

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 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, The Enterprise
 Christie Selph, The St. Mary's Beacon
 Patty Muchow, WPTX
 Dick Myers, WKIK

The meeting came to order at 9:50 A.M.

O'Brien Trailer Park

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, reported that Mr. Joseph O'Brien of White Point, came in to inquire whether his trailer park license had been approved. He has eight (8) trailers with no trailer park license. Persons renting his trailers pay \$200 per year. Four (4) of the renters occupy their trailers only part of the year and the other four (4) are permanent residents. He may increase the number to ten (10) if he secures the approval from the Health Department. The County Commissioners stated that he must comply with the law or dispose of the trailers.

Trailer Violation Report

Mr. Thomas Cryer reported to the County Commissioners that he has issued "Thirty Day Violation Notices". He issued the first notice on March 10, 1972. Commissioner Guy inquired about those persons who are attempting to comply with the regulations. After a short discussion on this point, the Commissioners advised Mr. Cryer to give them a report on each violator before he issued warrants. The Commissioners will then make a decision as to the estimation of time for those persons who are attempting to comply. Mr. Cryer stated that he would give the Commissioners a status report on each one of the violators.

Tudor Hall Library Payment

The County Commissioners approved the payment to Mr. Orin Bullock, Architect for Tudor Hall Library restoration, in the amount of \$2,991.09, and also a payment to the Contractor, which is Payment #4, a periodical payment, in the amount of \$22,745.70. These payments were made as recommended and approved by the Library Association.

Advertising Position Vacancies

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, inquired of the Commissioners as to whether they wished to advertise for the Secretary A position and Switchboard Operator (Part-Time) position. He was instructed to advertise for the necessary length of time.

St. Mary's County Woman's Club - "Clean up Week" Proclamation

Present: Mrs. Erva McKinney Mrs. Betsy Barley
 Mrs. Frank Nolan Mr. Albert Johnson

Mrs. Erva McKinney, as spokesman for the group, informed the Commissioners that "Clean Up" starts April 3, 1972 and ends April 15, 1972. She requested of the Commissioners that the dumps be kept open late on Saturday, April 8th and 15th. Mrs. McKinney showed photographs of spots along the highway where people had tossed considerable amounts of trash and found private papers, but they cannot have warrants issued for these individuals, as they would be liable to a civil suit.

Mr. Aud expressed discouragement when he saw Chancellors Run Road, and Routes 235 and 5 littered with newspapers and trash. He stated that Captain William Carrier of the Naval Air Test Center had called him and stated that he has been cleaning up each week on Route 235, and had called the State Roads Commission to see if they would clean every other week, from the Main Gate up to Town Creek.

Mrs. McKinney also reported that Mrs. Goldsmith is working on a project whereby she is attempting to secure "litter barrels". Mr. Douglas Bond had indicated that he would pick up the trash from these "litter barrels" on a trial basis. She stated that Calvert County has this project, and has found it very effective, although their situation is a little different from St. Mary's. The President of their Board of County Commissioners is to write to Mr. Aud.

Mrs. McKinney named the following persons who would be assisting them in the "Clean Up" this year: Mr. Raymond Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Bell Lindsley, Mrs. Frank Nolan, Mrs. William Fitzgerald, Mr. Eddie Burroughs, Mr. Albert Johnson, Mr. Russ Cullins, Mr. Gary Hopple and Mr. David Sayre. The group will have 5,000 litter bags to distribute. A poster contest will be conducted in the elementary schools, and films will be shown in elementary and middle schools.

Mr. Guy felt there was a reverse psychology working, because there is more litter on the roads than ever before.

Mrs. Barley stated that the Commissioners had written to the State Police and Sheriff last year. She felt that it was necessary to go to the States Attorney and to the Judge regarding the prosecution of persons littering.

The County Commissioners then presented the Proclamation to the group for "Love Your County Week". A photograph was taken by Mr. Jack Kershaw of "The Enterprise".

Petition - California, Maryland Residents

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, read a petition from Mr. Sterling Tennyson, signed by 147 residents of California, Maryland, for better police protection with reference to the traffic situation on Route 235 at the intersections of Patuxent Beach Road and Chancellors Run Road.

Mr. Aud stated that it is a very bad situation. There are a lot of school buses using these roads and people must wait a long time and at a great risk in crossing, as there are no traffic controls.

Mr. Bowles suggested that a copy of the Petition be forwarded to the Sheriff and State Police, requesting them to review this Petition and make recommendations to the County Commissioners as to ways and means to cope with this situation.

Mosquito Control Program

Present: Dr. James Foster, Entomologist, University of Md.
Mr. Benjamin Smith, County Agent
Mr. Ralph Brown, Supv., Mosquito Control Program

Dr. Foster stated that the purpose of this meeting was to get together the thoughts of everyone on the Mosquito Control Program. Mr. Smith talked with Dr. Foster and Mr. Brown about the way in which his office could handle this. They could offer secretarial assistance in getting out notices to the communities and mimeograph material. Dr. Foster stated that they would increase their workload at the University and Mr. Brown could increase his staff by one full-time man. Collecting and depositing money, compilation of reports and retention of books and records could be done in Mr. Brown's office. The entire operation would be moved to Mosquito Control Headquarters. Mr. Brown would give up one man from the field work and this would necessitate employing one man in the field, which would increase the budget by \$1,800. Many of the records which were being kept at the University would be kept at Mosquito Control Headquarters, and in this manner the communities would know just where they stood at all times. The man performing these duties would be used in the office when needed and then go into the field when needed. He would have to be bonded, would be a State employee and come under a State bond. It would be important that Mr. Brown see that this employee collected the money from the communities, and that the same effort would be put forth as was done in the Commissioners' Office.

Mr. Ralph Brown stated that the person doing this work would be Mr. Joseph Harding. He is a good mathematician, and

he felt he was the man for the job.

Dr. Foster stated that the County Commissioners would guarantee \$18,000 as the County's share of the budget. He further stated that he felt that it could be worked out successfully.

Mr. Benjamin Smith stated that the books should be checked and audited, just like any other business. The State Auditor always checked the books at the University, and he could come down and check the books here.

Mr. Brown stated that he would like for the State to maintain for this first year the records they had been maintaining.

Mr. Aud thanked Dr. Foster for coming down to this meeting, as this work was a burden on the Commissioners' Office.

Bills Approved

University of Md. - Extension Appropriation for period 7/1/71 to 12/31/71	\$13,478.33
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State of Md. - Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene, Matching Funds - County share, G.L.H.S., FY 1972 - Qtrs. 7/1/71 to 12/31/71	\$82,682.00
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Delahay's Pile Driving Service:	
Tall Timbers - Erosion Work	\$1,500.00
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	\$ 4,800.00

Vouchers #1631-#1656 Approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Mr. Wigginton reported to the Commissioners that there is no statutory authority for paying the Election Board members the \$385.00 requested as Expense Allowance for their Course of Instruction.

Youth Commission

Present: Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
Mr. Stanley Donaldson, Consultant

Mr. Stanley Donaldson, Consultant, reported to the Commissioners that they do have authority to appropriate some money to the Youth Commission, but questions the amount requested. The 1971 Supplement of the Code of Public Laws for St. Mary's County, shows that recreation comes under Recreation & Parks Department. They are attempting to reorganize themselves at the request of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles stated that the recreational activities of the Youth Commission were transferred to the Recreation and Parks Department.

The Youth Commission is presently asking for \$18,778. Discussion was held on their request. The Commissioners were informed that Monsignor Veith is the Acting Chairman.

Tall Timbers - Bulkhead Work

Present: Mr. August H. Wagner, County Engineer
Mr. Donald Delahay, Delahay's Pile Driving Service

Mr. Delahay reported to the Commissioners that he would have to use 20' rods to complete the work at Tall Timbers. There is still 64' to be pulled back. 30' have been pulled back. He cannot pull back the remainder because the weather last week knocked some of them down. The 20' rods cost more and would do a better job, but he will check the short tie backs. He also stated that Mr. Junior Raley would have to move the dirt after he does each tie back. The drain fields of some of the properties run in different directions, 10' rods are not going to work. It is easier to put in 10' rods, but at this point 20' rods must be used. He also would have to get back up on the hillside where the dirt is stronger.

Mr. Wagener stated that if Mr. Delahay digs a single trench every 20' and puts 20' rods in, he has a better support. If he does it as he has done previously, there will be a wash-out. The 20' rods should be used to keep this thing going all the way through and protect the entire beach, otherwise you will have a continual wash-out.

Mr. Wigginton read the contract submitted by Mr. Delahay in the amount of \$20,000, which contract contained provisions for contingencies. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Wagener stay on the job site every day until the work is completed, since continuous inspection is needed.

Mr. Delahay asked if the State could not give them some help. The Commissioners stated they have asked, but nothing has been forthcoming. Mr. Delahay further stated that the work could only be done day by day, and that the work will be done up to the \$20,000 contained in the contract. After that is reached, they will negotiate for any additional work to be done.

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that the bulkhead at Mr. Emmett Russell's property had washed back about ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet.

Board of Education Budget

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, reported that he, Mr. John Little of David M. Gruber and Company, together with Mr. Henry Kanowicz went over the problem and it appears the Board of Education will end up with a deficit. It will be necessary to give them \$156,493.00 to bring them up to their expenditures.

The \$156,493.00 will carry the Board of Education through the year, except for the \$200,000.00 contingency money. The Board has asked for another \$300,000.00. \$1,751,000 has been paid to them and brings them up through February. \$1,862,994.64 will pay them through March, 1972. This matter was tabled at this time in order to secure a breakdown of payments made to date, to be presented later in the day.

Mr. B. Harris Sterling and Mr. John Little returned to the meeting and presented the Commissioners with two (2) schedules. Schedule A - Budget in Amount of \$2,327,500.00, included monthly payments made for the period July 20, 1971 to February 28, 1972 in the amount of \$1,945,624.97, and if the March payment is made, it will show an overpayment of \$200,000 as of March 20, 1972, and the Board of Education would be paid up to May, 1972.

Schedule B - Budget in Amount of \$2,483,993.00 disclosed that if monthly payments had been made in the amount of \$206,999.49 for the same period, it would show an overpayment of \$82,630.28 as of March 20, 1972.

Mr. Little asked the Commissioners if they had been given a list of the investments of the Board of Education, and Mr. Sterling replied in the negative, and further stated that the Board of Education could get their invested money the first of the year, invest it and then not have anything for the rest of the year.

Mr. Little informed Mr. Sterling that he should request from the Board of Education a projection of their expenses for the rest of the year, and stated that the Commissioners have met their obligation either way, i.e., through Schedule A or Schedule B. He further stated that before the \$200,000 contingency is paid, be certain that the Board of Education has reduced their indebtedness by the \$330,000 they said they would.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to accept Schedule B.

Roads Meeting

Present: Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., State Roads Commission

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, reported that beginning in July the commercial haulers will be charged a \$100 fee. Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. feels that in time by charging these people, the landfills will support themselves.

The Commissioners informed Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., that during "Clean Up" week the dumps and landfills will remain open until 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 8th and 15th.

The Commissioners were requested by Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. to have the road to the Clements Landfill Black-topped, which is .4 of a mile. It would require 2-1/2 inches at a cost of approximately \$8,000, which would be put out on bid. He will try to get Dean and Beavers to do the work. He also stated that he had taken the signs down from the Compton Dump.

Mr. Raley also reported that Peggs Lane needs to be black-topped. It can be done now, or wait until the other end is completed, which is .4 of a mile. He would like to do it all at one time. It could be surface treated now and black-topped in 1973. The other section will be constructed this summer and completed by August.

He also reported the Golden Beach Road is in very bad condition. It was built in 1966. The road is 2.7 miles in length. 1" to 1-1/2 " of black-top would cost \$39,000. No decision was made on this matter.

Kitts Point - St. Inigoes Neck

Present: Mr. Victor Reynolds Mr. Frank Seyer
 Mr. Walter Schroeder Mrs. Bogie, St. Mary's Beacon

Mr. Reynolds stated that they were appearing before the Commissioners to obtain from them their ideas and what they could do to make their project more compatible to the County. The letter from the Health Department deals with things that are not pertinent to their project. Mr. McCrone wrote the Health Department withdrawing the plans for the stabilization system, and stated that instead they would put in a mechanical plant. Only this morning he informed the Health Department that they would put in a one or two acre lagoon with all necessary equipment for emergencies. He also stated that the State Health Department has a detailed report from the Department of Natural Resources. The discharge point would be into the Potomac River in 5' of water.

Mr. Reynolds brought to the attention of the Commissioners the fact that the St. Mary's College treatment plant discharges into the St. Mary's River, on oyster beds, wherein they would not be doing this. They also offered to take the sewerage from the College by piping it into their plant at a cost of \$15,000, and if roads are followed it would be a distance of five (5) miles. The cost might be about \$50,000. Since he was not certain, he did not want to be held at that figure. If this was done there would be only one point of discharge in this area.

Mr. Aud inquired as to whether they could bring any industry to the County. Mr. Seyer stated that many areas are not desirable for a new type of factory, but Maryland is found to be a desirable State for new factories. It would be suitable for light industry - some light electronics, and he does not see why they should not get a fair share. He further stated that

they would do everything they could to get industry for the County. Mr. Seyer also said that if you put in industry, you have to have homes for the people, and he felt the development they have proposed would be an asset to the County.

Mr. Reynolds stated that \$50,000 would be devoted to the industrial park.

Mr. Aud informed them that approximately 1,000 acres near the Airport has been set aside for industrial purposes. The runway at the Airport is 3,500 feet and is to be extended to 4,700 feet.

Mr. Reynolds quoted figures that would be spent the first six months and the amount during the next six-month period. He included amounts to be spent for a marina and roads, and that all this work would be done by people here in the County to the extent that they could secure them.

Mr. Reynolds stated 70% of the home site area would be 1-1/4 acre, single family units and 30% would be 1 acre condominiums, limited to three units per acre. They would be willing to submit a bond for everything they do. He again asked that they be given favorable consideration.

Film Showing - "Pitch In"

Present:	Mr George Guy	Mr. August H. Wagener
	Mr. B. Harris Sterling	Mr. Robert E. Wigginton
	Mr. Stanley Donaldson	Mr. Paul R. Raley
	Mrs. Erva McKinney	

Mr. George Guy, Budweiser Representative for St. Mary's County gave a short talk on "littering" before presenting his film. He spoke of the State of Virginia using the "Peli Can", which originally sold for \$200 a piece and were quite expensive. These were placed at strategic spots over the State and were found to be very successful. They are now going to the aluminum can and disposing of the other cans at \$75 each. He also stated the Waring Brothers in Washington, D. C. have large drums that can be purchased for \$4.50 to \$5.00 each. He brought to bear that the litter problem is serious and much more serious than we realize. As a citizen, he is interested in improving anything in the County. He brought the program to the County Commissioners, as he was interested and felt they would be also. He also stated that he felt the roadside signs stating a \$250 fine for littering were out of line due to the fact that a fine in that amount would not be set for anyone.

The film shown was one especially prepared by the Budweiser Brewing Company, and proved very interesting in providing methods to prevent littering. Mr. Aud thanked him for showing the film and leaving material to be distributed.

St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning Funds

Mr. Joseph M. Gough, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission, came in to inform the County Commissioners of the County's share of 701 Planning Funds for Fiscal Year 1972. The money available will be \$7,500 for St. Mary's and Charles Counties, respectively and \$4,000 for Calvert County. The money will be given only through Tri-County Council, to be used for the programs in each County. The Commissioners will probably have to give \$2,000 or \$2,500 to match their \$7,500.

Mr. Gough also stated that the County's Master Plan must be updated by December, 1973.

This program will start in July, 1972 and run for about eighteen (18) months. Tri-County Council has asked that the Commissioners attempt to budget a sum of money comparable to this in the future, as they would like to go to the Government and state that the County Governments are doing this, and we would like the Government to match funds. This amount should be in the 1972-73 budget. Mr. Gough requested that the Commissioners immediately write the Tri-County Council informing them that they will put up their share of the money, and would plan to budget a comparable sum for the future years.

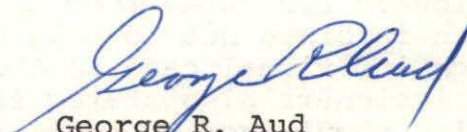
The Commissioners requested that a letter be forwarded to Tri-County Council informing them that they will set aside their share, and also direct a letter to Mrs. Leila R. Rogers informing her to add \$2,500 to the Planning & Zoning Commission Budget.

Mr. Gough further stated that he would like to make an inventory of things in all three Counties. This would include subdivisions, roads, business establishments and would be an inventory of land use.

Mattingly Road (George Tennyson, et al) - 7th District

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton presented the County Commissioners with a deed to be signed, conveying Mattingly Road back to the heirs and they in turn will reconvey the road to the County as it was originally intended.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.


George R. Aud
President