

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 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
Judy Bowles, (Mrs.) Recording
Patty Muchow, WPTX
Rick Thompson, Beacon
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Dick Myers, WKIK

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M.

Appointment of General Hogaboom to Library Board

Mrs. Jansson came before the Commissioners to advise that the law had been changed in that the appointment came from the County Commissioners and not Governor Mandel, and ask that General Hogaboom's appointment to the Library be extended to January of 1974. She stated that no member of the Board could serve more than ten years consecutively; however, General Hogaboom has everything at his fingertips in reference to the resotration of Tudor Hall. Mr. Bowles asked if General Hogaboom was the only member of the Board at the present time whose appointment was up. Mrs. Jansson answered that at the present time his appointment was the only one that had expired. Mr. Guy asked Mrs. Jansson if the Library Board submitted names of appointees to the County Commissioners. Mrs. Jansson answered affirmatively and asked if the County Commissioners felt that three names per vacancy was sufficient. Mr. Bowles said that he thought it was.

Mrs. Jansson also informed the County Commissioners that there would be a conference between the architect, builder, and HUD on Tudor Hall on Tuesday, October 12th at 2:00 P.M. and said that she would like for one of the Commissioners to attend. Mr. Guy stated that Tuesday was the meeting day of the Commissioners and that he doubted that any one of the Commissioners would be able to attend, due to their full agendas.

Open Space Program

A letter was received in this office from Mr. Joseph J. Murnane, Executive Secretary of the Maryland Association of Counties, INC., seeking our views on how the Open Space Program could be modified to accompolish its expressed purpose. The Commissioners asked if this correspondence had been answered. Mr. Bowles stated that he had asked Mr. Baggett to give his recommendations to this correspondence and furnish the same to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Baggett wrote a letter to Mr. Bowles recommending a matching program of 10% county (previously 25%), 40% from Program Open Space and 50% matching from the Federal Government. Mr. Bowles objected to any matching of funds by the County stating, "We are very much in favor of the legislation being amended so that the monies in this program would be returned to the county for use in the program on the basis of collection with no matching." Mr. J.S. Guy, Jr. and Mr. George R. Aud were in full agreement with Mr. Bowles' statement and asked the Secretary to see that a letter be sent to Mr. Joseph Murnane per the above statement.

4H Program Assistant

Present: Mr. Ben Smith, County Extension Service
Mr. John Lancaster
Mrs. Jean Schillings

Messrs. Smith and Lancaster and Mrs. Schillings came before the County Commissioners requesting the County's assistance in employing a 4H Program Assistant for St. Mary's County. Mr. Lancaster recommended that Mrs. Frances Jones be hired for the position. Her salary would be \$6400, \$600 for travel expenditure and \$350 for demonstration materials for a total of \$7350. Mr. Lancaster stated that the University of Maryland would pay \$4950 of this total and asked that County funds pay the remaining \$2400.

Mr. Guy asked who Mrs. Jones was. Mr. Lancaster replied stating that Mrs. Jones lived in Center Gardens. Her husband teaches physical education at Carver and Mrs. Jones has had three years of college. Mr. Lancaster stated that Mrs. Jones' hiring would enable them to extend their summer enrichment program and stated that the children really wanted to continue the program. He stated that it was impossible for his staff to meet with these children all the time and the additional assistant, Mrs. Jones, was really needed.

Mr. Guy asked if this was more of an educational program than recreational. Mr. Lancaster stated that it most certainly was. Mr. Guy asked Mr. Lancaster if they were teaching these children the more practical aspects of life, such as, housekeeping, cooking, sewing, etc. Mr. Lancaster stated that this was true. Mr. Bowles asked what age group was involved in the 4H programs. Mr. Lancaster stated the children were between the ages of 9 to 19. He also stated that this new assistant would enable them to reach an additional 300 children. They presently have 1600 children involved and hope to reach the 2000 mark.

Mr. Bowles stated this sum of money (\$2400) would have to come from the County's contingency fund; this money is not in the County budget and Mr. Wigginton will have to see that can be done.

Resolution - National Business Women's Week

A resolution was signed by the County Commissioners designating the week of October 17th through 24th, 1971 as National Business Women's Week.

Resolution - Center Gardens Tax Abatement

A resolution on the Center Gardens Tax Abatement was signed by the County Commissioners for the year 1970/1971.

BILLS APPROVED

Hugh W. Wilkerson & Assoc. St. Andrews Church Road 4/71 through 9/20/71	\$ 704.00
Loker & Wigginton - Services for September 1971	771.50
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill for McLeod Property Compelition of topography for 200 acre site	130.00
Dept. of Social Services Allocation for the month of November, 1971	12281.33

Fuel Oil Bid Award

The fuel oil bids for servicing the County buildings were opened on Monday, October 4, 1971 and after review by the County Commissioners, Waring Oil Co., Inc. was awarded the bid with the lowest price of .1375¢ per gallon.

Written notification will be sent to Waring Oil Co. this week.

Shore Erosion - McKay's Beach

Present: Mr. George Danker
Mr. John O. Kogel

Mr. Kogel stated that he would like to bring the County Commissioners up to date on the progress they are making with Chesapeake Bay Affairs insofar as the McKay's Beach Community is seeking assistance for shore erosion control. Mr. Danker stated that they had received a letter from Mr. E. V. Mohl, Chief of Shore Erosion Control with Chesapeake Bay Affairs and from Mr. Mohl's letter they had a few questions. He stated then that he then called Mr. Mohl and asked him which questions were of great importance. Mr. Mohl told Mr. Danker that the first and foremost question was whether the project has ever been declared in the erosion control district. If so, they (CBA) would like to have some assurance from the County that this money would be collected and paid back to the state and an agreement to be entered into between the County and Chesapeake Bay Affairs would be required.

Mr. Aud replied that this area has never been listed in the shore erosion district, and that there had to be at least 75% participation of property owners. Mr. Danker answered by saying

that they had 75% participation at the present time. If they had 100% participation we could go directly to the State, but with 75% participation we have to go through the County. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Danker if there was a maximum of money allowed. Mr. Danker stated that there was, but only on an individual basis and that he understood that the County levies a special tax on those people who have a seawall at Tall Timbers and stated that he would like to see this type of arrangement made in reference to shore erosion.

Mr. Kogel stated that the price on this project would be approximately \$47,000, which consisted of four stone jetties. He stated that Chesapeake Bay Affairs was in favor of the stone jetties in that there was a minimum of maintenance concerned with stone. Mr. Bowles asked if they had a set of plans. At this point Mr. Danker showed the County Commissioners the drawings. Mr. Aud stated as so far as the County Commissioners could see they would have no objections to setting McKay's Beach up in a shore erosion district and asked Mr. Koegel to up date his petition (the Previous petition was taken in 1967); present it to the Commissioners, and see if he could get additional property owners to go along with the project. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Koegel and Mr. Danker keep in touch with Mr. Harris Sterling as to their progress.

Mr. Dnaker stated that he would like to broach another problem concerned with the taxation of those peoples involved with the shore erosion prevention. He stated that one property owner's land was nothing but marsh, therefore not usable, another property has already lost some portion of frontage due to erosion and consequently he has only a triangular section left, and some of the other property owners felt that it would be unfair to tax them as much. He asked if the problem could be approached some other way other than on a front footage basis?

At this point Mr. Wigginton stated that there was no arbitrary method as to how the people had to be taxed.

PRESS CONFERENCE

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

Tape recording made by Mr. Paul R. Raley is on file.

Roads Meeting

Present: Mr. Gus Wagener
Mr. Doug Bond

Bond Drive-Mill Cove Manor

Lt. Cochran stated that the reason he wants to come in to see the County Commissioners was that Bond Drive was in very

poor condition and he wanted to see if it was in the County System and added that it had been requested that it be taken into the system in March of 1969. Mr. Aud asked Mr. Bond if this road was in the system. Mr. Bond stated that it was. Mr. Aud attempted to explain the delay in our surface treatment schedule by stating that Behtlehem steel had been on strike and we could not get the necessary materials and that St. Mary's County is the last on the surface treatment schedule. He stated that if the road could not be surface treated in the early months of Fall that it is difficult to maintain a road that has been surface treated during cold weather.

Mr. Aud also stated that if the road is not on the list for surface treatment he would see that it is placed on the list. Lt. Cochran stated that he was satisfied and that he just wanted to see what had been done.

Essex South

Mr. Aud stated that he felt that Essex South should be taken into the County system in that he felt that it was part of our responsibility to accept the road due to the fact that Mr. Bond had given verbal approval to Mr. Chapman on the road. Mr. Guy stated that he did not agree in that Mr. Chapman did not follow the right ptocedures. He asked Mr. Wagener what was the main problem with the road and what was needed to bring the road up to specifications. Mr. Wagener stated that most of the problem was due to erosion and the cost to repair would be approximately \$300 to \$400. Mr. Guy asked if this road was repaired could he guarantee that this would not happen again on this road or any other road even if it were brought up to specifications. Mr. Douglas Bond stated that he was not in favor of surface treating Essex South or any other road in cold season.

Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Wagener if he had inspected this road last year. Mr. Wagener stated that he did not. Mr. Aud stated that St. Andrews Church road was constructed just last year and this year it already needed repair. The County Commissioners voted unanimously that Essex South be taken into the system.

Mr. Guy stated that we needed specific procedures and an upgrading of the surface treatment to follow in accepting a road into the County system. Mr. Bowles requested Mr. Wagener to adopt a form for a road to be taken into the system. He stated that the County Engineer inspect the road and make recommendations to the County Commissioners in two weeks and have the property owner provide us with a deed within 30 days or the request would be null and void after that date. Mr. Guy requested that Mr. Wagener have the guidlines prepared for next Tuesday's meeting, October 12, 1971.

Site II Watershed Project - Mr. George Burrows, Atty.

Present: Mr. George Burrows, Atty.
Mrs. Joyce Minter
Mr. Clarence Fox
Mr. James Dobry
Mr. Joseph Sickle
Mr. Lawrence Combs
Mr. Charles Evans
Mrs. Francis Watermolen

Mr. Burrows stated he had a number of people he was representing in opposition to the Watershed project. He stated he did not know what had transpired and that he called Mr. Robert Wigginton, the County Attorney, and Mr. Wigginton invited him to come down and see the County Commissioners. He stated that he would like to see our files to see what has been done and what has not been done so that he would be in a position to represent these people. Mr. Aud stated that all of our records were open to the public; however, they could not be removed from our office.

Mr. Burrows requested that nothing be done on these projects until he could organize himself. He also inquired if the County Commissioners had made some contribution to the Watershed project. Mr. Wigginton stated the County contribution should be \$100,000 to Site I and \$150,000 to Site II. Mr. Burrows stated that he would like to see the plans. Mr. Guy directed Mr. Burrows to the plan on the bulletin board in the County Commissioners conference room and stated that the County Commissioners had just received these from Mr. John Baggett the Director of Recreation and Parks who obtained them in Annapolis.

Mr. Burrows stated that he had read the Book Plan of the St. Mary's Watershed and there were some contradictory remarks in it. Mr. Aud stated that this Book Plan was presented at a meeting at Great Mills High School. Mr. Lawrence Combs stated that no one was notified. At this point Mr. Aud told them he couldn't understand why, that it was certainly publicized enough. Mr. Burrows stated that these people's property was not for sale or acquisition.

Mr. Guy called attention to the fact that Mr. Burrows had a photostat copy of the Watershed Book Plan that had been taken from the office by Mr. James Dobry and requested Mr. Dobry to return the original to our files. Mr. Dobry stated that he would return our book. Mr. Dobry called attention to Senate Bill 89, which he stated was part of a \$59 million dollar state program. He asked the County Commissioners who introduced the bill. Mr. Burrows answered Mr. Dobry by stating that he did not feel that this was a question to be answered by the County Commissioners, but one for the state legislators.

Mr. Wigginton mentioned that Mr. Spencer Ellis advised the property owners to talk to him, Mr. Ellis, about changing the take lines in Site II and that he would be glad to discuss it with the people.

Mr. Guy asked Mr. Burrows how many people he was representing. Mr. Burrows gave him a rough figure of about 37. Mr. Clarence Fox asked Mr. Guy if we had a Public Watershed Association. Mr. Guy replied by saying that he had no knowledge of one. Mr. Burrows stated that we had to have a Public Watershed Association before Federal funds could be committed.

Option to Purchase - Property of Leonard Copsey at Chaptico Wharf

Option to purchase property of Mr. Leonard Copsey at Chaptico Wharf for a parking area was approved and signed.

Finance Office - New Typewriters

The County Commissioners unanimously approved of the purchase of two new standard IBM typewriters, elite type and 15" carriage for the Finance Department.

Mr. Booker Mattingly - Tax Exemption - Refund of Real Estate Taxes

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to refund the amount of \$1,294.02 representing refund due from 1961 to 1971, ten years, to Mr. Booker Mattingly. This exemption was due to the fact that Mr. Mattingly was blind and had paid taxes during these years.

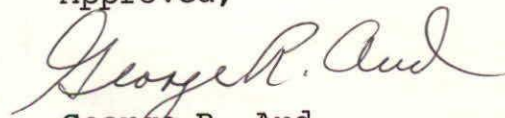
APPOINTMENTS: Recreation and Parks and Nursing Home Board

It was unanimously agreed that J. Abell Longmore and Mrs. Ann DeJong would be notified as to their appointment to the two vacancies on the Recreation and Parks Board.

It was also unanimously agreed to contact Mrs. Leona Bradburn for appointment to the Nursing Home Board.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Approved,



George R. Aud
President