

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
 Judy Bowles, Secretary, (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Parking Lot- Chaptico Wharf

Mr. Baggett attended to express his views on a parking lot adjacent to Chaptico Wharf. He stated that there were no parking facilities available at the present time and he thought we definitely are in need of one. He added that Parcel 442 owned by Leonard Copey and consisting of 1.18 acres was an ideal location for the parking adjacent to the wharf. He stated that we could apply for funds through the Chesapeake Bay Affairs and we should file for the purchase which would take at least ninety days at a cost of \$15,000.00. Mr. Baggett stated that the County should make an offer because we had an interest in this area that needed to be protected. He stated that this would also be helpful to property owners in that area. He stated that there was a 120 day option to buy and a requirement of \$3000.00 as a deposit.

Mr. Guy and Mr. Aud voted in favor of the purchase with Mr. Bowles abstaining, also disqualifying himself because of possible conflict of interest.

Escrow Account - Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised the County Commissioners that we had money coming back on watersheds as well as \$1700.00 from another state agency. Mr. Baggett would like to have these monies put in an escrow account. Mr. Harris Sterling, who was present at the time, said he would have to look into this matter. He also stated he would check on the \$15,000.00 needed for the parking lot at Chaptico Wharf. Mr. Baggett stated he would keep in touch with Mr. Sterling as to the disposition of the funds and advise the County Commissioners.

Mr. Baggett stated that if this type of account were set up we could possibly be able to purchase parcels of land such as the parking lot at Chaptico Wharf if we had funds in an escrow account.

Mr. Dan C. Ross - CATV

Mr. Dan Ross, President of Ross Telecommunications, stated that he felt it was appropriate to come in and inform

the County Commissioners what was being done in Leonardtown relative to the CATV. He added that he would have been in to see the County Commissioners earlier but stated that he had previously talked to Mr. Paul Raley and Mr. Raley stated that the County Commissioners were neither in favor of CATV nor were they against it. Mr. Aud stated that the County Commissioners were unaware of this statement.

Mr. Ross requested the authority to provide CATV service to subscribers on Maryland Rt. 245 between Leonardtown and Hollywood and on Routes 235 and 245 near Hollywood and stated that if no specific authority was required he would appreciate having a statement to this effect.

Mr. Aud stated that one other communication outfit proposed to set up the CATV system in Lexington Park and had agreed to be taxed and that the County Commissioners are waiting for legislation on how much they could be taxed.

Mr. Ross stated that CATV would provide the following if given the authority:

1. provide service in other areas adjacent to Leonardtown and Hollywood and other areas adjacent thereto as various housing developments grow.
2. offer channels 4-5-6-7-9-11-13-14-20-26-45 and 67, plus a number of FM channels
3. Basic monthly charge of \$5.50 per month per single set.
4. 3% of the gross CATV revenue paid to St. Mary's County
5. Free connection for each 100 students in local public and parochial schools.

Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Ross stay in touch with Mr. Wigginton as to an ordinance for CATV in St. Mary's County and that Mr. Wigginton will keep the County Commissioners advised.

St. Mary's Watershed (Site #2) Homeowner's Committee Against the Watershed

Present: Clarence Fox
Mrs. Joyce Minter

Mrs. Minter stated the reason for her appointment was to request that the County Commissioners withdraw their approval of support of the proposed state park. Mr. Bowles replied saying that the County Commissioners had no part in the park that it was a "state" park. Mrs. Minter then stated that there would not be a state park without the approval of the County Commissioners. Mr. Fox stated that the State park was planned without proper notification to the property owners. Mrs. Minter stated that

it was at all time classified as the Watershed Project, which did not stated that it was at any time a proposal for a state park. At this point Mrs. Minter and Mr. Fox presented the County Commissioners with a petition listing those opposed to a state park. Mrs. Minter stated that she thought that the County Commissioners did not know how many people were against it. Mr. Guy asked how many property owners were represented by this petition. Mrs. Minter replied by saying that this petition applied to about 50% of the property owners. Mr. Guy stated that perhaps the state park could be made smaller and the people might go along with this as the overall Watershed Project.

Mr. Wigginton asked if Mrs. Minter's committee had been in touch with Senator Bailey? Mr. Fox stated that they had and went on to say that the number of landowners who had not signed the petition had not been contacted and that he planned to continue with the petition.

Some discussion was had in reference to whether a signature on the petition for Delegate Manning McKay was a true signature as Commissioners had been in touch with Delegate McKay and he had stated that he was in favor of the State Park.

Mr. Guy stated that if we do not have a state park, we will not be able to get funding for a watershed and that there had to be some terms of agreement and understanding made. Mrs. Minter asked why the state park had to be placed in Site #2 in lieu of Site #1 where there were numerous trees and this would not move any property woners. She also added that she could not see how we could afford a State Park. Mr. Bowles answered her by saying that we were not paying for the state park that we were paying for the watershed. Mr. Wigginton asked if the committee had been in touch with Mr. Spencer Ellis to see if the lines could be changed. Mrs. Minter stated that she understood that Mr. Ellis would get in touch with the landowners and that they have not seen or heard from anyone. Mr. Fox stated that if the Watershed Project and State Park had been advertised correctly, he felt that the committee would not have a leg to stand on. Mr. Aud stated that the press and the people told the County Commissioners that recreation was needed in the County and now everyone is against it. Mrs. Minter asked Mr. Aud if they wanted another garbage dump such as Point Lookout. Mr. Aud stated that the taxpayers in St. Mary's County. He staed that we cannot keep everything out of the county. There had to be some industry and recreation.

Press Conference:

Present: Mrs. Patty Muchow
 Mr. Jack Kershaw
 Mr. Dick Myers
 Mr. Rick Thompson

Official tape for the office was made by Mr. Paul Raley.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. Douglas Bond
Mr. August Wagener

Abell's Wharf

Move stop sign to where it will be noticeable.

Hart Drug Store - Lexington Park

Repair stop sign so that it will stay up.

Woodland Road

Patch remainder of road.

Clark Road

Erect sign and fill potholes.

Camp Winslow Road

Needs bushing.

Portney's Overlook

Needs bushing.

Pegg Road

Needs patching.

Bills Approved

St. Mary's Nursing Home	\$10,000.00
Lorenzi Dodds:	
McLeod Property	325.00
East Key Property	283.00
Manor Drive	767.00
O'Brien's Subdivision	817.00
Locker and Wigginton	610.00
Chas. Cty. Comm. College	69.21
Pr. George Cty (Court Adminis. Salaries)	2,115.38
J. R. McCrone Jr., Inc.	
Clements Landfill	2,360.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,346.59

Gross Income - 65 and over Tax

Mr. Sterling stated that there had been a mix up as to the reading of the law as to a tax credit given on the basis of net income or gross income. He stated that the Department

of Finance had turned away as many as fifty people because of this misunderstanding of the law. He stated that the tax credit should have been given on the basis of gross income. Mr. Aud asked how this could be corrected. Mr. Sterling suggested that it be broadcasted on the radio for two days and advertised in the paper for two weeks stating that all those people turned away to please return for a reevaluation. This action was approved by the County Commissioners and the radio and newspapers were notified that day.

Purchase of Site I of the Watershed

The County Commissioners approved of the purchase of the Weiner and Waring property for an amount of \$29,442.00, for Site 1 of the Watershed project.

Alban Tractor - Red Check Program

Present: Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr.
Mr. Coleman, Representative from Alban Tractor

Mr. Raley introduced Mr. Coleman to the County Commissioners and stated that Mr. Coleman would explain the "Red Check" program to the Commissioners. He also added that he was in favor of the Red Check program for the new equipment because we did not have the necessary "know how" to keep this equipment in top notch shape.

Mr. Coleman stated that their Red Check program has been in existence for about four years and was a maintenance/inspection type of operation. He explained that inspections would be done on a monthly basis which would keep repairs at a minimum or as he stated "preventive Maintenance". The inspection would be done and Alban Tractor would report their findings to us.

Mr. Coleman went on to say that their mechanics, through schooling, are trained and know exactly what to do. Not only were they responsible for internal maintenance, but they also provided external maintenance such as valves, etc. They also had special tools and testing equipment. Parts availability was foremost. They send a truck to York, Pennsylvania on a daily basis and if they do not have a particular part it can be had within a day's time, which provided for maximum availability of equipment.

Inspections would be set up for every 250 hours the equipment was in use. The program consists of 2000 hours or eight visits. Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that this program would run approximately 18 months in relation to the 2000 hours.

Mr. Bowles asked how many pieces of new equipment the County had. Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. stated that there were two new pieces of equipment; a loader (\$20,000) and a Pan (\$40,000.)

Mr. Coleman stated that the program on the Loader would run approximately \$1600.00. He stated that he did not have a program on the Pan worked up as yet, but thought it would run approximately \$2000.00.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Coleman if Alban Tractor furnishes a guarantee with it's Red Check program. Mr. Coleman stated that they did not because they had no guarantee that we would not have major problems.

Mr. Bowles added that the program would not work unless the men reported to Mr. Raley when the 250 hours was up. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Raley have his men to turn in the time on the machinery. Mr. Guy said that several times the equipment is kept running regardless of whether it is being used or not. Mr. Raley stated that this should not be. That the equipment should run approximately 5 hours per day on a 6 day week. Mr. Coleman did add that there was a ninety day warranty on parts and workmanship for any repairs that they do.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Coleman to get his figures to us for the entire program and that we would decide on the Red Check program at another meeting.

Cost Estimates - Rich Neck Road, Ext. of Peggs Lane & Chaptico-Mechanicsville

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. submitted a cost estimate on Rich Neck Road, Ext. of Peggs Lane and Chaptico/Mechanicsville Road for the surface treatment of same as follows:

Rich Neck:	Reconstruction	45,619.20
	Double Surface	
	Treatment	<u>10,560.00</u>
	Total	\$56,179.20
Ext. of Peggs		
Lane	Reconstruction	7,200.00
	Double Surface	
	Treatment	<u>2,581.00</u>
	Total	\$ 9,781.00
Chaptico/Mechanicsville Road		
	Reconstruction	22,651.20
	Double Surface	
	Treatment	<u>7,098.70</u>
	Total	\$29,749.70

Mr. Raley stated that they would not be ready to do this work until the Fall.

Dumpster Service - Oakville Landfill

The County Commissioners directed the Secretary to draft letter to Mr. Buddy Thompson, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Ben Burroughs asking them to submit a price on dumpster service at the Oakville Landfill.

Bids - Radio Station

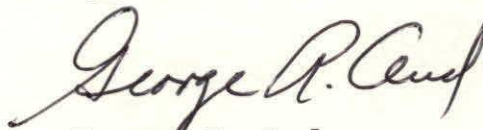
After Mr. Otis Wood reviewed the bids submitted to the County Commissioners for the prices on the radio station, Alford's Radio was awarded the contract at a price of \$599.50 per month.

Gus Wagener - Expenses

The County Commissioners approved for payment \$21.95 for expenses incurred by Mr. Wagener during his trip to Annapolis for statewide conference for County Engineers.

Meet Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P. M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President