

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, October 20, 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 10:05 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on October 13, 1970 were read and approved.

St. Mary's County Airport

Mr. Burch reported that Allan W. Tate, District Engineer, State Roads Commission, had declined the County's invitation for the SRC to perform certain improvements at the St. Mary's County Airport -- the clearing of twenty acres of land and removal of tree stumps; and the reinstallation of the rotating beacon light.

Dredging of Dukehart Creek

Messrs. Robert Kopel, Nick Downs, and Frank Gass appeared to inquire into the status of the dredging of Dukehart Creek. Messrs. Dick Myers of WKIK and Jack Kershaw of the Enterprise were also present.

Since a controversy has arisen over actual ownership of certain parcels of land which are involved in the CBA proposal for the dredging of the creek and the disposal of waste, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to have a survey of the land made and a plat drawn up. When this has been accomplished, the Board will make a decision concerning the letting of bids for contracting out the work on this project, after the necessary approvals have been obtained from the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. (Note: On October 21, 1970, Mr. A. J. Focer of Lorenzi Dodds & Gunnill was engaged to perform this work.)

Graveyard Road -- Request for County to establish where its right-of-way ends

Mr. Bill Wilson appeared to request the Board of County Commissioners to have a survey performed which will establish a point on Graveyard Road to determine where the St. Mary's County right-of-way ends. Mr. Robert E. Wigginton advised Mr. Wilson

that the County had no responsibility in this matter and would only claim that portion of right-of-way of the road which the County maintains, which is 27/100 of a mile. Mr. Wigginton suggested that the titles of other property owners should be searched and that Mr. Wilson should request Mr. Nace Hayden to help him in this regard. Mr. Wigginton also mentioned that perhaps Charles E. Fenwick, President of the St. Mary's Historical Society might be able to assist him and that his partner, Mr. William Aleck Loker had done some research in this area which might prove helpful.

Increase in Salary for Court Reporter, Roy Carter

His Honor, Judge Philip H. Dorsey, requested and recommended to the Board that the Court Reporter, Roy Carter, be granted a \$1,000 salary increase, to become effective on January 1, 1971. The Court Reporter is not under the County Merit System and had his last increase from \$7,000 to \$8,000 per year on January 1, 1970. Mr. Burch advised Judge Dorsey that the Board would take the request under advisement and return a decision as soon as possible.

Shore Erosion Survey by Brevard Engineering

Present: Messrs. Nieta and Gaum, Brevard Engineering
Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Messrs. Nieta and Gaum appeared with Mr. Wagener to delineate the terms of their proposal to perform a site survey on beach erosion from the causeway at Point Lookout up to and including St. Jerome's Inlet. The Board requested that Mr. Wagener take the two gentlemen to the area in question for the purpose of determining just how much territory could be surveyed within the limits of the \$10,000 allocation for this project and to advise the Board of County Commissioners, in writing, the total area to be included in their study.

Review of Planning and Zoning Maps

Messrs. Mirfield, Hodges, Gough, Hogaboom, and Wigginton were present as well as Mr. Dick Myers of WKIK and Mr. Jack Kershaw of the Enterprise. Mr. Burch requested the press to withhold publication of any discussion during this meeting, since no decision regarding Planning and Zoning would be made, and the information would be considered privileged and for background only.

The assessment maps, as well as the master composite maps on Zoning St. Mary's County were reviewed in detail to determine their usefulness. It was decided that since some areas, which require a zoning allocation, had not been recorded on the maps, that the County Engineer, in consort with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners, would bring subject maps completely up-to-date, at which time arrangements would be made for duplicating them for display to the public prior to and during the Public Hearing on Zoning, which is tentatively scheduled for the evening of November 18, 1970.

Tuition Scholarship to St. Mary's College of Maryland

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to award a \$300 tuition scholarship to St. Mary's College of Maryland to Constance Ann Wood, of Oraville. Miss Wood is a Freshman, whose eligibility has been verified with the Director of Admissions.

Payments Approved

Lorenzi Dodds & Gunnill, for work performed at Bennett's Landfill, during August, 1970-----	\$255.50
David M. Gruber & Co., for 1st Quarter, fiscal 1971--	2,250.00
Eunice L. Tillman, 46 hours research and secretarial work-----	239.66
Delahay's Pile Driving Service, Shore Erosion Project, Tall Timbers, Maryland:	
Week of September 21-25, 1970-----	3,145.00
Week of September 28-Oct. 2, 1970-----	1,355.00
Week of Oct. 5-9, 1970-----	2,825.00
Bussells & Co., work on Richneck Road thru 9/2/70----	4,445.50
St. Mary's College of Maryland, 11 scholarships-----	3,300.00
Quarterly payment to St. Mary's County Historical Society-----	1,250.00
Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., for material on Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project:	
Invoice No. 6882-----	1,215.26
Invoice No. 6795-----	154.75
Invoice No. 6769-----	28.41

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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President

Special Resolution of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to award a \$1000.00 donation to St. Mary's College of Maryland for the purchase of a copy of the book "The History of the County of Queen Anne's, Virginia, 1654-1870" which has been ordered by the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

*Respectfully,
F. Elliott Burch*

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