

Board of County Commissioner's Meeting

Tuesday, July 6, 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.) Admin. Asst. (Recording)  
Susan Dunn - Beacon

Meeting called to order at 9:35 A.M.

Minutes of previous meeting not read.

Bills Approved

Maryland Association of Counties		\$1,221.00
Mr. James Dobry - Dinners, Co. Government		
Study Committe	\$35.00	
Mileage @ 12¢ per mile	25.032	60.32
Delahay's Pile Driving Service: Tall Timbers		
June 14-18, 1971 - 5 men and equip.	\$780.00	
Rental of Air Compressor	145.00	925.00
Locker & Wigginton - Services R ndered, June 1971		235.00
Vouchers Approved - #39903 - #30031		

Election Supervisor

Present: Mrs. Eleanor Peabody  
Mrs. Patsy Raley

Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Raley appeared before the County Commissioners to request that Mrs. Irene Henderson not be transferred to assist in other offices due to the new ruling that the Office of Supervisor of Elections must be open five (5) day a week, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00P.M.

Mr. Aud inquired as to whether she would be under the County or State Government. Mrs. Peabody stated that Mrs. Henderson preferred to remain under the County Government. She also informed the Commissioners that the three (3) Clerks will be required to take the State Examination. Also the Registrars must be in the office two (2) days a week.

Mr. Bowles inquired about the additional expense for the Registrars. Mr. Wigginton stated that he would have to review the law on this situation and would brief the Commissioners on it later.

Mrs. Peabody asked about increases for the Board of Election

Supervisors, and also reminded the Commissioners of the \$100 due each member for the extra days for the extra days for the 1971 election. Mr. Aud informed her that they would have to check the law on all of this. Mr. Wigginton will look into it.

#### New Stenographic Position

The Commissioners discussed the appointment of the Stenographer for the office. It was unanimously decided to hire Miss Glenda Carol Johnson. Mrs. Gardner was instructed to telephone her to determine if she was employed. She stated she was and would be unable to accept the appointment. The next selection was Miss Charlene Hayden of Bushwood, who accepted the position. She was informed that she would be expected to report to work immediately. A letter was sent to her on Monday, July 12, 1971.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed their Executive Session to attend the meeting called by Mr. Spencer Ellis, Director of Forest and Parks, with reference to the Watershed Site #2 and the Proposed State Park, which meeting was being held in the Circuit Courtroom.

#### Watershed Site #2 and Proposed State Park

Mr. Spencer Ellis, Director of Forest & Parks informed the many persons attending this meeting that he was here to discuss the St. Mary's River State Park, and the acquisition of properties for this park, and to let them know how they were going about it.

Mr. Ellis stated that the proposed land to be acquired consisted of 2,773 acres of which 2,200 will be used for the State Park. The project to be discussed today is Site #2 or St. Mary's River Park Area. Fish and Wildlife will have Site #1, which will not be a part of the State Park. They are in the process of getting certain properties surveyed and to discuss price with the owners, individually.

Inquiries were made by persons present as to when, where and by whom was it decided that another State Park was needed. Mr. Ellis explained that the Session of the General Assembly in 1969 appropriated \$300,000 for the acquisition of land. He further stated that the State is required to pay the fair market value of the property, plus relocation costs up to \$5,000, and the State does not arrive at the value according to replacement value. It is what a willing seller will accept from a willing purchaser. He also informed those present that he was in favor of having a complete discussion of this matter, as it is always difficult in getting word to the people who should know, and that was the purpose of this meeting this morning. He stated

that they will not have rumors and misinformation floating around, and would have to talk this matter over with each individual land owner. He also stated that the State could use its power of eminent domain in acquiring the properties, but they did not like to do this. He further informed those present that the State can supply a letter saying that the money derived from the sale of their property would be spent in a certain length of time, and that it would not be taxable.

In answer to a query as to whether the perimeter of the State Park could be changed, Mr. Ellis stated that it could; that there is a considerable amount of flexibility whereby the State can secure a vested interest in property, but these are things that must be discussed with individual owners and him, together with experts in his office, who are willing to do this.

Mr. Ellis informed everyone that they could not come up with the final figure until the final piece of property is purchased. The County has pledged its participation of \$50,000 and the State will have to make up the difference that the Soil Conservation Service does not put into the project. The total project will be partially offset by usage fees.

The State of Maryland is participating in both projects - Fish and Wildlife on Site #1 and Soil Conservation on Site #2. He felt that this project should not be abandoned. If the watershed is to continue, you must have State participation. He emphasized that the State of Maryland, Forest & Parks and General Services were not trying to make it unpleasant for anyone, but wanted to provide recreational opportunities. The St. Mary's River Project is a good one and the Watershed Project is a good one. Any change or modification to the property to be acquired will have to be done individually with each owner. We are at your pleasure; available to you and will discuss your individual problems with you, either by mail, telephone or conferences. Until we get the surveys and appraisals completed, we cannot talk with you. It depends on how fast the appraisers and surveyors can complete the work. He then turned the meeting over to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Aud thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The Executive Meeting of the County Commissioners then resumed.

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

It was moved by Mr. Aud that the 50% Payroll Tax be adopted for 1971; seconded by Mr. Guy and motion carried.

Mr. Aud requested Mr. Wigginton to work with Mr. B. Harris Sterling on the Resolution for the 6% increase for promoted employees.

### ROADS

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

#### Dead Man's Curve - Ridge, Maryland

Mr. Aud said the State has abonded this road. The wire railing along the road is to be given to someone.

#### Maypole Road

The pot holes are very bad on this road. They should be filled. Mr. Bond will check it out.

#### Route 249

The Commissioners requested that the letter written by Mr. Wagener be sent to Mr. A. W. Tate, regarding the intersection of Route 5 and Route 249 at Calloway, Maryland.

#### Signs

Mr. Guy reported that the road signs at Clements are too high. Many people have made complaints.

Mr. Aud reported that the State Sign at Shangri-La Drive and Route 235 had been knocked down.

#### Snow Hill Manor Road

A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Tilp requesting permission to install a sewer pipe under the county road, in accordance with a drawing submitted by him. The Commissioners voted unanimously to inform Mr. Tilp that it was not feasible to do this work according to his plan.

#### Essex South, Section 3, 8th District

Mr. William Chapman had requested that certain roads in Essex South be taken into the County System. They are: Lynn Drive, Bryan Road, Williams Drive and Thomas Drive. Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that Mr. Wagener and Mr. Bond inspected these roads and approximately 3,000 feet would be taken into the system. The Deed was recorded December 28, 1970. Mr. Wagener submitted a detailed report on these roads, which report is on file. Mr. Bond stated that he had made a suggestion to the Commissioners that they should meet with Mr. Wagener and

come to some conclusion about developments black topping roads. Mr. Wigginton was instructed to write up the necessary resolution and include State signs. It was decided to table this matter until a later date.

#### Peacock Manor

A request was received that this road be taken into the system. Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that there must be a 40' right-of-way. The Commissioners stated that if they cannot make a 40' right-of-way, then it cannot be taken into the system.

#### Father Andrew White Memorial Road

Attorney Oliver Guyther came into the meeting with the entire file on the Cherbonnier property. This was with reference to the Court Order signed by Judge Dorsey ordering the Commissioners to sign a Deed giving certain portions of this road to Mr. Cherbonnier. The Commissioners voted unanimously not to sign the Deed attached to the Court Order.

#### BW-801-512, Landfill & Dump Account

A letter was received from Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. in which he stated that this account had a deficit of \$508.78. The Commissioners recommended that Mr. B. Harris Sterling add \$10,000 to this account.

#### Jones Wharf Landing

It was reported that people are denied access to Jones Wharf Landing. Mr. Wigginton stated that certain people were by decree of Court, allowed access to it.

#### Dredging at Potomac River & Dukehart Creek

The County Commissioners voted unanimously to award the contract for this dredging to Southern Maryland Dredging, Inc., and to notify the Chesapeake Bay Affairs of this award in the amount of \$62,062.

#### Tennyson and McCleod Landfills

Mr. Wagener inquired as to what territory these two new landfills would take in. He was informed that Tennyson would include the 4th and 7th Districts, and McCleod the 8th, 6th and 3rd Districts.

At this point Mr. Paul R. Raley entered the meeting to state that Mr. Curtis wanted to know why he could not go to the McCleod landfill. He may come in to see the Commissioners on this.

#### St. Mary's County Housing Authority

Attorney John F. Slade, III was called by telephone to ask if he would accept appointment to the Housing Authority. He

accepted for the two-year term. Written notice is to be sent him.

Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice

Mr. Aud informed the Board of Commissioners that Mr. Ralph Thomas, Route 235, Lexington Park, Maryland had been appointed to this Commission.

Reclamation of Office by Register of Wills

A letter was received from Mrs. Mary Bell, Register of Wills asking permission to reclaim the office space formerly used by their office, which had recently been evacuated by the Economic Development Committee. The Commissioners approved this request.

Human Relations Commission Appointments

Appointments to this Commission will be made on July 13, 1971. Mr. Guy stated that he would like to see some persons between the ages of 20-40 years named to the Commission.

Baptist Church Road Trailer Park

The application for a trailer park on Baptist Church Road was denied by Commissioners Aud and Guy. Commissioner Bowles abstained from voting.

Rules and Regulations for the Jail

Mr. Paul R. Ralye read the Rules and Regulations that had been formulated for the Jail and submitted to Mr. Gatton. These are on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship

Correspondence was read from Attorney Kaplan asking for a re-hearing before the Commissioners on the abatement of their Personal Property Tax for the years of 1968 and 1969. This matter was tabled for the present time, at the request of Senator Paul Bailey in a phone call to Mr. Aud.

Letters to Department of Personnel

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance stated that it would be necessary for the Commissioners to send two letters to the Secretary of Personnel, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland with reference to the reclassification of the Communications Clerks and for the promotion of Mrs. Cecelia B. Adams. Mrs. Gardner consented to do these letters.

Watershed Site #2

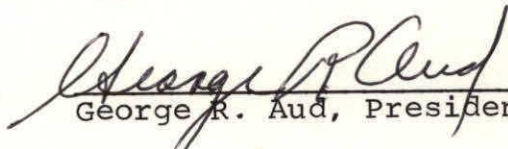
Mr. John Hall of the Soil Conservation Service appeared before the Commissioners and stated that one of the big problems is he does not have the manpower to do the job the State wants to do. He asked the Commissioners if a representative from their office could talk with the people and see what changes are wanted in the boundary lines. He suggested that the County Commissioners might appoint someone who could do this. Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether GSA could pay someone to do this work. Mr. Hall could accompany anyone the Commissioners selected. Mr. Robert Stevens was suggested, who is on the Board of Supervisors. These are the following suggestions as outlined:

1. Find out if GSA can pay.
2. Do they have a survey completed in order to talk intelligently to the people involved.
3. Type of person should be someone acceptable to communicate with the people involved.

Mr. Bowles asked for a few days to give this idea some thought.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 P.M.

Approved,

  
George R. Aud, President