

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 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
Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon
Patty Muchow, WPTX
Dick Myers, WKIK

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

Minutes of the meeting of February 29, 1972 were read and approved.

St. Mary's County Memorial Library - Proposed Budget

Present: Mrs. Catherine Hurry
Mr. Chauncey Karstens
James Kenney, Esquire

Mrs. Catherine Hurry presented the Proposed Budget for the Library to the County Commissioners, giving some of the highlights and stating that this budget would give them some idea of the changes. The total budget for FY 1972-73 amounted to \$131,456.00, an increase of \$10,938.00 over last year. The largest increase was for salaries. All three Counties are on the same basis as far as libraries are concerned, and the salaries start within the guidelines according to Phase II, and follow the same guidelines as given to schools. It averages out to about a 4.8% increase for staff.

Mrs. Hurry explained that they are training the people, but they are leaving to work in the schools because they have Saturdays off and no evening work.

Mrs. Hurry also pointed out, in reviewing the budget, it would look like a large increase for Tudor Hall, but upon returning to Tudor Hall, it will require an increase for certain items, namely, new furnishings, equipment and services. She also stated that there was a large increase in repairs and also the Bookmobile, which was approximately \$3,000.

In reply to inquiries from the Commissioners as to the value of the contents of the Library and insurance coverage, Mrs. Hurry stated that they have a policy with the Hartford Insurance Company, through John Drury & Sons. The premium would not be less than that from Waring Associates, Inc., but the coverage is better.

The County Commissioners' insurance policy covers the buildings. With regard to the value of the contents of the buildings, the books and materials are valued at \$500,000; mechanical equipment \$10,000 to \$12,000, and \$65,000 for the furniture in the two buildings. Mrs. Hurry also stated that they will microfilm some of the valuable materials. Books are insured at a cost basis to them. Any extremely valuable books are listed on a separate table in the policy and itemized as to cost. Extraordinary valuable materials are included. They have contacted the Hall of Records regarding the microfilming.

Inquiry was made as to whether there were any bills in Annapolis that would affect this Proposed Budget. Mrs. Hurry stated that they were trying to get the Governor to put back \$2,000,000 in the Library Budget, which he took out. They did get a budget of twice as much as they had in 1954. Two bills were introduced yesterday asking for \$3.00 per capita, based on the property assessment, and is on the same basis as the school system. Also, they came up with another bill which would increase the per capita, but not the formula. She stated the County Commissioners in St. Mary's, Charles and Calvert Counties are putting up more money than any other County. In conclusion, Mrs. Hurry informed the Commissioners that there was included with the Proposed Budget a keyed explanation of all changes.

Request for Plumbing Board for St. Mary's County

Present:	Mr. Thomas F. Fowler	Mr. John R. Butterfield
	Mr. James K. Brooks	Mr. Lawrence R. Garner, Sr.
	Mr. B. I. Mattingly	Mr. John W. Williams, Housing
	Mr. J. H. Copsey	Task Force

Mr. Thomas F. Fowler acted as spokesman for the group of plumbers appearing before the County Commissioners to request a Plumbing Board for St. Mary's County. He stated that there are a number of unlicensed plumbers in the County performing incompetent work, and if it continued the licensed plumbers would have to go out of business. He and the other members of the group have a State License and they feel that persons performing plumbing services should also be required to have a State License. The State Law prevails in St. Mary's County, but it is not being enforced, therefore, they would like for St. Mary's County to have its own Plumbing Code, and for the Commissioners to appoint a local Plumbing Board.

Mr. Aud stated that they have Attorney Wigginton looking into the matter, and that the Commissioners have also been to Annapolis, and were informed that the State Code was being revised and would not be available until sometime in May, after it had been adopted.

Attorney Wigginton informed the group that the State Public Hearing had been held, and that the Code would be published sometime in May. He also stated that this Code does not dictate to the Counties that they must have licensed plumbers, but that the State will to the inspecting.

Mr. Fowler presented Mr. Wigginton with a photostatic copy of the State Plumbing Regulations for 1962, and stated that this is what they are going by. Mr. Wigginton informed him that it was the same booklet that he had received. Messrs. Aud and Guy explained that the Attorney had not had time to go over the material, as he was out of town.

Mr. J. H. Copsey stated that if the County would notify the State, they would send a representative down and give an examination for the Master Plumber License for St. Mary's County, only, and if the person, at the time of taking the State Board did not pass, he could keep his St. Mary's County License. Mr. Butterfield reiterated statements made by Messrs. Fowler and Copsey, and further stated that if people are competent, they will not have any trouble getting their license, but felt a stop must be put to persons who are installing plumbing fixtures incorrectly. Attorney Wigginton advised the group that he would study the material and have a reply ready in two weeks.

Mr. Aud thanked the group for coming in, and informed them that they would be contacted and given a date for another meeting.

SATAV Water System

Attorney Wigginton reported to the Commissioners that Dr. John H. Mills was withholding the application for funding of the extension of the SATAV Water System, as a public hearing must be held in order to change from W-5 to W-1.

Bills Approved

St. Mary's County Historical Society: Operation of Information Center April, May and June	\$1,250.00
Cooperative Extension Service: County Funds for 4-H Program Assistant	\$2,400.00
Loker & Wigginton - Legal Services Rendered for February	\$ 755.00
Expense Allowance - Election Workers Course of Instruction. (Hold for confirmation from Attorney)	\$ 385.00

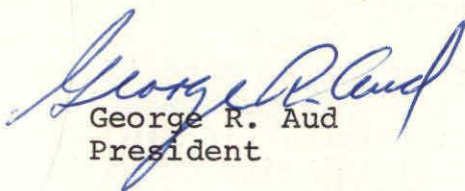
Vouchers #1573-#1630 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

At this time the County Commissioners' Monthly Press Conference was held.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

After lunch, the Commissioners journeyed to Annapolis, Maryland to attend a Pollution Task Force Meeting at the State House.

Returned from Annapolis at 6:05 P.M.


George R. Aud
President