

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, May 18, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.) Secretary (Recording)

Also attending the meeting was Mr. Chauncey Karstens.

The meeting came to order at 1:35 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Offer of Signal Light

Mrs. Jeanne Dorsey, who was present for another meeting, presented the Commissioners with a letter from the Leonardtown Commissioners offering them the recently removed signal light from Routes 5 and 245, for possible use in Lexington Park. This offer was readily accepted with thanks, by Commissioner George R. Aud.

Colton Point - Speeding

Present: Mrs. Jeanne Dorsey and Mrs. John Cosimano

Mrs. Jeanne Dorsey appeared with Mrs. John Cosimano with reference to the speeding on Beach Road and Bayview Road at Colton Point. They fear that if something isn't done, someone will be killed. One death did occur approximately 6 or 7 years ago. Most of the speeding is done in the area between the pier and the Butter field House. Also the State Parking Lot in back of the house is being used. Their proposals for eliminating this situation are: (1) close off Beach Road; (2) install speed bumps; (3) close the parking lot at night, or when not in use.

Commissioner Aud stated that the State Roads Commission is not in favor of having speed bumps, and as long as they maintain the roads, we will have to find another solution. If Beach Road is closed off, then an additional problem will be created with the speeding on Bayview Road. It was decided that the three Commissioners, Mr. Wagener and Mr. Bond would inspect the area, and if the parking lot belongs to the State, Mr. Bond will ask if it can be closed off.

East Key Way and Library Place

Mrs. Dorsey asked the Commissioners their position on this parcel of land that the Town Commissioners would like to have. If they did not build on it, they would like to preserve and beautify it. Mr. Bowles stated that the Board of Commissioners would have to find answers to some of their problems before they could consider doing anything about this. The County must solve their parking problems before they can justify the selling of this land. They will let them know their decision by June 1, 1971.

Roads Meeting

Present: Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Mr. Douglas Bond, Resident Maintenance Engineer

Chancellors Run Road

Mr. Aud stated that there was a drainage problem off this road and Route 235.

Joy Chapel Road

Mr. Bowles reported on the patch work on Joy Chapel Road and recommended putting asphalt on the first section leading from Route 235 up to Joy Chapel Cemetery

Bennett Drive - 1st District

This road is between Routes 5 and 235 (Hard Corners). The County has the right-of-way. Gravel is to be placed on this road.

Picnic Area - Route 242

Mr. Guy inquired of Mr. Bond if he had heard anything from the Engineer on the Proposed Picnic Area on Route 242. This area is just to be cleaned up and trash cans provided. The Optimist Club of the 7th District will put in picnic tables. The old roadbed will be used for parking. Mr. Bond stated that he would like to meet Mr. Guy there and go over the area.

Leonard Harding's Store

It was reported that the drainage pipes are stopped up at this location.

Signal Light from Town Commissioners

The Commissioners inquired of Mr. Bond whether Mr. Hicks or Mr. George Lewis should be contacted regarding the placement of the signal light. It is possible that it could be used at Midway Drive. If he cannot find any place to use it, Mr. Guy suggested that it be used at Routes 234 and 242, where one definitely should be installed.

Signs - Directional

Signs are needed at Routes 5 and 235 pointing to Lexington Park, Leonardtown and St. Mary's City.

A replica of Old State House sign should be placed at entrance to both roads (old Route 5 at the State House). The word "Historical" should be added to the sign. Mr. Bowles suggested naming it "State House Road". Check with St. Mary's City Commission for naming this road.

Mr. Bond was also instructed to surface treat a small portion of Snow Hill Road in the 1st Election District. Mr. Guy inquired into the status of Oakland Hall Road.

There is a by-pass to Willows Road being used as a junk yard. Mr. Bond was instructed to clean this up and perhaps a right-of-way may be secured and the road closed off. Mr. Wagener and Mr. Bond are to look into this matter.

Fresh Pond Neck Road

Cars, trailers and rubbish are being dumped on this road. It has reached the point that it is getting into the stream. Mr. Paul R. Raley has checked the deed to the property and it is in the name of Mr. Guthrie Smith. Mr. Raum is to check this out as many complaints have been received pertaining to this.

Dr. Eichel (Town Creek) called Mr. Raley with reference to his property being lower than the road. He is having ditch problems. Mr. Raley thinks it is probably his septic system and this would be a Health Department problem.

Proposed Sanitary Landfill Raymond Tennyson Property

This property is under litigation regarding boundary lines. Mr. Wigginton stated that a Public Hearing should be held before this land is purchased. Mr. Walter Miles is to be notified to set up a hearing. He should be given a description of the property.

Tudor Hall Library - Bid Opening

Present: Alton Engineering Co. Repr. Mr. James Chevez - Beacon
 Mr. Chris Brown Mr. C. Millard
 Mr. William Gardner Mr. Edward Yevich
 Mrs. Margaret E. Hill Mr. James Kenney
 Mr. Allen MacDonald Dr. Robert E. King, Jr.
 Mr. Carl M. Loffler, Jr. Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom
 Mrs. Polly Barber

The bid opening for restoration and improvements to Tudor Hall was conducted by Commissioner Aud. Bids are as follows:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alt. 1</u>	<u>Alt. 2</u>	<u>Alt. 3</u>	<u>Alt. 4</u>
Alton Engr. Co., Inc.	\$284,800.	\$500.00	\$ 800.	\$50.00	\$13,000.
Chris Brown Constr.	254,897.	--	750.	---	7,900.
Loffler Constr. Co.	217,840.	\$100.00	1,324.	---	13,000.

The bidders were informed by Mr. Aud that the matter would be taken under advisement and they would be notified of the decision. All alternates are deductions of the base bid.

School Buses - Parking

Dr. Robert S. King came into the meeting at this point. Mr. Aud informed him that the school buses seem to be a problem parked on the land owned by the County back of the Courthouse, and asked if they could be moved. Dr. King stated that they liked to keep them close by in the wintertime, but he would contact Mr. Schroeder and they will do something about it. Mr. Guy inquired of Dr. King if they had any plans to build a new office facility. Dr. King informed the Commissioners that they hope to build a new building.

Bills Approved

Southern Maryland Wood Treatment-Tall Timbers	-----	\$293.60
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Vouchers #39465 through \$39500 signed by Mr. Aud.

Correspondence Received Pertaining to Road RequestsBond Drive

Mr. Wagener reported by letter that Mrs. J. Lynn Corcoran had requested that this road be surface treated. This was agreeable to the Commissioners and Mr. Douglas Bond is to be so instructed.

Davis Property - 108 Hickory Lane

This is not a County problem. Mr. John W. Hall, District Conservationist, looked into this matter and made several recommendations with regard to filling the hole to make a slope to the ravine and seeding, except for a watercourse.

St. Clements Shore - Entrance Roads to Recreation Park

Mr. Wigginton is to write up the deeds for these roads and then Mr. Paul R. Raley will check this out.

Hermanville Road

Mr. Robert A. Stevens presented another letter with a recent photograph showing further damage to this road from the storm on Saturday, May 5th, and again requested the road to be rebuilt. A letter is to be sent to him informing him that budgetwise, this cannot be done, at this time.

Courtney Road

Mrs. Julia Courtney of Park Hall, personally came into the office to request that some improvements be made to this road. Mr. Paul R. Raley checked this out and the road is not in the County System. She is to be so informed.

St. Mary's County Woman's Club

Present: Mrs. Betsy Barley, Pres.
Mrs. Erva McKinney
Mrs. Elberta Hayden
Mrs. Helen Hayward
Mrs. Alice B. Connick

Mrs. Barley, together with a few members of the club presented a report to the Commissioners on their "Clean Up Week" project. They wished to thank the Commissioners for the Proclamation and for their cooperation. Reports from the President and two other members of the Committee are on file. Mrs. Helen Hayward gave a few brief remarks. She had 402 people working with her and they covered 74 miles of road one way, totalling 148 miles. She felt Compton Road was one of the dirtiest roads in the County. The State Roads Commission cleaned up this road. She requested that shoulders be put on this road as it is winding and very steep. There are very deep ditches and the water stands in them. She asked if the State Roads Commission would pick up their trash if they set it out. Also, there are a lot of junked cars and things - would they help them to get rid of them. Commissioner Aud stated he would have the State Roads Commission put white

lines on the edges of Compton Road and this would inform motorists that they are in danger if they get off the roadway. He will also have the State Roads Commission pick up their trash.

Commissioner Guy stated that he will see what can be done about the junked cars. They belong to a Mr. Somerville and a Mr. Barnes. They were also informed by the Commissioners that a property owner can request the State Police to remove cars left on their property. If after a certain number of days they are not removed, they are considered abandoned and the State Police will dispose of them.

Mrs. Elberta Hayden also gave a brief report of the work done in the 4th District. 17-30 gallon bags of trash were picked up over a period of ten days. She mentioned the condition of Chaptico Road. There is no place for the water to go when there are heavy rains. The land is marshy and cars become stalled. She also reported that the landfill hours are not to the best interest of the public. She asked if the dump could be open seven (7) days a week, April through October, 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and November through March, 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Some of the summer residents will put their trash on the side of the road if the dump is closed when they are leaving after spending the weekend. If they go to the landfill after hours can there be cans in which to place the trash, so the entrance will be kept clean. Commissioner Aud stated that he was well aware that they should be open on Sunday, and if kept open until 8:00 P.M. the men will be working very late.

Mrs. Hayden also asked if containers would be placed at Chaptico Wharf, as a lot of cans were picked up there during the "Clean Up". She reported that she found the secondary roads much worse than the main roads.

Mrs. McKinney then asked the possibilities of using able-bodied welfare recipients to do clean-up, as some are able to work. Mr. Bowles then gave a breakdown with reference to this and it was found that of the 180,000 welfare recipients in Maryland, none are able-bodied. She also inquired into why the County does not use prison labor to do this work. She was informed that the County Commissioners have used them, but it takes a work force to keep watch over them and in the end this could be more costly.

In summing up, Mrs. Barley left these recommendations with the Commissioners, which are also included in her filed report:

1. Landfills have uniform and realistic hours of operation.
2. County Trash Pick-Up Service run by the Government and not private haulers, where they are charged a fee to operate.
3. Grass kept cut along the roads, with adequate shoulders, drainage ditches kept clean.
4. Ban on the sale of non-returnable bottles and cans.
5. County Commissioners inform States Attorney and Courts that citizens expect vigorous prosecution of those disobeying anti-littering laws.
6. County Commissioners give approval to the St. Mary's County Woman's Club to contact Community Improvement Council of Bowie and investigate possibility of such a Council being formed in St. Mary's County.

Library Award

General Hogaboom returned to the meeting to report that the Library Board had accepted the bid of the Loffler Construction Company, subject to the concurrence of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, for their base bid in the amount of \$217,840.00, less Alternate #1 - \$100.00; Alternate #2 - \$1,324.00; Alternate #3 - No Change in Bid and Alternate #4 - \$13,000.00, which establishes the Contract Amount at \$203,416.00.

He reported on the money that could be secured from HUD, and the amount to be secured from the County Commissioners, which figure was \$17,698.00. Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether the County had been reimbursed for the \$10,000 previously advanced to the Board. He was informed that this had not been done, since the entire job had not been completed. Mr. Bullock is to see if the \$10,000 can be repaid without awaiting the completion of the entire job. He will get in touch with Mr. Marchetti. Mr. Paul R. Raley is to follow through on this.

New Mimeograph Machine - Extension Service

Mr. Benjamin Smith made a request of the Commissioners to use ear-marked funds for the purchase of a mimeograph machine. There was a saving in clerical help, rental fees and salaries, and this is the money he would like to use, which amounts to approximately \$900.00. The Commissioners inquired if it was not possible to use the mimeograph machine in the Department of

Parks & Recreation, or the machine in the Commissioners' Office. Mr. Smith stated that they had quite a volume of mimeographing to do, especially for the Nutrition Aides' Program, as they develop all their own materials, and having to use some other machine would work a hardship on them. He suggested trading in the old machine for which there was a possible trade-in value of \$50.00 on a \$900.00 machine. Approval was given, with the suggestion that he negotiate the purchase without a trade-in.

Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan

Present: Mr. Benjamin E. Beavin
Mr. Chauncey Karstens

Mr. Benjamin E. Beavin met with the Board of County Commissioners with regard to the maps for the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan. He stated that he had not prepared these maps due to a communication breakdown between him, the Department of Health and the County Commissioners. He had asked Dr. Houser to put aside \$21,000 in his budget for this purpose, and since he had heard nothing from Dr. Houser, he had done nothing further. He stated there would be continuous up-dating of them, as changes were made.

Mr. Beavin also was quite disturbed with the manner in which permission was presently being given for the establishment of community water and sewerage systems. He was of the opinion that there should be just one Water and Sewerage Authority in the County until such time as the Metropolitan Commission has been given the authority, and the County Commissioners were the ones to give this authority. Mr. Bowles informed him that that is exactly what we are attempting to do.

Mr. Beavin further stated that he is not in favor of the small systems, as they are nuisances unless they are carefully maintained. He also stated that all egresses and easements should be shown on the maps together with the right-of-way for utilities. All this should be done so that the Metropolitan Commission will not have to go through and do this later on. Mr. Wigginton stated that Planning & Zoning should have a check list by which the developer should comply.

Mr. Karstens stated that Section 24, Administration, covers this.

Mr. Beavin feels that everyone in the County should know where changes will take place. He suggested scrapping the Census part of their planning and have a map showing mass planning and

keep updating it.

Mr. Karstens also noted that developers are getting Health Department approval and that is as far as they go; the County Commissioners should exercise the top authority.

Mr. Bowles inquired of Mr. Beavin when he could get a report on updating the Comprehensive Master Water and Sewer Plan to them, also whether some maps that had been previously ordered were delivered. Mr. Beavin stated he thought he could do something for the Commissioners by June 1st or shortly thereafter. He informed them that the maps had been sent to Mr. Paul R. Raley and received by him on May 17, 1971. He requested a copy of the Commissioners' Policy on Community Sewer and Water Systems, which he would go over to see if there was anything else that should go into it and meet with the Commissioners again. He suggested that this be a continuing sort of thing, as the Commissioners would have to refer to him until they have their own engineering firm. If it is done in this manner he felt they could get Federal assistance in keeping their records up-to-date.

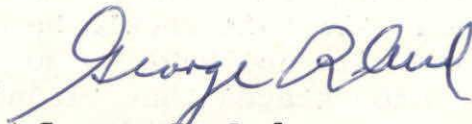
The commissioners unanimously adopted the Resolution for the Community Sewer and Water Systems, effective May 18, 1971.

Film on St. Mary's County

The proposal from Mr. L. Earl Griswold to develop a full color sound film on St. Mary's County was unanimously adopted by the Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President