

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, 1971

Present: Mr. George R. Aud, President
Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
Mr. J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Mrs. Judy Bowles, Secretary to Commissioners (Recording)
Mr. Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
Mrs. Patty Muchow, WPTX
Miss Christy Selph, Beacon

Board of Education - Leonardtown Middle School

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent
Mr. Gerald Himmelhaber
Mr. James Raley

In opening Dr. King thanked the County Commissioners for their help on the school sites and stated that the only factor holding up the construction of said sites (Tippett's Road and Millstone Landing Road) was written approval from the State. Dr. King said the purpose of their meeting with the County Commissioners this day was to advise them on what was going on and more or less bring them up to date.

Mr. James Raley stated that they have a planning fund of \$76,000 for Leonardtown Middle School. He stated that Leonardtown Middle School and Park Hall Middle School were at a schematic stage. Mr. James Raley then showed the County Commissioners site plans for the Leonardtown Middle School at the Technical Center site adjacent to the County owned property. He stated that it was difficult to locate this school on this site in relation to the possible high school. Mr. Aud asked Mr. Raley how much land they had at the Technical Center site. Mr. Raley replied that they had 83 acres and that they had checked on some other sites in the Leonardtown area but they were expensive and stated this as being the reason they had not purchased land in Leonardtown. Mr. Aud asked Mr. Wigginton, the County Attorney, how much land the County Commissioners had at the Tech. Center site. Mr. Wigginton stated that he did not know. Mr. Raley stated that what he was trying to say was that the presently owned property at the Tech. Center was not very good for a school site, due to the fact that the area was heavily wooded and contained many deep ravines, as deep as 50'.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the Board of Education might inquire about the purchase of some of the Greenwell property at a suitable time due to the fact that Dr. Greenwell had just passed away and perhaps Mrs. Greenwell would be willing to sell some of this property.

Mr. James Raley stated that the Board of Education was looking for some direction from the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Aud asked what would be done about the sewer system and asked if it could be tied in with the Technical Center. Dr. King replied that he certainly wished that the County Commissioners could get the County to extend the sewer system from Leonardtown down to the Tech Center site. Commissioner Aud asked if the Board of Education could go to the State Interagency Committee and explain the situation. Commissioner Guy stated that if the Board of Education would develop a study about how much money could be saved by extending the sewer system to the Tech Center, perhaps the State Interagency Committee would go along with it. Mr. Raley stated that he had talked with them along these lines and that the outcome was not satisfactory. Commissioner Bowles asked if they would be agreeable to perhaps purchase some of the Greenwell property. Mr. Raley stated that they would. Mr. Aud asked them when they would have to know about the school site. Dr. King replied saying they would have to know something about the site by December 31, 1971, because they would have to revise their entire submittal.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the County Commissioners would insure the Board of Education that they will have a school site. He also stated that he would like to see the Board of Education purchase the Greenwell property and if not we, the County Commissioners, will have to go along with the recommendation of using the County property adjacent to the Technical Center site.

Dr. King asked the County Commissioners if the Board of Education should advertise for the purchase of property. Commissioner Bowles stated that he felt it should be advertised. Mr. Raley asked if they should go ahead and advertise for a thirty acre site in Leonardtown or go ahead with their plan for the Tech Center site. At this point Commissioner Aud stated that the County Attorney, Mr. Robert Wigginton, would get in touch with Mrs. Greenwell at the proper time.

Queentree Subdivision

The Queentree Subdivision application was turned down unanimously by the County Commissioners.

Bills Approved

Southern Maryland Electric Co-op	
Security lights at end of	
St. George's Wharf	\$ 54.00
 David M. Gruber	
1971 Zero District - Tax bills	
Assessment rolls and Treas. rolls	650.00
 Chas. County Community College	
Voters list (2)	138.42

20 Year Highway Study

The changes as noted in the 20 year highway study were signed by the County Commissioners. Senator Bailey, Delegate Briscoe and Delegate McKay also signed their approval.

3 Personal Days Leave

In a letter to the County Commissioners Mr. Robert Wigginton, the County Attorney, stated that the 3 personal leave days will be illegal until after Phase I of President Nixon's freeze. The Finance Office was so notified.

Howard A. Adams

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to employ Mr. Howard A. Adams as a permanent employee of the County.

Mrs. Leila Rogers - Planning & Zoning

Commissioners Bowles stated that Paul Raley had talked to Mrs. Rogers as to a grade increase. Mr. Paul Raley has not discussed this matter with the County Commissioners. Mr. Bowles aid Mrs. Rogers should be compensated for all the overtime she had put in in reference to all the Planning and Zoning meetings (held at night) and perhaps her job description should be re-written because her duties warranted her being compensated for overtime as a promotion.

Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Sterling to work with Mr. Wagener in regard to a new job description for Mrs. Rogers and to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Sterling stated that due to the freeze she, Mrs. Rogers, would need a new job description.

Joseph Carter - Youth Commission

Mr. Carter stated that for several years he had raised a question as to the Youth Commission's purpose and also stated that last year he had sent out a questionnaire to the Youth Commission Coard members as to their interest and the need of a Youth Commission. He added that the replies were overwhelming in support of the Youth Commission; however, the attendance at the board meetings was very poor. He stated that his question to the Commissioners was whether he should convene a meeting and should we breathe life back into the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Guy stated that the Recreation and Parks meetings he had attended that there had only been representation at one or two of these meetings. He also stated that he felt the Youth Commission was floudering and he felt sure that this was the reason the attendance at the Recreation and Parks Board was a problem. He also stated he felt that the Youth Commission should be an advisory commission, and that we needed the Youth Commission and it should meet on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Carter the last time the Youth Commission met. Mr. Carter replied that it was in June. Mr. Aud stated that he felt the Youth Commission was needed to be put back on it's feet and made to work. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Carter who the secretary was. Mr. Carter replied that they did not have one. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Carter if they had full membership. Mr. Carter stated that there were three vacancies and he felt that new blood was needed. Mr. Bowles stated that if Mr. Carter would get in touch with him, he, as a Commissioner member could call a meeting. Mr. Carter stated that on the basis of his conversation with the Commissioners today, the Commissioners felt strongly that we should have a youth commission.

Mr. Guy stated that we have to centralize on the drug problem and that he felt that the Youth Commission might be the agency in the County directly involved.

Mr. Aud stated that he felt the Youth Commission was vital to the County and that we will wait for Mr. Carter's recommendations.

Appointment - Recreation and Parks Board

Mr. J. Abell Longmore, Jr. has accepted the appointment to the Recreation and Parks Board.

ROADS MEETING:

Present: Mr. Gus Wagener
Mr. Douglas Bond

Bushwood Bulkheading

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to award the contract to Delahay Pile Driving and asked the Secretary to advise the office of Chesapeake Bay Affairs of their decision.

St. George's Island Wharf

Received an estimate from Delahay's Pile Driving Service on St. George's Wharf for the replacement of boards, etc. on the platform. The total amount of the bid was \$1168.00 including labor and material.

Painting - County Commissioners' Office

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to have Mr. Skippy Jones paint their offices the week of October 18th and 25th. The Commissioners selected off-white for their conference room.

1971-1972 Surface Treatment Program

Mr. Harris Sterling, the Director of Finance, was directed by the County Commissioners to forward a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the State Highway Administration, which represents an advance payment on St. Mary's County 1971-1972 Road Surface Treatment Program. Additional monies will be advanced as work progresses.

John A. Donaho and Associates, Inc. - Management Consultant

A proposal for management and personnel studies for St. Mary's County was received by the County Commissioners. The amount of the study was \$26,320 and would be completed in approximately four months.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to employ Mr. Donaho for they purpose of a personnel and management study.

Proposed Requirements for County Streets

Mr. Gus Wagener, the County Engineer, presented a drawing of a typical cross section for a 40' street proposed for the County. Mr. Wagener stated that they had not and that he would submit plans for a 50' and 60' street. Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Wagener if he would provide the Commissioners with a running cost on each street.

Mr. Guy asked if we had to have a resolution to adopt the construction as per proposed plans of these streets. Mr. Robert Wigginton, the County Attorney, advised that this had to be done by Law. Mr. Guy asked Mr. Wigginton to check this matter out and have this information ready for the next meeting.

Resolutions Signed

Resolutions were signed by the Commissioners for the following:

1. a stop sign at Greenview Knolls
2. Placement of a 25 m.p.h. sign on Fisher Road.

Patuxent River Bridge - Town Creek

Present: Mr. Jim Henderson
Mr. John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks

Mr. Jim Henderson stated that approximately six months ago he came in to see the County Commissioners to discuss using some of the State Highway Administration's right-of-way and had presented the County Commissioners with a map of the area he was interested in; however, on this date he presented the Commissioners a plan of the proposed Patuxent River Bridge in the Town Creek area and showed the Commissioners the property that would be taken by the bridge in a residential section and that part of these lots would not be able to be used because after the construction of this bridge the remainder of land on these lots would consist of, at the most, approximately a half acre. Mr. Henderson thought that perhaps this land could be used as a fishing pier approximately 350' wide.

Mr. Aud stated that the bridge may be moved from the present

proposed area. Mr. Henderson stated that it really didn't matter where the bridge would be placed, that there would still be usable land available for a fishing pier and possibly a small park. He stated that special legislation would more than likely be needed for this type of thing. He added that this would prevent people from dumping old cars and trash, etc. on these parcels of land.

Mr. Bowles stated that in other words what Mr. Henderson was trying to say in reference to this excess land, that the State would acquire this land and after the bridge is completed, the land would have to be disposed of. Mr. Henderson stated that Recreation and Parks needed this land and that he just came in to refresh the Commissioner's memories.

Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Henderson and Mr. Baggett present this recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Board as to the purchase of this land for the recreational park and fishing park and they would have to act on it.

Great Mills High School and Nicolet Park - Vandalism

Mr. Baggett stated that he was having a great deal of difficulty with vandalism. He stated that at Great Mills High School 13 trees were chopped and two picnic tables were cut in two in addition to beer cans and trash. He stated that he was having a similar problem in Nicolet Park. He added that he had informed the police about this and asked if it would be possible for the County Commissioners to have a meeting with himself and the police to see if these areas could be patrolled on a regular basis. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Baggett let the Commissioners know what people he wanted present and set-up the appointment for the Commissioners.

Skating - Chopticon and Leonardtown Armory

Mr. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, stated that he had taken the seats out of #9 school bus and put racks in it. He stated that we had skating at Chopticon and Great Mills High School. They approached the principal at the Tech Center and Mr. Baggett stated that he was turned down in that they would not be allowed to skate there. Mr. Baggett said that he was interested in using the Leonardtown Armory for skating and suggested that perhaps the County Commissioners could go and see someone in the Reserve to see if the armory could be used. Mr. Guy stated that perhaps J. Abell Longmore, Jr. could prove to be of some help in this area now that he would be serving on the Recreation and Parks Board.

Mr. Wigginton asked Mr. Baggett which room they were using for skating at Chopticon. Mr. Baggett stated that they were using the cafeteria. Mr. Aud asked Mr. Baggett if they were having trouble with the kids at these affairs. Mr. Baggett said that they were not at the skating parties; however, the parents were not participating and therefore Recreation and Parks are having to stop a lot of dances, and unless enough parents come there will always be a problem at the dances.

\$250,000 FHA Loan for the Watershed Project

Tabled for further discussion at a later date.

CATV Agreement - Ross Telecommunications

The County Commissioners signed the agreement for CATV service outside of the Leonardtown area.

Bid Opening - Tennis Courts & Seeding - Great Mills High School

Present: Mr. John Baggett, Director of Recreation & Parks
Mr. Bunky Garner - B.A. Garner
Mr. Goode - W. E. Hooks and Sons

The bids were opened by Mr. John Baggett with the County Commissioners officiating:

TENNIS COURTS

Dean and Beavers	\$ 9,740.00
W. E. Hooks & Sons	14,000.00

SEEDING

B.A. Garner	2,475.00
W. E. Hooks & Sons	10,857.00

Mr. John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks recommended that the County Commissioners reject both bids for the tennis courts, stating that the prices were out of line.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to Mr. Baggett's recommendation and rejected both bids.

Mr. B. A. Garner was awarded the contract for seeding at Great Mills High School with the lower bid of \$2475.00.

Developmental Center for the Mentally Retarded

Present: Chaplain Riggs, NATC
Mrs. Marion Sterling

Chaplain Riggs stated that he had been in to see the Commissioners some time ago but at that time he did not have any specific request and stated that today they were in to show plans of a new center for the mentally retarded, which would be situated adjacent to the Board of Education land on Millstone Landing Road. Since the last meeting Chaplain Riggs stated that they had met with the Board of Education as to the possibility of sharing the facilities with them in their special educational facility. He stated that his reasons for approaching the County Commissioners was the possibility of obtaining a ten acre site at the Millstone Landing Road school site.

Chaplain Riggs stated that this facility would handle patients from three years of age and up. He also added that there would be a therapeutic pool for the physically handicapped. He felt that bus routes could be so arranged so as to pick up these children.

He stated that perhaps the same architect employed by the Board of Education to do the plans for the school site at Millstone Landing Road could also do the plans for the Developmental Center so as to conform to the overall design. He stated that the Center would cost approximately \$50,000, with 50/50 matching, State and County

Mr. Guy asked Chaplain Riggs if a playground area was to be included. Chaplain replied that possibly in the future this would be available; however, he was only concerned with the real immediate needs. Chaplain Riggs stated that he had to submit some notification to the State as soon as possible if we can obtain this 10 acre site.

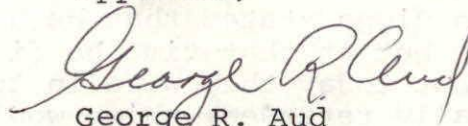
Mr. Aud asked how much money would be involved. Chaplain Riggs answered by saying that in checking legislation, he found where schools for the mentally retarded would be refunded 100% of the operational costs. Chaplain Riggs felt that perhaps they could appeal to the citizens of St. Mary's County for money for equipment. At this point Mrs. Sterling stated that mortgage payments could be included in operational costs. Mr. Robert Wigginton stated that we could not borrow money without legislative approval.

Mr. Aud stated that we would have to do some checking and we would be back in touch with them. Chaplain Riggs requested that he hear from the County Commissioners by November 1, 1971 as to the purchase of the land and the commitment to obligate this money. He stated that he hoped to be able to start construction in 1973.

The minutes of September 7, 1971 were read and approved with a few minor corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Approved,


George R. Aud
President