

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 1970

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on September 27, 1970, were read and approved.

Joseph Herbert Tennyson

Mr. Joseph Herbert Tennyson, resident of California, Maryland, on Route 235, appeared to inquire about the salaries for the Deputy Sheriffs and the Chief Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Burch referred Mr. Tennyson to the Director of Finance, Mr. B. Harris Sterling, who gave Mr. Tennyson detailed information.

Drug Action Committee of St. Mary's County (DAC)

Present: Mr. Jack Kershaw, ENTERPRISE  
Mr. Dick Myers, WKIK  
Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney  
Mr. William R. Kreitzer  
Mr. James D. Adams  
Father Francis J. Veith

Father Veith opened the meeting by stating that the Drug Action Committee of St. Mary's County had organized to the point where a set of by-laws had been developed and accepted. The purpose of the DAC is to acquaint and familiarize and educate the public on the use and abuse of drugs and also to reach the users in the field of drug abuse which is even more widespread than ever. Father Veith said that the DAC would like to obtain the recognition of their group from the Board of County Commissioners. The Board agreed that it would be willing to adopt a Resolution of Recognition for the Drug Action Committee.

Further, Father Veith stated that the DAC would require some funding before concentrated activity could start, making particular reference to the "Hot Line" Committee which was planning the installation of a twenty-four hour telephone watch designed for the purpose of guiding and assisting abusers and users. Mr. William R. Kreitzer is presently the Chairman of the "Hot Line" Committee and is working with persons who will perform the guidance and control consultation on incoming telephone distress calls. Father Veith stated that approximately \$1,000 would be needed as a start to cover printing costs and other incidental expenses. Mr. Burch said there might be a question of whether the County Commissioners have the authority to contribute money for this purpose and indicated that there might be Federal or State funds available under the Safe Streets Act. The County Attorney advised that the Board has the general authority to spend money for the general safety and welfare of the County, but that this purpose might be outside their jurisdiction. Mr. Wigginton stated that the DAC has received the endorsement of the Superintendent of Schools, the Health Department, and the Board of Education, has two members from the Maryland State Police detachment, two members from the Sheriff's Department, and that the main purpose of the organization and program was to coordinate existing agencies and organizations in an effort to decrease the drug problem.

Mr. Burch stated that the Board would certainly take the request under advisement and see what kind of help could be arranged. So far as recognition, Mr. Burch stated that the Board would provide the DAC with a Resolution of Recognition.

#### John P. Rue

Mr. John P. (Jack) Rue appeared with a plat showing thirty acres of land north of the Technical Center and South of Leonardtown, off Route 5, which he is offering to St. Mary's County for purchase at a price of \$3,000 per acre. The Board of County Commissioners expressed an interest in obtaining the land for the County and arranged to meet Mr. Rue at the site in order to inspect the land. After inspection, the Board will decide if they are willing to negotiate for purchase.

Assignment of two Park Rangers to Point Lookout State Park

By letter under date of October 27, 1970, Mr. James B. Roberts, District Forester, Department of Forests and Parks, requested approval of the employment of Messrs. Jerry L. Denton and Samuel T. Haynie, III, of Ridge, Maryland, as Park Rangers at Point Lookout State Park. The Emergency Operations Center and the Sheriff's Department records were checked for a record of any criminal offenses and none was found. Mr. Roberts was telephoned for the purpose of inquiring into the purpose of the request, which Mr. Roberts stated was a simple matter of courtesy, since these were men who were being employed as law enforcement officers in the Point Lookout State Park. The Board agreed that Mr. Paul R. Raley should sign acceptance of their employment and the Board went on record as "making no objection" to the appointments proposed.

C. Maurice Dixon Mobile Home Park

Present: Dr. Alan D. Houser, Department of Health  
 Mr. Walter E. Raum, Chief Sanitarian, Dept. of Health  
 Oliver R. Guyther, Esquire  
 Mr. C. Maurice Dixon

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to investigate the possibility of eventually tying in sewerage disposal for the C. Maurice Dixon Mobile Home Park with the Mattapany Sanitary District line and with the Board of Education's new school disposal system at Park Hall, and to obtain the opinion of Mr. Bingley of the State Department of Health on the acceptability of Mr. Dixon's plans and specifications for sewerage so that the Board could approve the plans, subject to future tie-in with the Mattapany Sanitary District system.

Mr. Wigginton suggested that perhaps the thing to do is to revise the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to conform with what the Health Department approves -- an amendment could be devised which would correspond with the improvements desired concerning the S-5 areas.

Dr. Houser stated that he would call Mr. Bingley and ask him what needs to be done -- perhaps get an answer over the phone and then confirm in writing.

Mr. Guyther stated that he questions the constitutionality of an ordinance that ties up a person's property for ten years by disallowing any property development, particularly when an individual like C. Maurice Dixon, is offering to do something that exceeds the minimum requirements of the ordinance (additional expenses and accommodation with the Board of Health, Metropolitan Commission, and Hood's Trailer Park). Mr. Guyther requested on behalf of his client, C. Maurice Dixon, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Mobile Home Plan subject to the final approval by the State Department of Health so far as the detailed specifications, knowing that if the sewer line to the Sanitary District becomes a reality, it would be tied into that line.

Dr. Houser contacted Mr. Bingley by telephone and advised the Board that Mr. Bingley saw no reason why the County Commissioners could not make an exception, subject to an approved plan such as this, to make the establishment of the C. Maurice Dixon Trailer Park permissible. Mr. Bingley stated he would go along with the plans and specifications as submitted. However, the exception must be brought before a Public Hearing.

#### Roads Meeting

##### Essex South Light

The Board reviewed and approved a recommendation from the Regional Traffic Engineer, State Roads Commission, for:

1. A "YIELD" sign on Lynn Drive at Essex South.
2. A "STOP" sign on Shangri-La Drive at Essex South.

A resolution setting forth the above requirements will be executed at the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

##### Traffic Signal at Md. # 246 & Midway Drive

The Board reviewed a recommendation from Thomas Hicks, Assistant Chief Engineer, Traffic Safety Division, dated November 4, 1970 and addressed to the Hon. John Hanson Briscoe, stating that traffic studies at the intersection of Md. Route 246 (Great Mills Road) and Midway Drive in Lexington Park area of St. Mary's County had been conducted, determining that traffic signalization can be used to advantage at this location.

The Board of County Commissioners feel that the signalization would serve a better purpose if located at the intersection of Essex Drive. A letter of recommendation from the Board to the SRC will be drafted and reviewed at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Beitzell Road, off Route 520, 7th District

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that he had received a request for rehabilitation of Beitzell Road in the 7th District. The Board requested the County Engineer and the Resident Engineer of the SRC, Mr. J. Douglas Bond, to inspect and report on the condition of Beitzell Road.

St. Peter's Key Sub-Division (off Bauer Road)

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that street signs had been ordered for the streets in St. Peter's Key Sub-Division, that the deed was in, and that the roads had been inspected and approved by Mr. Bond. Acceptance into the system was approved by the Board.

List of new roads taken into the County System

Upon request from Mr. Bond, it was unanimously agreed that it will be necessary to up-date the list of all the new roads taken into the County system.

Airport Road

Mr. Burch indicated that acceptance of the Airport Road into the County System should be expedited.

Extension of Maypole Road

It was agreed that the extension to Maypole Road should be taken into the system and action expedited.

Presentation of Fiscal 1970 Audit Review by David M. Gruber & Co.

Present: David M. Gruber  
John D. Little

W. Stanley Donaldson  
B. Harris Sterling

Mr. David M. Gruber and Mr. John D. Little gave a complete review of the 1970 fiscal audit. Mr. Gruber stated that the basic accounting system is working very well, that he was very pleased with it.

Sheriff-Elect Larry Williams

The Sheriff-Elect, Mr. Larry Williams, appeared to pay a courtesy call on the Board of County Commissioners and to inquire into the procedures for advertising for bids for six new patrol cars, acquisition of uniforms, turning over of equipment and other inventory items, and starting salaries for the Chief Deputy and Deputy Sheriffs.

Mr. Burch requested that a study be conducted to decide whether leasing or buying of vehicles is the most reasonable for the County.

With regard to salaries, Mr. Sterling advised Mr. Williams that the Deputies assigned by Sheriff Burroughs were started off at \$6700 per year, with a 5% increase annually and that the Chief Deputy started with \$7,350 with \$400 annual increments. Mr. Williams was requested to return with his recommendations on all subjects after determinations were made as to the number of deputies to be hired and uniformed, and when his recommendations as regards to patrol cars were firmed up.

Mr. Williams indicated that he would appoint George Delozier as his Chief Deputy.

Salary Increase for Otis F. Wood, Acting Director  
Office of Civil Defense

The Board agreed to recommend that the salary scale for Otis F. Wood be increased from Grade 7 to either Grade 11 or Grade 10, subject to review and approval of the State Commissioner of Personnel, since Mr. Wood's position is under the State Merit System.

McLeod Public Trash Disposal Area

Mr. McLeod reported that gravel is needed on the road which leads into his Public Trash Disposal area before the winter sets in and that the road is getting narrow in a couple of places where it has washed out. The Board approved the improvement of this road.

Mr. McLeod stated that the sign explaining operating regulations has been delivered and should be erected and that a cable across the roadway needs to be installed so that the area can be closed off in the evening. The Board approved this request.

Mr. McLeod stated that he would have to double the price of trash collection (commercial trash hauling) with the opening of the Oakville Sanitary Landfill because of increased mileage and that he would like to continue to operate the present trash facility on an independent basis.

St. Mary's River Watershed

Upon recommendation from the County Attorney, the Board agreed that St. Mary's County does not have the authority to borrow, or obtain advance funding from the Fish and Wildlife Department for the acquisition of properties in Site #1 of the St. Mary's River Watershed, as suggested by Mr. James W. Henderson of the Recreation and Parks Committee. Mr. John V. Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks, was so informed by memorandum.

Street Signs in the Society Hill Development

The Board agreed that the County Engineer should pursue the proposition of requesting the developer of Society Hill to conform with Planning and Zoning Regulations to the extent of erecting the Street name signs. Mr. Wagener was requested by memorandum to write an appropriate letter to the developer of the Sub-Division, regarding the erection of the street signs, specifying a time limit (say, within ninety days) for compliance with Planning and Zoning Regulations and for completion of same.

Payments Approved:

J. Spence Howard, Jr., appraisal Services, Site #1, St. Mary's River Watershed Project, 10 @ \$200 each-----	\$2,200.00
Bussells & Company, Larredore Road Improvements	
339 hours office engineering @ \$8.50-----	2,881.50
Bussells & Company, Hewett Road Improvements	
49 hours office engineering @ \$8.50-----	416.50
Walter B. Dorsey, legal services Magee vs. J. Laurence Millison, et al, Law No. 5882-----	
	750.00
Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project, Delahay's Pile	
Driving Service, Week Oct. 26-30, 1970-----	1,965.00

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,

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President

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