

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 1971

Present: George R. Aud, President  
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner  
Robert Wigginton, County Attorney  
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer  
Judy Bowles, Secretary, Recording  
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Christy Selph, Beacon  
Patty Muchow, WKIK

Attending the meeting this date was Mr. George Burnett, Governor Madel's liaison officer.

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

Stream Valley Park

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

Mr. Baggett presented a plan to the County Commissioners depicting the area between Esperanza Shopping Center and Lewis Creek. Mr. Baggett stated that at the last meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board it was the general consensus of opinion that they should purchase land where additional land is needed adjacent to school property. He is interested in the ten acres adjacent to the new proposed school sites on Millstone Landing Road. Mr. Aud remarked that the site in question was being considered for a school for the mentally retarded. Mr. Baggett stated that they were no longer interested in this property (ten acres) and he would like to buy it for a parking lot.

Mr. Robert Dean stated that he and his brother Frank owned the land and would like it to be known as the Mervell Dean Memorial Park. This land would incorporate that area up to 65 degrees in elevation and added that they may be able to obtain more land from Mrs. Mervell Dean. Mr. Dean remarked that he and his brother would be donating 129 acres and with the acquisition of an additional ten acres the park would consist of 139 acres.

Mr. Baggett stated that the dam is 600' long with approximately 100' as a spillway for a cost of \$150,000. The spillway and lake will cost \$25,000.00. The total cost of the park will be \$377,500.00 which includes the following:

Cost of land . . . . .	\$ 70,000.00
Federal and State Funds . . . . .	<u>-52,500.00</u>
Cost to County . . . . .	\$ 17,500.00

Dam Construction (600')	\$150,000.00
100' Emergency Spillway and Drain	25,000.00
Ice Skating Pond	2,500.00
Ski and Sledding Slope	3,500.00
Access Road and Parking Lot	15,000.00
A Shelter Building and Bath House	80,000.00
Pier	5,000.00
200 Sand Beach	2,000.00
Clearing Lake	9,000.00
Picnic Area	1,000.00
Clearing and Grassing 5 acres	7,000.00
Contingency	30,000.00
Design and Engineering	<u>30,000.00</u>
	\$377,500.00
Less Federal and State	283,125.00
Less Donation	<u>40,000.00</u>
Cost to County	\$ 54,375.00

Mr. Baggett stated that the nice thing about the park is its location, it ties into three school areas, (the other being Town Creek and Esperanza). Mr. Guy asked what would happen if Mr. Dean could not give them additional land. Mr. Baggett stated that the expense would be less by approximately \$100 to \$125,000. Commissioner Aud asked if we would need legislation. Mr. Baggett felt that we would not need legislation. He also added that we have money in Open Space that we are going to lose unless matched by local funds. Mr. Guy stated that he felt we should go to a public hearing. Mr. Baggett stated that we should probably wait until after the first of the year.

Patuxent River Bridge

Mr. Burnett advised the Commissioners on two areas that were foremost in their minds, the Patuxent River Bridge and Pollution.

Bridge:

Mr. Burnett stated that the right of way plats and the acquisition as to the lower section of the Patuxent Bridge had been fully discussed with Mr. Paul Raley over the telephone and went on to explain that the State was being hampered by continuous delay (environmental impact is before the Commandant of the Coast Guard and is expected within a month) and would have to be presented to the Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Burnett then read a letter to the Commissioners which appears in the context below:

Approach Roadways to Lower Patuxent River Bridge

Plans are 25% complete

Right-of-way Plats approximately 30% complete

Present concept of project in St. Mary's County is to provide approach roady tie-in to Patuxent Beach Road some 1200' west of Town Creek.

In accordance with Federal Instruction Memorandum IM-80-1-71, a preliminary study was made for compliance with relocation assistance statutes and has been determined that at any given time in the future there appears to be decent, safe and sanitary housing available to meet the needs of those persons who must relocate as a result of the present project.

In St. Mary's County, based on present preliminary plans, there are approximately 25 properties involved with 10 improvements affected of which 7 are dwellings. The Right-of-Way District Office reports that the Part I's (detail title information on affected properties) have just recently been completed and metes and bounds plats have been requested. The only contacts made with property owners were for information needed for relocation assistance and Part I's. No negotiations can begin until final plats have been completed and appraisals prepared.

Advance engineering funds have been requested for surveys, and studies have been made for determination of alignment of extension of approach road west to Md. Route 235. The studies initiated will serve to protect, to a degree, the right-of-way corridor for the extension of the approach road to Route 235.

All phases of operations with regard to the approach roads is, of course, dependent upon the approval and insuance of the necessary permits.

Mr. Burnett stated that there is some preliminary work that has been done, but no conclusions had been drawn. Bids cannot be opened until environmental impact is secured.

Mr. Guy asked Mr. Burnett if the approach would run into Patuxent Beach Road. Mr. Burnett stated that it would. Mr. Bowles advised that there are subdivisions being developed along Patuxent Beach Road and that Planning and Zoning was concerned about this and if the Commissioners knew where the approach would be located they could advise the people and prevent houses being built.

Mr. Burnett stated that Mr. Calvin Reese would be the man to keep in touch with at the State Highway Administration.

Pollution:

Mr. Burnett stated that as of Friday, Mr. Clise had talked with the St. Mary's County Health Department and made available to them the most recent water quality tests that were concluded in White Neck Creek and showed them a map of the water involved in St. Mary's County. He stated that the Health Department should work together with the Department of Water Resources. We find that the Health Department is almost entirely responsible for the pollution problem that exists here in the County.

Mr. Burnett stated that 9% of the oyster bars in Maryland are closed at this point and differential test show that pollution is responsible for this. Each month the Health Department is required to sample these waters and this is done directly over the oyster bars.

Mr. Guy remarked that it appears that there has been improvement in the water quality. Mr. Guy asked if the bars would be opened this season. Mr. Burnett stated that until differential tests are completed and the water quality is suitable.

St. Mary's River State Park

Mr. Aud asked if the Board of Public Works had taken any action on the St. Mary's River State Park. Mr. Burnett stated that he did not know, but he would check this matter out.

Vouchers Signed:

Vouchers #885 to #905 and #1018 to #1102 were approved and signed by Mr. Aud.

Publish of the Audit

The County Commissioners unanimously approved publishing the audit in both the Beacon and Enterprise.

Jailkeeper Vacation

Mr. William Gatton was authorized to take vacation from December 17, 1971 to January 2, 1972.

Bid Opening - Walkie Talkie's - Office of Civil Defense

a Bid opening was held at 2:00 P.M.  
the bid was based on six radios

The Radio Shop	\$606.40
County Communications	646.00
Motorola	890.25

Delivery from all bidders on merchandise was ninety days.

Mr. Aud advised those present that the bids would be taken under advisement and this office would be in touch with them.

Bid Opening - 3 Sheriff's Cars and 1 Paddy Wagon

Bid opening was held at 2:30 P.M.

	<u>Paddy Wagon</u>	<u>3 Cars</u>	<u>Trade In</u>
Patuxent Motors Co.	No bid	\$8,777.44	\$2,828.53
Bell Motor Co.	\$3,451.29	\$12,300.00	\$3,200.00

The County Commissioners awarded the bid on the Paddy Wagon to Bell Motor Co. The Commissioners awarded the bid on the cars to Patuxent Motor Co.

Wetland License

Mr. George Aud signed the Wetland License on Dukehart Creek.

Railroad Tie Bid Awarded

The Railroad ties from Peggs Lane to St. Andrews Church Road were awarded to R R Ties, Inc. for the sum of \$3000.00

The additional 1800' of railroad ties will be sold to local people. This is the section from St. Andrews Church Road north to the airport. Mr. Aud suggested the price of 25¢ per foot for rails and \$1.00 for ties. This was accepted by the other Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles stated that the monies received from these bids should be placed in an interest bearing account for future railroad systems.

Bills Approved

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners for payment:

Joseph E. Bell, II (expenses incurred, travel & dinner Charter Writing Board)	\$ 31.00
J. Frak Raley, Jr. (secretarial services for typing report and running copies of report of County Government Study Committee)	\$ 112.90

St. Mary's Historical Society  
(information ctr. for Jan., Feb.,  
and March, 1972) \$1250.00

Mr. Loffler (Restoration of Tudor Hall)  
first request for periodic payment \$8680.50

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Approved,

George R. Aud  
President