

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, February 23, 1971

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on Friday, February 19, 1971, were read and approved.

Amendment to Section 9-A-5 of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan -- Minutes of December 22, 1970

Referring to the minutes of the meeting which was held on December 22, 1970, Commissioner Guy moved and it was carried unanimously that clarification be made concerning the last paragraph of those minutes which show that President George R. Aud and Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles concurred to amend Section 9-A-5 of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan and Commissioner Guy abstained. It was assumed by Commissioners Bowles and Aud that at that particular meeting Commissioner Guy, by not saying anything, had concurred with the vote. Commissioner Guy came into the Commissioners' Office the next day and advised Mrs. Bailey to report in the minutes that he had, in fact, abstained from voting.

Payments Approved:

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project; Delahay's Pile Driving Service, week of Feb. 15-19, 1971-----	\$2,745.00
Alban Tractor Co., Inc., New Industrial Cab-----	1,485.00
J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., survey on Dickerson Road, Seventh District-----	350.00

Oakville Sanitary Landfill
Resolution No. 71-4

Resolution No. 71-4 concerning the rules and regulations governing the use of the St. Mary's County Sanitary Landfills, as required by the Maryland State Department of Health, Division of Solid Wastes, and other State and County agencies having statutory authority was signed by the Board of County Commissioners and handed to the news media for publication. The Oakville Landfill will be open to the public on March 1, 1971.

McDonald's Flying Service

Present: William B. McDonald
Dr. George Clark
Mr. Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Mr. Dick Myers, WKIK
Messrs. McCardell and Rascovar,
Baltimore Sun
Mr. Robin Guyther, Enterprise
Mr. Chuck Lyon, WPTX

Upon entering the Conference Room, Mr. Kershaw inquired of Mrs. Bailey as to whether he would be permitted to bring in and use his tape recorder. Upon referral, Mr. Aud re-stated the policy of the Board of County Commissioners concerning tape recorders and the code of conduct for their meetings -- that tape recorders are not permitted at regular meetings; that tape recorders would be permitted for the monthly Press Conferences only. The news media complied with the ruling.

Messrs. McDonald and Clark explained that the purpose of their visit was to explore the opportunity for leasing land at the St. Mary's County Airport for the establishment of their business in that location; that they were prepared to erect an appropriate hangar and offices; and they requested that they have an opportunity to review the lease now in effect with the Professional Flight Service at the St. Mary's County Airport. Mr. McDonald and Dr. Clark stated that the facility he is presently operating is inadequate for his needs in the winter and spring; that he wishes to expand his business to include helicopter instruction and service; that he would like to see the Airport facilities expanded to include an instrument approach; and that the runways were not built to accommodate corporate jets.

Mr. McDonald was handed a copy of the current lease with Professional Flight Service; Mr. Aud requested that the gentlemen make an appointment with the Airport Committee to present their request in detail to them; and Dr. Clark stated that he would send a detailed and technical report to the Board of County Commissioners and the Airport Committee regarding their plan and recommendations for improvement of the present airport facility.

Signalization at Route 246 and Midway Drive

Mr. Aud requested that a letter or telegram be drafted to the State Roads Commission requesting urgent action be taken to effect signalization at Route 246 and Midway Drive. It was agreed that a telegram to the Chief Engineer of SRC would be in order.

Department of Forests and Parks Survey Crews in Watershed

Mr. Aud reported that the citizens who own properties surrounding the St. Mary's River Watershed were becoming quite disturbed by the presence of survey crews on their land. It was agreed that a letter should be drafted to a responsible official apprising him of the disturbance which is being caused by such action and requesting that prior approvals be obtained before any survey work is performed, so that the property owners will be fully aware of that Department's intentions.

St. Mary's County Jail

Increase in Food Allowance for Prisoners

The daily food allowance for Prisoners in the St. Mary's County Jail has been \$1.25 per day since 1964. The Board of County Commissioners, upon the request of Mrs. Gatton, unanimously approved an increase in the daily food allowance per prisoner from \$1.25 per day to \$2.00 per day.

Commissioners' Reports to the People WPTX Proposal

By letter dated February 23, 1971, Station WPTX proposed a regular series of programs tentatively entitled "The Commissioners' Report to the People". This would be

an informal interview program one half hour in length taking the place of their regular Conversation Program on Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. Each week they would interview one of the Commissioners, on a rotating basis, preferably to discuss the highlights of the previous day's County Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner Aud indicated that he thought the proposal was a very good one and that the Commissioners should take advantage of it. It was unanimously agreed to accept the proposal and to implement the program. It was arranged for Commissioner Aud to lead off with the first program, to be followed by Messrs. Guy and Bowles, in that order.

Roads Meeting

Present: August H. Wagener, County Engineer
J. Douglas Bond, Resident Engineer, SRC

Willows Road -- The County Engineer was requested to investigate and make a report on the two entrances which are in use for egress and ingress to Willows Road. Subject entrances are located in Park Hall leading from the Klapp Farm House across an un-named dirt road, thence across Old Willows Road, and thence to Willows Road.

Dog Warden's Vehicle

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that specifications for the 3/4 ton pick-up truck (bid awarded to McKay Implement) were not met in that the front seat does not meet the durability requirements. McKay Implement reported that the deficiency was a \$35.00 item. Commissioner Guy requested that Mr. Raley look into the possibility of bringing the seat up to specifications by having it upholstered properly and the bill sent to McKay Implement.

Oliver R. Guyther

Attorney for C. Maurice Dixon Trailer Park

Amendment to Sec. 9-A-5 of the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan came under discussion as it would pertain to the authorization of Mr. Dixon's plan for developing a community sewerage system for his proposed trailer park in Park Hall. It was determined by Oliver Guyther, Attorney for Mr. Dixon, that the County Commissioners have the authority to approve a community sewerage treatment facility in an S-5 category subject to the approval

of plans and specifications by the State Department of Health. This opinion was concurred in by Robert E. Wigginton, Attorney for the Board of County Commissioners. It was generally agreed that the Metropolitan Commission and the Department of Health should be assured that Mr. Dixon would hook up his system to any future County system. The Commissioners have the authority to approve Mr. Dixon's proposed sewerage disposal system, subject to State concurrence. It was agreed that a detailed proposal would be drawn up by Mr. Guyther for review by the Board of County Commissioners at their next meeting and that a notice of subject approval will be forwarded to the Department of Health. The Trailer Park sewerage system would be designated as an S-1 area, rather than S-5, upon completion of the system.

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project

Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, reported that there is still considerable damage to be repaired in the Tall Timbers Shore Erosion District. Mr. Wagener was requested to perform a final survey and to submit cost estimates at his earliest convenience.

Mr. William Bernstein, Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Tax Problem

Present: B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. William Bernstein appeared to report an inequity in the taxes imposed on him due to the location and assessment of his land in the Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Tax District. In his case, Mr. Bernstein alleges it is a hardship to be taxed on his land assessment even though he does not have any more wall footage than his neighbors. It was the consensus that a thorough investigation should be made to determine whether relief is possible under the present controlling statutes; and, if necessary, to request relief through emergency legislation. The Director of Finance and the Board have in mind an assessment on front footage, rather than assessed valuation of the property.

Mr. Robert G. Mattingly, Applicant
Sanitary Landfill work

Mr. Robert G. Mattingly appeared to register his interest in being considered for supervisory work with regard to the operations at the St. Mary's County Sanitary Landfills, and reviewed his previous work experience with the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Aud indicated to Mr. Mattingly that an answer would not be forthcoming until such time as the Director of Finance could establish a list of eligibles and provide the Commissioners with a job description for a Sanitary Landfill Supervisor. Mr. Mattingly was requested to file a formal application with the Director of Finance, who would be responsible for making an employment recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President