

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 1971

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the meeting which was held on February 2, 1971 were read and approved.

Personnel Actions

The Board of County Commissioners reaffirmed that there are now position vacancies in the Office of the Board of County Commissioners for:

Stenographer, Scale 3
 Secretary B, Scale 5

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, was requested to prepare the necessary papers and appropriate advertisements, to take applications, and schedule examinations for these two position vacancies, immediately.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed that total responsibility for the administration of personnel management and the Merit System is to be charged directly to the Director of Finance; and that Department Heads will conduct the necessary interviews with job applicants and make recommendations for their employment to the Director of Finance for implementation. Mr. B. Harris Sterling was advised of this decision by the President of the Board, George R. Aud, Commissioner Guy requested that Mr. Sterling be apprised of this action in writing.

Mr. George Dent, The Beavin Company

Mr. George Dent of The Beavin Company appeared to inquire into the possibility of his company acquiring a contract for engineering new roads in the County Road System

and was advised by President George R. Aud that no new work was contemplated at the present time. Mr. Dent made particular reference to an extension of the Millstone Landing Road from Route 235 toward the North Gate of the Naval Air Station.

John V. Baggett, Tot Fun Center
Department of Recreation and Parks

Mr. John V. Baggett, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks, appeared to assure the Board of County Commissioners that his Tot Fun Center program had been cleared with both the Board of Education and the Department of Health, and that the operation did not duplicate any of the programs or responsibilities of either organization. Mr. Baggett also indicated that it is his plan to implement programs in dog obedience, ballroom dancing, choral music, bridge instruction, ballet and toe-dancing, and senior citizen recreation in the near future. Commissioner Guy questioned the prudence of using County tax money for implementing this type of activity, stating that he had no objection to such programs per se -- that the County should be able to sponsor such programs so long as they are funded by the people who are participating under the aegis of Council direction. Mr. Guy indicated that there was interest in the 7th District for the establishment of a Recreation Council.

Open Space

Mr. Baggett stated that it was extremely important that the Open Space legislation be enacted as the benefits to be derived on land acquisition, etc. for recreation and parks were urgently needed. President George R. Aud advised Mr. Baggett that the Board would write a letter supporting this legislation to the Legislative Delegation in Annapolis.

Greenhorne and O'Mara (Solid Waste Management Plan)
Mr. Mike Waring

Mr. Mike Waring of Greenhorne and O'Mara appeared to outline his firm's qualifications for completing a Solid Waste Management Plan for St. Mary's County. Mr. Waring stated that he would not quote a proposal fee for the completion of this plan since their professional code of ethics prohibited competitive bidding, but stated

that his firm would welcome an invitation for their experts to visit St. Mary's County with a view toward determining in greater detail the exact planning the County has already initiated concerning solid waste disposal. This information, combined with the County's Water and Sewerage Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Subdivision Ordinance would allow them to determine more equitably what their fee would be for completing the plan.

Roads Meeting

Present: J. Douglas Bond, Resident Engineer, SRC
 J. Dennis Raley, Jr., Highway Maintenance
 Supervisor, State Roads Commission
 August H. Wagener, County Engineer

The following actions were requested from the State Roads Commission:

Erect a sign, "Wynn Road" at the entrances on both Routes 235 and Route 5.

Erect a sign, "Bay Forrest Road".

Render assistance to Mr. Saunders, St. Inigoes, for installation of pipe for road drainage.

Ditches need cleaning on Norris Road -- off Chancellor's Run Road.

Render assistance on drainage problem at Park View Circle, in St. Andrews Estates for Mr. Pinkerton.

St. Andrews Church Road -- pot hole and one spot where water collects -- located in the old section just before McLeod property.

Surface Treating, Spring 1971

The Board of County Commissioners tentatively agreed to allocate the sum of \$100,000 for spring surface treating. Mr. B. Harris Sterling affirmed the availability of funds. Mr. Bond was requested to submit a schedule of roads needing treating.

Ridge Public Trash Disposal Area

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. requested a chain and a sign for the Ridge Public Trash Disposal Area.

Clements, Old Sand Gates, Mechanicsville, and Maddox Public Trash Disposal Areas

It was unanimously agreed by the Board of County Commissioners to effect the closing of the Clements, Old Sand Gates, Mechanicsville and Maddox Public Trash Disposal Areas, effective March 1, 1971. Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. was requested to manufacture and erect appropriate signs of notification to the public.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to open the Oakville Sanitary Landfill, effective March 1, 1971. The Oakville Sanitary Landfill will be operated without charge to the public. Commercial trash haulers will be required to obtain a license to use the Landfill by July 1, 1971.

Junk Automobiles -- The Board requested that Mr. Raley prepare a special section at the Oakville Sanitary Landfill for the placement of junk automobiles.

Hours of Operation -- The Board requested that Mr. Raley prepare a schedule for the landfill attendants' hours of operation and for hours of operation for the landfill generally. Mr. Raley indicated that he thought the landfill should be open from sun-up to sun-down except for Saturday and Sunday, when the hours could be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Operating Funds (Landfill)-- Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. reviewed his operating costs with the Board and it was unanimously agreed that the Director of Finance prepare a check in the amount of \$20,000 payable to the State Roads Commission in order to bring the account into balance and to provide additional funds for current and future operations.

Landfill Equipment -- Mr. Raley indicated the need for a tractor and trailer (low-boy) for landfill operations, and estimated the cost of a new outfit at approximately \$18,000.00. The Board requested that Mr. Raley provide specifications and price estimates for both used and new equipment.

Landfill Operator, Employment of Howard A. Adams

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. indicated the need for employment of one Equipment Operator II at \$5,658 per annum for sanitary landfill work. The list of eligible candidates was reviewed. Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles moved that Mr. Howard A. Adams of Abell be employed in this capacity, it was seconded by Mr. Guy, and carried. Mr. B. Harris Sterling was requested to effect the appointment under the County Merit System.

Maypole Road -- SRC error in amount \$11,460.91

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that he had discovered an error in the amount of billing for the construction of Maypole Road in the amount of \$11,460.91 and requested that the Board of County Commissioners write a letter to the SRC requesting the credit or rebate of this amount.

Planning and Zoning Commission re Issuance of Building Permits and Pipe Entrance Applications

President George R. Aud requested that the Planning and Zoning and County Engineer's Office be advised to assure the issuance of Pipe Entrance Applications to all those requiring them at the time of applying for Building Permits.

Library Board

Mesdames Hurrey and Janssen appeared to brief the Board of County Commissioners on the benefits to be derived from House Bill 27, if enacted.

Briefly, House Bill 27 seeks the following:

1. The establishment of an Advisory Council on Libraries composed of citizens, Library Trustees and professional librarians whose purpose would be to gather information on State-wide library needs and to formulate policy and long-range plans.
2. To redefine the role of the State Division of Library Development and Services.
3. The designation of the Pratt Central Library as the State Resource Center with appropriate State funding in an amount equal to the use made of that Library by non-city residents.
4. The establishment of Regional Resource Centers in the more sparsely populated areas of the State which would serve populations of from 100,000 to 200,000 people.
5. On the local level, to delineate the relationship and the powers and duties of the library administration, the Board of Trustees and the local governing body. In order to bring the administration of libraries closer to the local subdivisions, House Bill 27 provides for the appointment of Library Trustees by locally elected officials instead of the Governor.
6. To increase the minimum support program for operations from \$1.80 per capita to \$3.00 per capita. The Bill would increase the State share from 30% to 50% of the minimum cooperative program on a state-wide basis. This would enable financially-pressed local governments to continue adequate basic programs for their citizens.
7. The establishment of a building incentive formula that is both fair and flexible to all libraries in the State.
8. A recodification of existing law.
9. The repeal of existing exemptions to the State Library Law to provide for a strong and unified state-wide system of public libraries, each equally responsive and responsible to the Division of Library Development as the State's regulatory authority.

The Board agreed to comply with Mrs. Hurrey's request to write a letter of support for this legislation to the Legislative Delegation in Annapolis.

Mr. George R. Sparling, Temporary Chairman
Task Force to Study New Sources of Revenue

Mr. George R. Sparling appeared to reaffirm his understanding of the goals and purposes of the newly-appointed Task Force to Study New Sources of Revenue. The Board advised Mr. Sparling that they would prefer to leave it to the discretion of the Task Force to establish their own procedures and target dates, but that they would like to see some short-term and some long-term goals for seeking out additional sources of revenue for the County established so that an interim report and recommendations could be submitted to this session of the Maryland General Assembly. The Board reaffirmed their intention to extend secretarial assistance to the Task Force, as well as services which could be provided by the Director of Finance and the County Attorney.

Barton-Aschman Associates -- Proposal for Analysis and
Evaluation of Proposed Zoning Ordinance

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed Barton-Aschman Associates proposal for analysis and evaluation of St. Mary's County Proposed Zoning Ordinance which was submitted under date of February 8, 1971 in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Mr. Bowles motioned, it was seconded by Mr. Guy and carried to engage their services and to receive their recommendations no later than March 1, 1971.

Appointments to Metropolitan Commission

The Board of County Commissioners nominated the following members to the Metropolitan Commission, pending their acceptance:

4th & 5th District	John Knight Parlett	2-year term
7th District	Geo. McWilliams III	3-year term
3rd District	Paul Ludwig	3-year term
6th District	Chauncey W. Karstens	2-year term

Committee to Study County Government

Mr. Aud nominated the following persons for membership in a Committee to Study County Government, pending their acceptance:

Oliver R. Guyther, Temporary Chairman
 Walter B. Dorsey
 W. S. Donaldson
 Robert E. Wigginton (withdrew -- conflict of interest)
 F. Elliott Burch, Sr.

Mr. Bowles nominated the following persons:

James C. Dobry
 A. V. Cherbonnier
 Mrs. Beth McCoy
 Eldred W. Greenwell
 Roland B. Duke, Jr.

Mr. Guy nominated the following persons:

Alfred F. Gough, Jr.
 William H. Wood, Jr.
 Sen. J. Frank Raley
 Mr. Joe Beck
 Mr. Melvin Holland

Recreation and Parks Board

Mr. William R. Schmalgemeyer's name was taken under consideration for appointment to the Recreation and Parks Board.

Economic Development Commission
Nominations for Membership

President George R. Aud motioned and it was unanimously carried to reappoint the seven members who had indicated their interest in reappointment to the Economic Development Commission, as follows, pending their acceptance.

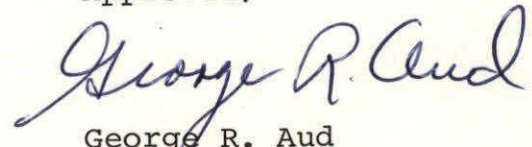
Mr. John B. Paradis	Term expires 10/15/71
Mr. Mark W. Miller	Term expires 10/15/71
Mr. J. Berkman Norris	Term expires 10/15/71
Dr. J. Patrick Jarboe	Term to expire 6/1/72
Mr. Frank Gorely	Term to expire 6/1/72
John W. Cheseldine	Term to expire 6/1/72
John T. Daugherty	Term to expire 6/1/72

Nominations were received, motioned and carried unanimously to appoint the following persons to the Economic Development Commission, pending their acceptance:

Mr. John W. Hall
 Mr. F. Elliott Burch, Sr.
 Mr. Jack Kershaw (withdrew -- conflict of interest)
 Mr. G. Bradford Reeves, Jr.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
 President