

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, May 25, 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)

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M.

The minutes of the meetings for May 11, 1971 and May 18, 1971 were read and approved with the necessary corrections.

Leonardtwn Middle School Site

Present: Dr. Robert E. King, Jr.

Dr. Robert E. King, Jr. appeared before the Board of Commissioners with reference to a proposed site for the Leonardtown Middle School. Mr. James Raley, who was to have accompanied Dr. King and been the spokesman for the meeting was unable to do so due to a cardiac attack. Dr. King requested the use of a portion of the land on which the Technical Center is situated. He felt they could get a little more acreage by trading with the County Commissioners so they would not interfere with the Driver Education Program. This portion of land is situated on the backline of the Technical Center. It would be necessary to also secure a small peice of land privately owned.

Dr. King stated that they wanted land in Leonardtown where there was sewerage and water, but the price of land there was prohibitive. They will pay for utilities only on site.

The Commissioners inquired if the well from the Technical Center would supply ample water for the school. Dr. King was of the opinion that it would, but stated that the Senior High School would be built in several years and another well would be needed. He thought that if another well was dug, it could service the three schools. Mr. Bowles stated that by the time the Senior High School was proposed, there might be public sewerage and water. Mr. Wigginton suggested bringing the water that far and perhaps other facilities eventually would be established there. Mr. Aud was of the opinion that the Town of Leonardtown would have to work that out.

Dr. King was given preliminary approval on the school site by the Commissioners.

Queen Tree Development

Mr. Bowles reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had held hearings the evening of May 24, 1971. The St. Mary's County Development Corporation presented plans for the Queen Tree Development, formerly the Old Colony Property. They plan to develop a large area near Oakville on the Patuxent River of about 2,000 homes, with a community sewer and water system. Mr. Bowles suggested to Dr. King that he should select school sites in this development and obtain same from developer without cost to county. He stated he had also suggested to the developer that contact be made with the Board of Education to plan for school sites and recreational areas. These sites should be desirable and usable. Briscoe and Kenny are the attorneys representing the developer.

Bills Approved

J. Moakley Mattingly (Tall Timbers) -----		\$1,553.00
Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc. (Services) ----		2,500.00
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill:		
Mechanicsville to Chaptico Road	\$ 575.00	
Pegg's Lane	475.00	
St. Andrews Church Rd.	1,258.00	2,308.00
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David M. Gruber & Co. -----		750.00

Dukehart Creek

Mr. Raley reported that Mr. Wigginton had received the Toombs option and that he had spoken to Mr. Hutchins of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. Mr. Hutchins informed him that it would be necessary for the County Engineer to advertise for bids and modify the drawings made up by the Chesapeake Bay Affairs. The bids should be on different widths to be within the cost limits, and should have Alternates 1 and 2. Mr. Raley also stated that he is in the process of completing the license to dredge, which is to be signed by Mr. Aud. A letter is on file from the Chesapeake Bay Affairs regarding same.

White Point Beach Subdivision Road

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that Mr. Wagner was not clear regarding the drainage in this situation, in his letter to the Commissioners. Mr. Aud stated that he had inspected this property because his main interest was the drainage on this road together with the water from the land and the road. When it rain the people's property

and the road are flooded. Mr. Bowles stated that the Engineer should be able to tell them how to relieve this condition. Mr. Wagener is to look into this further.

Ridge Dump Caretaker

Mr. Paul R. Raley informed the Commissioners that Mr. George Gatton had declined to accept the position of Caretaker at the Ridge Dump. He stated that a Mr. Causey had made application for the position, but he felt that he would not be capable of handling this job. Mr. Guy inquired as to whether Mr. Raley had seen Mrs. Courtney to negotiate a new lease for this dump. He replied in the negative stating that he had a letter from her in which she stated her unwillingness to continue at the rate she is now being paid. Mr. Bowles suggested that a communication in writing be sent to her and if necessary for Mr. Raley to also go to see her.

Tri-County Community Action Committee

Present: Mr. William Wlech, Director Tri-County Community Action Program
 Mr. Melvin Holland, Member Coard of Directors
 Mr. Joseph D. Carter, Director Dept. of Social Services
 Mr. Gordon Mallott, Regional Office, OEO, Phila. Pa.
 Mr. Hal Perkins, Maryland State OEO
 Mr. James Shevis - Beacon
 Mr. Jack Kershaw - Enterprise

Mr. William Welch, accompanied by Mr. Melvin Holland and others, appeared before the Commissioners with reference to the OEO funding and the proposed 6% reduction in funds for the programs for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Welch gave a rundown of the monies allotted to each program for the three Counties. It was his opinion that the \$100,000 for Community Action Programs comes from the State and Federal Governments and none of it is local funds. He also explained that the persons working in this program are on fixed salaries and have not received increases in the three or four years of employment.

Mr. Holland reported that the President's Budget for OEO for the Fiscal Year 1971-72 had been cut, hence their Community Action Committee budget was reduced 6% or \$6,000. They were taking steps to preclude this reduction, if possible, but should it occur, they are asking the three Counties, Cecil, Charles, and St. Mary's to make up the reduction by contributing \$2,000 each.

Mr. Mallot stated it was difficult to say whether the reduction would actually amount to 6%, but that was the "rule of thumb", and he knew there would be a definite cut. They might be able to get by with a 2% cut. Their strategy is to emphasize funding in rural areas in line with what President Nixon is talking about, and that the larger cities would have to sustain these cuts.

Mr. Joseph D. Carter explained that their budget is a pretty austere one. Salaries have not changed for three or four years, and the scale is not up to State salaries. There is no padding in the budget as they get a dollar's value out of every dollar spent.

Mr. Guy specifically wanted to know if they were asking for \$2,000, if the County Commissioners could give it to them. Mr. Holland replied in the affirmative. Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether they could do that, as they are contributing to the Tri-County Council, and he thought part of this money was going to the Community Action Committee.

Mr. Welch stated that his concern is that the agency should be maintained. It has a value to the community. He was certain some kind of mechanism could be worked out for continuance of the Community Action Committee.

Mr. Aud stated that they will grant the \$2,000 if there is no other alternative. Mr. Holland informed the Commissioners that they will try in every way to come up with the \$2,000.

Mr. Welch told the Commissioners that the Board was very pleased that they had found it possible to send one of the Commissioners to sit along with the other representative from the County. They were very happy to have Commissioner Guy.

St. Mary's Association for Retarded Children

Present: Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling informed the Commissioners that the St. Mary's Association for Retarded Children had requested \$2,000. He consulted with Dr. Alan D. Houser, and after reviewing their budget, the money is needed. They had put in a Supplemental Budget for \$6,000, then asked for \$7,356. After contacting Mrs. Rita Davidson, she said they could get by on the \$6,000. Mr. Sterling inquired as to whether he should send it through for the \$6,000 or wait until Dr. Houser returned to see if he could get

the \$7,356. He was instructed by the Commissioners to await the return of Dr. Houser.

Selection of Stenographer

Mr. Bowles made inquiry about the selection of the Stenographer for the office. Mr. Sterling presented the list and stated the Commissioners should take one from the top five. There were eight applicants who passed the examination. Mr. Guy inquired as to whether the applicants were in school. This could not be determined. Mr. Bowles then suggested that all eight should come in for interviews and informed Mr. Sterling to set up the interviews. Wednesday, June 2, 1971 was set as the date beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Sedimentation Control Ordinance

Mr. Bowles suggested that a copy of the Sedimentation Control Ordinance should be given to Mr. Douglas Bond. Mr. Raley informed him that the corrected pages would have to be retyped and the Ordinance signed by the Commissioners.

Spot Broadcast

Mr. Paul R. Ralye informed the Commissioners that the National Brewing Company had given the County a spot on their baseball broadcast. The Commissioners recommended that Mr. Arthur "Buck" Briscoe develop the information to be used on this radio announcement.

Tudor Hall - Library Award

The Commissioners instructed Mr. Paul R. Raley to send a letter to the Loffler Construction Co. notifying them of the awarding of the contract to their company.

Bid Opening - Wheel Type Loader and Self-Loading Scraper

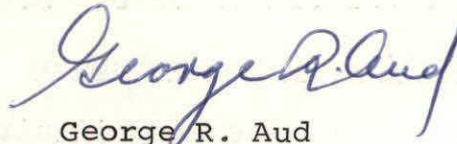
The bid opening for the purchase of the landfill equipment was conducted by Mr. Paul R. Raley. Bids were received from the following:

McClung-Logan Equipment Co., Inc.	\$38,954.00	Allis-Chalmers 645
Phillips Machinery & Tractor Co.	\$42,367.00	Hough (H-65C)
Alban Tractor Co., Inc.	\$36,838.00	Caterpillar 950

Representatives from these companies were advised by Mr. Raley that they would be notified of the decision of the County Commissioners at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President