

BID OPENING

Thursday, November 15, 1970 (1:40 p.m.)

Present: Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Cecelia B. Adams (Mrs.), Recording Secretary

In the absence of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, officiated at the opening of bids for the improvement to County Road #29, Chaptico to Mechanicsville Road, located in the fourth and fifth Election Districts of St. Mary's County, Maryland and also for the improvement to County Road #275, being Chancellors Run Road, located in the eighth election district of St. Mary's County, Maryland. The bids were opened at 1:40 p.m.

Chaptico/Mechanicsville Road

Arundel Asphalt Products P. O. Box 278 Lanham, Maryland 20801	\$53,468.80	LOW BID
Contee Sand and Gravel P. O. Box 460 Laurel, Maryland 20810	57,719.20	

Chancellor's Run Road

Arundel Asphalt Products	40,744.00	
Contee Sand and Gravel	43,208.00	
Dean and Beavers	38,852.00	LOW BID
A. H. Smith	42,196.00	

On Tuesday, November 17, 1970, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed the bids submitted and elected to award the bid for the improvement to the Chaptico/Mechanicsville Road to the low bidder, Arundel Asphalt Products of Lanham, Maryland.

The bid for the improvement of Chancellor's Run Road was awarded to the low bidder, Dean and Beavers.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, November 17, 1970

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Payments ApprovedTall Timbers Shore Erosion Project

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Hardware-----\$44.60
 Delahay's Pile Driving Service, week of
 November 9 to November 13, 1970-----2,225.00

Buchart Associates, for professional services
 in connection with planning for renovations to
 the Sheriff's Office-----382.50

William J. Cairns and Francine L. Cairns
 Case in Equity No. A-3794, Order and Final Decree
 of the Circuit Court for repayment of taxes collected
 at Budd's Creek Drag Strip----- 4,060.18
 (Note: Payment approved November 16, 1970)

Voucher Numbers 38041 through 38140 were signed by F. Elliott Burch, President, Board of County Commissioners.

Roy Carter, Court Reporter -- Increase in Salary

The Board agreed that an increase in salary, in the amount of \$1,000 would be granted to the Court Reporter, Roy Carter, effective January 1, 1971. This increase will bring the annual salary of Mr. Carter up to \$9,000 per annum.

John L. (Jack) Rue

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Rue if he and his partners would accept \$2,000 per acre for the property they have for sale (30 acres, more or less, on Route 5 South of Leonardtown), provided the County would pay for the topographical survey. Mr. Rue said that he would talk with his partners and indicated that they would like to have as much cash down as possible, the remainder of the payments could be spread.

Mr. Sterling indicated that revenue for the coming fiscal year would, in all probability, be reduced by anticipated reductions in revenue for income tax and gasoline tax; further, the school bond issue was passed on referendum. Mr. Sterling asked for an opportunity to look in detail into the status of finances prior to the commitment of purchase of the Rue property.

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

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, indicated that he could find no authority for St. Mary's County to assist the Drug Action Committee of St. Mary's County in their work by granting them \$1,000 as requested in the meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 1970. The Board requested that a letter to this effect be written to the DAC advising them of the County's inability to comply with the request.

Department of Health, Percolation Ordinance

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, read a proposed letter to the Department of Health concerning the Percolation Ordinance which the Board had agreed would not be signed into effect. The Board approved the letter which was addressed to Dr. Alan D. Houser, Deputy State Health Officer, and agreed that copies of same would constitute a press release. The text of the decision follows:

"After a public hearing, the County Commissioners have carefully considered the proposed percolation ordinance. It developed at the public hearing that over 75% of the land area of the County would fall into the category that would prevent percolation tests to be made except during the period of February 1, to March 31. The County considers that this ordinance would be very restrictive and that a complete survey of the County has not yet been made so that it would be inappropriate for the County to adopt such an ordinance at this time, particularly since we are informed that the State Department of Health is considering the adoption of such a State-wide regulation."

Metropolitan Commission Request for Easements on State Route 235

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton reported that the Metropolitan Commission's Request for Easements from the County and the SMECO, which involves the railroad right-of-way, beginning at its intersection with Route 235 at Lexington Park and running in a northerly direction for an approximate distance of 8 miles, would have to be reviewed in detail by the engineering staff of the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. The Board of SMECO will consider the request at their regular meeting on November 17, but a decision will not be forthcoming until the engineering studies have been completed.

Salary - August H. Wagener, County Engineer

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the salary situation of the County Engineer, August H. Wagener, with Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance. Mr. Sterling stated that a question had come up due to the fact that the Board had originally employed Mr. Wagener at a flat rate of \$1,200 per month. The payroll for the County is set up for 26 pay periods annually on a 13-month basis. In establishing the correct bi-weekly pay for Mr. Wagener, the Director of Finance recalculated that each pay check for Mr. Wagener would be \$576.92 -- or, \$14,999.92 annually. Mr. Wagener was apprised of the recalculation, which in reality amounts to an increase of approximately \$600.

St. Mary's Office of Civil Defense

Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director, Office of Civil Defense, appeared to present the Board of County Commissioners with the annual report of the Emergency Operations Center and the Office of Civil Defense for the calendar year 1969.

Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Mr. Wood also mentioned that he was experiencing some difficulty with Mr. Robert Strain, Fire Chief, Lexington Park, whose relations with the Fire Board have deteriorated. The problem arose when the Chief of the Fire Board requested a change in the "running order" (the order in which fire companies are dispatched from the EOC upon fire signal). Mr. Wood hopes to be able to iron out this problem between Mr. Lloyd Goddard, Chief of the Fire Board, and Mr. Robert Strain, Chief at Lexington Park, without further ado.

Brevard Engineering Proposal for Shore Erosion Survey

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed a proposal containing four alternatives for Engineering Feasibility Studies from the Point Lookout Causeway up to and including St. Jerome's Inlet:

I. Scotland Beach from existing bulkhead at Maryland State Route 5 northerly to the first county road, a distance of approximately 3,300 feet; St. Jerome Inlet for a distance of 2,000 feet north and south of the mouth of this inlet along the Chesapeake Bay

\$10,000.00

II. Scotland Beach from the existing bulkhead at Maryland State Route 5 northerly to the first county road, a distance of approximately 3,000 feet; Deep Creek-Long Neck Creek for a distance of 2,000 feet north and south of the mouth of this Inlet along Chesapeake Bay

\$10,000.00

III. Scotland Beach from the existing bulkhead at Maryland State Route 5 northerly to the first county road, a distance of approximately 3,300 feet; St. Jerome Inlet for a distance of 2,000 feet north and south of the mouth of this Inlet along the Chesapeake Bay; Deep Creek-Long Neck Creek beach erosion study for a distance of 2,000 feet north and south of the mouth of this Inlet along the Chesapeake Bay

\$15,000.00

IV. The field trips by Mr. Barry P. Rhodes and Mr. Rudolph F. Gaum indicate to them the severity of the erosion problem and a preliminary analysis indicates that the entire area from Maryland Route 5 at the causeway to Point Look-In, plus the area at St. Jerome Creek, should be included in the Engineering Feasibility Report. We would be pleased to prepare the feasibility study and report for this entire area from Maryland Route 5 to Point Look-In and 2,000 feet north and south of the mouth of St. Jerome Creek for a fee of

\$20,000.00

The Board of County Commissioners requested that the County Engineer, Mr. August H. Wagener, write to Brevard Engineering, requesting the distance the study would cover starting at the Point Lookout Causeway and going north until a fee of \$10,000 had been exhausted.

St. Mary's County Roads Maintenance Program through June 30, 1971

Mr. Sterling reviewed a letter from the State Roads Commission dated November 13, 1970 in which SRC outlined a projection of the financial picture of the St. Mary's County Maintenance Program through June 30, 1971. They directed attention to the fact that based on anticipated revenue and expenditures for the balance of the current fiscal year, our cash balance would be in the red at June 30, 1971, in the amount of \$108,615.00. The letter stated further that "in order to prevent occurrence of the major deficit position projected, it will be necessary for either the SRC to immediately reduce maintenance expenditures, or for the County to advance the sum of \$108,615 to the Commission".

Mr. Sterling stated that he had reviewed this matter in detail and that in accordance with his calculations, the projected deficit at June 30, 1971 would only be \$1,878.00 -- the major part of the consideration being that this year the oiling schedule is included in our construction cost -- of which the estimated cost has been advanced to the State. The Board of County Commissioners approved a letter which Mr. Sterling had prepared for transmittal to the SRC setting forth the above facts, by recapitulation.

Application for Radio Station License by Professional Flight Service, Inc., St. Mary's County Airport

The Board reviewed a letter received from Berton S. Brundage, Professional Flight Service, Inc., St. Mary's County Airport, reporting that they have filed application for a Radio Station License from the Federal Communications Commission on November 9, 1970. This Radio Station, or Unicom, will operate on a frequency of 122.8 Megacycles and will be used for communications with private aircraft concerning weather, wind and runway conditions, availability of fuel type for aircraft, ground transportation, food, lodging, and in the case of emergencies concerning any aircraft in the area.

Holiday Pay and Overtime Pay for Skilled Laborers

Mr. Sterling reported that a decision was required in the matter of overtime and Holiday pay for work performed on maintenance of Sanitary Landfills. The issue came up with regard to the time worked by Mr. Joseph Thompson on Veterans Day, November 11.

The Board agreed that time-and-a-half would be paid for work performed on Holidays. If the employee does not work the Holiday, he will receive regular pay.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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President