a petition which had been signed by approximately 380 individuals who occupy trailers in trailer parks, which petition protests any increase in occupancy fees, since they allege any such increase would be passed on to the occupants by the owners of the trailer parks.

Messrs. Veda and Jordan said they had spent approximately two days canvassing the mobile home trailer parks for the purpose of acquainting the occupants of a suggested hike in rentals if an increase in occupancy fees were levied.

Railroad Right-of-Way

Mr. Chauncey Karstens, Republican candidate for County Commissioner, appeared to request a review of the minutes of September, 1968 and to question the legality of conveying any part of the railroad right-of-way to the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. Mr. Burch explained that SMECO had purchased the railroad right-of-way for St. Mary's County and that an agreement had been duly executed with them granting use of the right-of-way as a utility easement for their power lines.

St. Mary's City Commission Plan

Present: General Robert E. Hogaboom  
Mrs. Polly Barber  
Mr. Chauncey Karstens  
Mr. Jack Kershaw, ENTERPRISE  
Mr. Dick Myers, WKIK

General Robert E. Hogaboom, Chairman, St. Mary's City Commission, reported that the Maryland State Department of Planning had approved the plan for the preservation and development of Maryland's first capital, St. Mary's City, and presented the Board with copies of said plan, which is dated March, 1970.

General Hogaboom stated that approximately 25,000 visitors had come to St. Mary's City during the last year; explained the land site acquisition program; described a Visitor's Center which is proposed on St. Mary's Hill, as well as plans for an Amphitheater and a conference Center. With the completion of the St. Mary's City By-Pass, traffic will be routed around the city and visitor traffic into the city will be handled separately.

#### Youth Services Bureau

Present: Dr. John H. Mills, Executive Director, Tri-County Council  
Mrs. Dorothea Rees, Supervisor, Department of Juvenile Services

Dr. Mills and Mrs. Rees appeared to fully acquaint the Board of County Commissioners with the organizational plans for a Youth Services Bureau, in the Tri-County forum, which they proposed to locate as a clinic-type operation in Hughesville, Maryland. Mrs. Rees described the plan as an evaluation center as well as a treatment center for the purpose of detecting social deviates in the lower school grades. There would be a paid staff which would include a psychiatrist, a physician, a rehabilitation counselor, and a secretary -- augmented by a professional board member from each of the existing agencies such as the Health Department, Board of Education, Juvenile Services, Social Services, etc. Mrs. Rees stated that, hopefully, remedial measures could be effected for the children and parents alike without having to resort to Court procedures or confinement of the children to Detention Centers. Mrs. Rees also stated that the various State Departments have available funds for "purchasing the services" of this department -- thereby placing the "services" on a reimburseable basis to the various State Departments whose jurisdictions or interests would be served.

The Board of County Commissioners was in agreement that St. Mary's County should participate in this program and, upon requisition, will release the necessary proportionate share of funding.

Roads Meeting

Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer was present. The State Roads Commission was not represented.

Lawrence Street in Douglas Lawrence Sub-Division

Mr. Wagener was requested to advise Mr. Douglas Lawrence, Mr. Bob Rollins and Teresa Shaeffer that subject Sub-Division would be cancelled if the street in question were not immediately surface-treated.

Society Hill Road

Mr. Wagener was requested to contact Mr. Tommy Waring about the entrance road to Society Hills, which has been damaged during construction of the Golf Course.

EOC Radio Equipment Maintenance Contract

The Emergency Operations Center Radio Equipment Maintenance Contract was executed by Mr. Otis F. Wood, for the EOC, and Mr. F. Elliott Burch, for the County. Subject contract is with Land Air Electronics, Inc.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill Ordinance

Preliminary approval was given to the Oakville Sanitary Landfill Ordinance (70-3) as written, as well as the regulations for opening the Landfill, on the earliest practicable date. A description of the ordinance, which would not become effective until July 1, 1971, will be published starting the week of October 19, subject hearing being scheduled for the evening of November 17, 1970.

Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks -- bid opening

At 3:00 p.m., having duly advertised for bids for the dredging of Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks, the Board of County Commissioners recorded the following bids:

James L. Saunders-----	\$30,360.00
Delahay's and Lester Mattingly Sons-----	33,760.00
Edward A. & John O. Crandall-----	29,838.00

The bidders were advised that pending approval and recommendation from the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, they would be notified in writing of the award of the bid.

#### St. Mary's River Watershed

Mr. James W. Henderson, Sr., appeared to present a draft proposed letter addressed to Mr. Stephen J. Wurn, Jr., Chief, Community Programs, Farmers Home Administration, Trenton, New Jersey, which letter requested assistance in obtaining the release of the approved loan in the amount of \$250,000.00 for land acquisition. It appears that the Farmers Home Administration funds, which are funds required in the initial stage for the purpose of land acquisition, are not forthcoming -- but that the Soil Conservation Funds have been authorized for release this fiscal year, as well as State of Maryland funding from the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Department of Forests and Parks, and the Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Henderson has been granted an appointment with Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton concerning the St. Mary's River Watershed project, at which time he will be prepared to fully acquaint the Congressman with the facts, a copy of our letter to Mr. Wurn, and other documentation concerning the St. Mary's River Watershed project. The Board of County Commissioners elected to revise and send the letter to Mr. Wurn; and to request Congressman Morton's assistance in writing prior to Mr. Henderson's appointment with him.

#### Appointment of Account Clerk A for Trial Magistrate's Office

The Board of County Commissioners agreed that Mrs. Doris Jones of Richneck Road would be employed full time in the Trial Magistrate's Office, as an Account Clerk A, effective October 19, 1970. Mrs. Jones has been employed on a part-time basis for two days per week for the last six months.

#### Temporary Employment of Stenographer in County Engineer's Office

Mrs. Joyce Ann Cusic was given a temporary four-months' appointment as Stenographer in the County Engineer's Office, to replace Mrs. Barbara W. Tippet, who will be absent on maternity leave during that period.

Five-Year Extension to Airport Contract

During the course of the meeting, word was received from Mr. Clayton of the Federal Aviation Administration, that FAA would have no objection to the extension, by five years, of the airport management contract, held by the Professional Flight Service, Inc.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,

*J. Elliott Burch*