

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, November 2, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Mrs. Judith D. Bowles, Secretary to the Commissioners
Chauncey Karstens
Miss Christy Selph, The Beacon
Mrs. Patty Muchow, WPTX
Mr. Rick Thompson, The Beacon

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 A. M.

The minutes of October 12 and 18, 1971 were read and approved.

Three Proposals - Fiscal Planning Committee - Legislative Council

First Proposal (Items 270 and 272) authorizes the establishment of a county-municipal tax differential; and mandates that the counties and municipalities form a fiscal study group to explore the differential question.

Second Proposal (Item 101) provides that students residing in one political subdivision may attend a community college in another subdivision and the receiving county would be reimbursed for its costs by a transfer of funds from the county of the student's residence. If enacted it would mean that a county without a community college would nevertheless have to pay the county's share of the tuition (28% of the total cost).

Third Proposal (Item 66) would establish a so-called municipal revenue sharing bill.

The County Commissioners voted unanimously opposing all three proposals and instructed the secretary to advise those members of the legislature representing St. Mary's County on this Committee as well as Mr. Richard Grumbacher, Chairman of the Fiscal Program Analysis, Mr. Meyer Emmanuel, Jr., Chairman of the Fiscal Planning Committee and Mr. John Hanson Briscoe, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Vouchers Signed

Vouchers #672 to #785 were approved and signed by Commissioner Aud.

Jailkeeper - Mr. William Gatton - Vacation

Mr. Gatton stated that he was wondering about his vacation and would like to have one day a week off. Commissioner Aud stated that the Commissioners were interviewing applicants (detention officers) for full time positions which would be of a help to him. Mr. Gatton asked if Mrs. Gatton would be paid in lieu of hiring a new employee. Commissioner Aud advised that this could not be done due to the fact that the Commissioners were interviewing for four positions, under the Emergency Employment Act, for detention officers for the jail.

Mr. Gatton stated that he had tried to take a vacation but that Mr. Judge Dodge, who relieved him while he was gone, did not work out and no one was here to open the Courthouse consequently some one was continually bothering Mrs. Gatton on what to do and what not to do.

Mr. Aud stated that the Commissioners would like to take a close look at the jail and that he expected the jail to be inspected this week by the State and they would in turn make their recommendations to this Board.

Mr. Aud assured Mr. Gatton that within the next thirty days Mr. Gatton would have someone to help him out. Mr. Aud also stated that as far as maintenance was concerned the County would have to pay help at least \$2.00 an hour for a qualified person. Commissioners Guy and Bowles agreed unanimously to the \$2.00 an hour figure.

Commissioner Aud asked Mr. Gatton to hold off for another two weeks until something could be done. Mr. Gatton stated that he would wait another thirty days.

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, was instructed to advertise for a man to help Mr. Gatton with the cleaning of the Courthouse.

Bills Approved for Payment

Loker and Wigginton services for the month of Oct., '71	\$ 1038.50
Mr. August Wagener mileage Sept. through Oct. 29, '71	193.50
B. I. Mattingly & Co. Unstop toilet at Leonardtown Office of Health Department	10.00
David M. Gruber & Co. 1st Qtr. fiscal year	2250.00
Dept. of Social Services Administration & Food Stamps Dec. '71	12281.33

Easement - Farmer's Tobacco Warehouse - Waldorf, Maryland

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to an easement agreement as per Mr. Jimmy Schultz' request of October 13, 1971. (A copy of his request is on file in our office).

Steering Committee - Restoration of Newtowne Church and Manor House

Commissioner Guy stated that the County Commissioners are to appoint three (3) members to this committee which would consist of eleven (11) members.

Cardinal O'Boyle has selected Mr. Abell Longmore, Mr. John Walton and Mr. George Raley. Mr. Edwin Beitzell had been selected to represent the Historical Society. Mr. Mike Humphries had been selected to represent the Archaeological Society. Monsignor Veith has been selected as Dean of the County and Father Smith has been selected as Pastor of the Church.

Mr. Guy stated that Georgetown University was to select a member to serve on the committee.

The County Commissioners unanimously approved of the following members appointment to the Steering Committee:

Mrs. Louise Davis
Col. Walter Simpson
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner Member

Old Jail - Colonel Baxter

Colonel Baxter stated that Jan Dix was due a vacation and he would like to close the old jail two weeks during the month of January stating that tourists were at a low at this time of year. The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to this.

Mr. Aud asked that Mrs. Dix submit a report to the Commissioners on a three month basis giving the number of guests that have visited the old jail. Mr. Guy suggested that this report be done on a six month basis in lieu of the three month report, the other Commissioners agreed.

Col. Baxter stated that Mr. Edwin Beitzell was doing some research and came across some records in the basement of the jail and would like to have them given to the Historical Society.

Mr. Paul Raley stated that he would have to write a letter of request to the Hall of Records. Mr. Aug suggested that Mr. Robert Wigginton, the County Attorney, handle the situation due to the fact that he was knowledgeable of the problems involved in securing these documents. Col. Baxter stated that if the Historical Society could help then in any way to please contact them.

Colonel Baxter also stated that Mrs. Heard also had some old surveys and from the point of view of preservation, they should be microfilmed.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Christy Selph, The Beacon
Rich Thompson, The Beacon
Patty Muchow, WPTX
Dick Myers, WKIK
Jack Kershaw, The Enterprise

A tape of this press conference is on file in this office.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. August Wagener
Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr.
Mr. Douglas Bond was unable to attend, he was on vacation

Joy Chapel Road

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., will take care of installing a culvert at Dean's Tobacco Barn.

Dukehart Creek

Mr. Paul Raley stated that he wanted to bring the Commissioners up to date on the progress of dredging Dukehart Creek. He stated that Mr. Ozzie Wilson of Southern Maryland Dredging Co. was in the process of writing the contract and securing bonds and would meet with Mr. Wagener next Monday.

Bid Awarded for Fence - Clements Landfill

The bid for the fence at the Clement's Landfill was awarded to Long's Fence Company, who submitted the price of \$2165.00, the low bidder.

Railroad Ties - Bid Opening

The bid opening for the railroad ties is scheduled for the 23rd of November, 1971 at 2:00 P. M.

Stenographer - Assessor's Office

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to the hiring of a stenographer for the Assessor's office.

Mr. Sterling, the Director of Finance, was instructed to advertise for applicants and set up an examination date.

Tax Refund - Mrs. Cole (Laverne Risher)

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed, upon Mr. Harris Sterling's recommendation, to refund Mrs. Cole \$425.37 for lots bought at the tax sale. She was charged for more lots than appeared on her deed. The Commissioners requested Mr. Sterling to advise her by letter.

Mr. Frank Mudd - Tri-County Youth Services

Mr. Mudd stated that he would like to introduce himself to the County Commissioners and explain what the Tri-County Youth Services was doing and was soliciting the Commissioners for any suggestions they might have. Mr. Mudd stated that he was taking over for Mr. Buffington, who had recently resigned.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Mudd about the new drug center. Mr. Mudd stated that it just opened last week under the direction of Patricia Hawkins. He stated that Tri-County Youth Services had been working behind the scene prior to their opening their doors. Mr. Aud stated that we had a Drug Center, but they were having a little trouble getting it off the ground, stating that people do not seem to be concerned with the drug problem until it affects them personally in their immediate families. Mr. Mudd asked if the Drug Action Committee and the Youth Commission were working together and that this was a necessity. Mr. Aud stated that we would be calling on the Tri-County Youth Services for assistance.

Mr. Mudd continued with his summary of the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau.

1. Summary of the goals of the bureau.
2. Summary of the functions of the bureau.
3. Grant Fiscal Year: Feb. 1, '71 to Jan. 31, '72.
4. Grant percentage: 60% Federal, 40% Non-Federal
(Charles Cty. 13,000, St. Mary's 13,000 and Calvert County 8,667).
5. Quarterly reports
6. Total program cost \$97,664.00
7. Programs started by the bureau.
8. Staff of the Youth Bureau
9. Number of youths evaluated/treated - 148

Mr. Guy asked how the Youth Bureau got their referrals. Mr. Mudd replied that they got most of their referrals from the Department of Social Services and stated that they did not; however, have a full time psychiatrist.

Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Mudd how successful he felt the Youth Bureau had been. Mr. Mudd stated that he felt they were doing a good job and felt that they had been as successful as they could be.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Approved,

George R. Aud
President