

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting came to order at 10:15 A.M.

Minutes of previous meetings were not read.

Court Reporter

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance was called into the meeting with reference to the salary being paid the Court Reporter. He informed the Commissioners that the County only has authority to pay the Court Reporter on a per diem basis, at the rate of \$40.00 per day for a five-day week. He referred to the Memorandum dated August 3, 1971 from Mrs. Judith Bowles regarding the Commissioners' agreement to employ Mrs. Norma Danenfelser at a salary of \$11,699 per annum. Mr. Sterling stated that the Commissioners did not have the authority to employ her on an annual basis, but he will check into it.

Secretary-Deputy Clerk

The County Commissioners also discussed with Mr. Sterling a copy of a letter, dated January 20, 1972 from Mrs. Dorothy B. Kucher, Clerk of the Court to the Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller, in which she requested authority to hire Mrs. Sara Woodburn as a Deputy Clerk, Grade 6, Step 3, at an annual salary of \$7,414.00, effective January 24, 1972. Mrs. Woodburn would spend one-half of her time as Secretary to Judge Joseph D. Weiner, Judge of the Circuit Court and one-half as a Deputy Clerk. The County Commissioners would share one-half of the salary and one-half of the Medical Insurance. Mr. Sterling stated that he would check with the County Attorney regarding the authority to fund this arrangement.

The Commissioners also spoke of the possibility that legislation would be needed for a Secretary to the State's Attorney. Mr. B. Harris Sterling informed the Commissioners that he would talk with the State's Attorney with reference to the employment of a Secretary.

St. Andrews Church Road

The Commissioners requested that Mr. August H. Wagener, County Attorney secure cost estimates and what information and forms are necessary for the completion of work on St. Andrews Church Road in order to get State Aid for this road. This information would have to be sent to Mr. A. W. Tate in order to be programmed.

Golden Beach Road

The Commissioners received a letter from Mr. Thom W. Hall, Resident Maintenance Engineer for Charles County with reference to the right-of-way he had secured from Mr. Benjamin F. Asher for the reconstruction of Golden Beach Road, at the time he was Resident Engineer for St. Mary's County. He had promised Mr. Asher that the old roadbed would be deeded back to him. This apparently has not been done. He suggested that this matter be checked into. Mr. Wigginton, County Attorney also had a letter regarding this matter and stated that he would check with Mr. Asher.

Recreation and Parks Board - Expiration of Appointments

Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr. reported that the appointments of Mr. Joseph C. Guy and Mr. James Forrest had expired. The Commissioners voted to reappoint Mr. Joseph C. Guy for another term. Since Mr. Forrest was a Youth Commission appointee, Commissioner Bowles stated that the Youth Commission would submit a name to fill this vacancy.

Rental of Cars - Sheriff's Department

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, discussed with the Commissioners the registration for the two (2) rental cars for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Kenneth MacRae of Patuxent Motors had called him on this matter. He wanted to know whether the registrations and tags would be in the name of the County Commissioners. The Commissioners were of the opinion that since these were rental cars, they should be registered and licensed by the lessor. Mr. Raley stated, that in checking with Waring Associates, Inc., he was informed that Patuxent Motors does not have insurance on any of their rental cars. The individual renting the car must secure the insurance. They stated that the County would be covered under their "Fleet Policy", which would be \$100,000-\$300,000-\$100,000 plus \$1,000 Medical. Waring Associates, Inc. also stated that the County could insure cars registered under the name of Patuxent Auto Rental and need not put them in the name of St. Mary's County. Mr. MacRae is to be notified. The first rental car was picked up on January 24, 1972.

Assessment Hearings

The Commissioners inquired as to what dates had been set aside for Assessment Hearings. They were informed by Mrs. Gardner that no hearings had been scheduled. It was then decided by the Commissioners that beginning the first week in February hearings

would be set for Wednesday mornings at 10:00 A.M. until all had been heard.

Kitts Point - St. Inigoes Neck, Maryland

The development of Kitts Point at St. Inigoes Neck, Maryland was discussed by the County Commissioners. It was moved by Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. Aud and approved by all, that a letter be sent to Mr. Victor R. Reynolds informing him that the County Commissioners had reviewed his request for reconsideration of their denial for approval of the Kitts Point Subdivision, and had again unanimously voted to deny development of this subdivision at St. Inigoes Neck. Copies of the letter are to be sent to Mr. Earl S. Quance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dr. Alan D. Houser, County Health Officer and the Honorable Joseph D. Weiner.

Regional Communications Committee

Correspondence was received from Dr. John H. Mills, Executive Director of Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, relative to the last meeting of the LEAJ Region II Planning Board, at which it was agreed that the County Commissioners of each County in Region II would select three (3) people to represent their County on a Regional Communications Committee. The three (3) persons selected by the Commissioners were: Mr. Otis F. Wood, Mr. Charles Donaldson and Mr. George Clarke, III of WKIK.

Resource Conservation and Development Project

Correspondence was also received from Dr. John H. Mills concerning the cooperation of the Tri-County Council with Forest Conservancy Boards and Soil Conservation Districts in a Resource Conservation and Development project. He felt it was necessary that the Council have representation in this group in behalf of the concerned Counties. He, therefore, requested that the names of two (2) nominees be phoned into his office on January 25, 1972. Commissioner Aud spoke by phone with Dr. Mills and gave him the following names: Messrs. Bradford Reeves and James K. Raley.

St. Clement's Shore Park Road

It was reported that the road to St. Clement's Shore Park is needed by April. The Commissioners requested that Mr. August H. Wagener be notified to draw up specifications and release it on bid, as Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. is too busy to do the work. Mr. Wagener is to submit the specifications to the Commissioners prior to release.

Lack of Quorum at Tri-County Council Meetings

A copy of a letter to Mr. John T. Parran, Jr., Chairman of

the Tri-County Council from the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, in which they discussed the importance of having a quorum in attendance at meetings. Commissioner Guy stated that he had attended a By-Laws Committee meeting of the Council with J. Frank Raley, Senator Hall and Dr. Mills, in Annapolis. The matter of one vote for each Commissioner had been resolved and their recommendation was being developed by Dr. Mills and taken up with each legislator. Since Commissioner Guy is the Commission representative on the Committee, he will follow through on this.

Metropolitan Commission - Employment of Chief Engineer

The County Commissioners reviewed a letter from Mr. Lewis C. Merchant, Chairman of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission in which he quoted a motion of the Commission requesting authority from the County Commissioners to hire a qualified Chief Engineer at a salary of \$20,000 per year, plus moving expenses of \$1,200. The Commissioners were of the opinion that when this was discussed previously with the Metropolitan Commission a top salary of \$16,000 was mentioned. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to the Commission advising them to submit an approved salary schedule for a Chief Engineer.

Bills Approved

Mr. Buddy Thompson - Trash Pickup Four State Wharfs, Nov. 29, 1971 - Jan. 29, 1972 (2 months @ \$120.00 per month	\$240.00
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Trash Pickup - Clements Landfill @ \$90.00 per month, Dec. 11, 1971 - Jan. 11, 1972	90.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$330.00

The Taylor Gas Co - Installation of heater in trailer	\$112.96
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Vouchers #1292-1334 approved and signed by Mr. Aud.

St. Mary's Hospital - Annual Grant for House Physician \$7,500

Option to Purchase Agreement - Mr. Leonard E. Copsey

The County Commissioners voted to exercise their rights under the Option to Purchase Agreement with Mr. Leonard E. Copsey for the property to be used by Recreation & Parks Department. Mr. Bowles disqualified himself due to a possible conflict of interest.

Treasurer's Office - Upgrading Clerks

Discussion was held on a letter from Mr. Francis G. Cecil, County Treasurer, in which he requested upgrading for the three (3) Clerks in his Office. Mr. Sterling reported that Mr. Cecil

had requested the upgrading of the Clerks a year ago and it had been denied. The Commissioners were of the opinion that additional duties would have to be performed for a position to be upgraded. Mr. Sterling was requested to review these positions and make recommendations to the Commissioners. Mr. Sterling stated that the State has asked for a 33-1/3% increase. The State Wage Board has approved it and sent it on to the Cost of Living Board.

Bid Opening

Bids were opened for the one-half ton pickup truck for the State Highway Administration County Supervisor. The following bids were received:

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Trade-In</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Aldridge Ford	\$3,182.88	\$1,361.88	\$1,821.00
Bell Motor Co.	3,198.80	975.80	2,220.00
Fenwick Ford	3,202.88	1,439.05	1,763.83
McKay Impl. & Truck Co.	3,269.00	1,683.00	1,586.00

The award was made to McKay Implement & Truck Company, as low bidder.

Personal Property Tax Cases

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, presented thirty-five (35) Delinquent Personal Property Tax cases to the County Commissioners as "uncollectable". In most cases the persons had gone out of business or had filed bankruptcy proceedings. He recommended that the Commissioners adopt a Resolution writing them off as "uncollectable". The Commissioners voted approval for the Resolution.

Bus Route - Mr. Earl Gatton

A request had been received by the County Commissioners from Mr. Earl Gatton to increase his School Bus Schedule to include the run to Leonardtown. The formula was worked out for this increase, but it proved not to be feasible.

Graves Road, #55 - Drainage Pipe

The Commissioners reviewed a letter received from Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. regarding the drainage problem on Graves Road. He found that Mr. Raymond Sydnor had a legitimate complaint and recommended to the Commissioners the proper remedy to alleviate this problem. The Commissioners requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Douglas Bond, approving the work as outlined in Mr. Raley's letter; that it be done at the earliest date possible, and that the Commissioners be notified of the completion date. Copies of this letter are to be sent to Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., Mr. Raymond Sydnor and Mr. Richard Arnold.

Overcrowded School Bus - Capt. Sam's Bus

Commissioner Guy reported that he had received a complaint that the Holy Angels-Sacred Heart School Bus was overcrowded. This is Capt. Sam's Bus, which makes the first trip. He asked that the number of students riding this bus be verified.

Bridge Inventory and Inspection

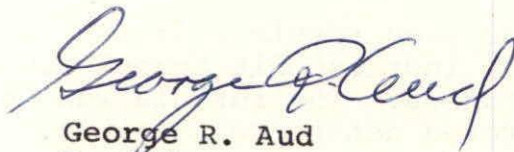
A letter was received from Mr. A. W. Tate with reference to the inspection of all bridges on the Federal Aid Highway System. The cost of the inspection of County bridges must be borne by the Counties. They will be billed later for the time and expense of the Inspectors.

Leonardtwn Water and Sewerage System Improvements

A copy of an attachment to the Leonardtown Water and Sewerage System Improvements, Number 613, was received by the County Commissioners from Dr. John H. Mills of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland. In it he expressed the consensus of the Council with regard to the upgrading of the Leonardtown sewerage treatment facilities. However, he felt that the interests of all concerned might best be served by the convening of a conference at which this project might be discussed at length. He suggested that the conference include at least the applicant agency, the City of Leonardtown, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County or their designee and the Tri-County Council. The County Commissioners stated that they were awaiting the convening of a meeting by the Leonardtown Commissioners.

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, presented copies of correspondence sent out by him.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.


George R. Aud
President