

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, May 23, 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

Meeting came to order at 9:40 A.M.

Sheriff Lawrence Williams - Jail Food

Sheriff Williams appeared before the County Commissioners to report progress on securing food service for the jail inmates. He has contacted several restaurant owners and the prices submitted to him have been prohibitive. He will attempt to work out something with one of them.

Director of Finance Report-Mr. B. Harris Sterling

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, requested to see the Commissioners with reference to a request from Mr. Jack Kershaw of the Enterprise pertaining to the costs of building Hewitt Road. He referred him to the Construction Report of the State Highway Administration showing a figure of \$18,258.00.

Mr. Sterling also reported that he has received a request from Mr. John V. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, for \$925 and \$1,180, respectively to purchase a Bus and a Camper Trailer. Mr. Baggett stated that these amounts were to be advanced from his revolving account, which is actually a self-sustaining account. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Sterling forward a memorandum to Mr. Baggett to submit exact figures.

Mr. Sterling also reported to the Commissioners that the Board of Education will run into a deficit this year. Mr. Ocker informed him that they would have expenditures of \$325,000 and that there would be a deficit of approximately \$310,578. Mr. Sterling stated that at this point is where the contingency fund of \$200,000 comes into play. They will still have a deficit of \$110,578 and they need their money as there are certain bills that must be paid. They have requested that they be given the contingency fund.

Mr. Sterling informed the Commissioners that they have overpaid the Board of Education in the amount of \$56,000 and suggested giving them \$100,000 now and the balance in June. Mr. Bowles inquired as to whether Mr. Sterling had received a letter from the Board of Education accepting the terms and conditions of the \$156,493 contained in the Commissioners' letter of April 10, 1972. Mr. Bowles felt that they should deal with the \$156,493 first, and once that is settled they will then deal with the contingency fund. The Commissioners should receive from them a letter stating that they are in agreement with the Commissioners letter of April 19th and then they can request the money be forwarded to them. After this, they should write a letter requesting use of the contingency fund. The \$156,493 should be totally cleared up as a first item of business and then they will deal with the contingency fund.

Mr. Sterling was instructed by the Board of Commissioners not to advance any payment to the Board of Education.

Accident at St. Andrews Landfill

Mr. Bowles reported he understood that a bulldozer had run into a truck at St. Andrews Landfill. The operator of the bulldozer should have notified his Supervisor and the Supervisor in turn notified Mr. Sterling. Mr. Sterling was instructed to send a memorandum to Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., advising him that all accidents should be reported to him immediately.

Deputy Sheriff

Mrs. Viola M. Gardner, Administrative Assistant, reported to the Commissioners the appointment of a new Deputy Sheriff in the person of Mr. Charles E. Misamore, who started on May 8, 1972 and replaced Mr. Goldbloom.

New Equipment - Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Dept.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Otis Wood, Director of the Emergency Operation Center and being advised the amount requested was included in the current budget, the Commissioners approved the purchase of a new base station for the Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department.

Appointment of Maintenance Man

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, informed the Commissioners of the ratings received from the State Department of Personnel with regards to the position of Maintenance Man. The results

are as follows: Mr. Arthur C. Hackett, 85; Mr. Joseph Jones, 84 and Mr. James R. Long, 76.

Mr. Raley recommended the appointment of Mr. Joseph Jones. It was moved by Mr. Bowles that Mr. Jones be appointed Maintenance man and seconded by Mr. Guy, motion carried unanimously.

Signs for Clements Landfill

Mr. Guy requested that signs be made for the Clements Landfill "No Motor Bikes and Mini Bikes Permitted".

Also trash was being dumped in front of the gates after 6:30 P.M. on Sundays. A sign should be posted that violators will be prosecuted.

Bills Approved

B. A. Garner & Son - Hydroseeding 6 acres at County Airport @ 85¢ per sq. ft.	\$2,221.56	
Overseeding 16 acres @ \$60 per acre	<u>960.00</u>	\$3,181.56
David M. Gruber and Company - Partial Billing, Estimated basis, updating and running of assessment rolls		\$7,500.00
August H. Wagener, Mileage Report		279.50
John B. Norris, Jr. " " "		33.20
"The Roost" - 9 Dinner for Charter Writing Board		28.80

Report From John A. Donaho and Associates

Mr. John A. Donaho came into the Commissioners meeting to present his formal report to the Commissioners. He left 50 copies of a bound report and stated that he would like to hold a Press Conference. He was informed that he might use the Grand Jury Room at 1:30 P.M.

Accident at Colton's Point

Mr. Guy reported on the parochial school bus accident at Colton's Point. He went to the scene of the accident and observed that some of the children were walking to school and had left the scene of the accident on their own. He was of the opinion that a statement of Policy and Procedures should be implemented, that

the children as well as the bus driver would not leave the scene of an accident until such time as they are released by someone in authority. The Commissioners should be protected.

Mr. Raley reported that the buses are inspected in August, December and June.

Mr. Wathen, driver of the bus came into the meeting to make his report. He stated he was on his second run, coming out of Waterloo Road. When he applied his brakes to slow down, he had no brakes at all. Mr. Raley inquired of him if he had had trouble with the brakes as it had passed inspection in December. Mr. Wathen stated that he had only had trouble one time before, about two weeks ago. His bus is ten (10) years old. He was charged by the trooper with "Driving an Unsafe Bus". The trooper said there was one smooth tire on the bus. All the children came out the back door.

Mr. Raley inquired if Mr. Samuel Bailey, owner of the bus, was purchasing a new bus and Mr. Wathen stated he was purchasing one from McKay's Implement but delivery had not been received.

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, is to advise the Commissioners' insurance broker of the accident.

Proclamation-Rodeo Week

Present: Mr. Garry Hopple, Jaycees Vice President
 Mr. Fred Bradshaw, Jaycees Director
 Mr. Darryl Todd, Jaycees Rodeo Chairman

The Board of County Commissioners presented a Proclamation to the Lexington Park Jaycees, proclaiming the week of May 29 to June 4 as "Rodeo Week", in conjunction with the Jaycees' sponsorship of a Western Rodeo at the County Fairgrounds.

SATAV

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Assistant County Engineer, talked with the Commissioners regarding the SATAV water system. He was particularly interested in what has been installed and what they intend to install. He felt he should know whether there is anything installed now that should be taken out. He requested a letter from the Commissioners giving him the authority to review and inspect any development in the County that would propose to use a community or public water system or sewer system.

ROADS

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Assistant County Engineer

With regards to Hewitt Road, from the sub-station to Route 235, the County Commissioners have a deed but no right-of-way for this portion of road.

The curbing to be replaced on Coral Place and Tulagi Place was discussed. The Commissioners stated they wanted to be certain that the County owns the streets, and if so, then the work will be approved. The main problem is that the people want the curbing replaced rather than repair it. Mr. Norris is looking into this matter.

Another letter was received from Mr. Ford with reference to securing a right-of-way across the railroad tracks in order to gain entrance to his property from Route 5. The Commissioners unanimously voted that no easement nor rights-of-way will be given to cross the railroad tracks and Attorney Wigginton was instructed to write to Mr. Ford to this effect.

Attorney Oliver Guyther forwarded a letter to the Commissioners inquiring into the future use of Roosevelt Boulevard from Shangri-La Drive to Great Mills Road. This matter was taken under advisement.

Blue Ribbon Trailer Committee

The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following persons to serve on the Blue Ribbon Trailer Committee to investigate the matters pertaining to persons in violation of trailer regulations: Mr. Grant Smith, Mr. Daniel Donnelly, Mr. Charles Wible, Mr. Cuthbert Fenwick, Jr., Mr. James A. Forrest, Mr. David H. Smith, Mr. Charles Purcell, Mr. Eugene B. Morgan, Jr. and Mr. Bradford Reeves.

Assessor's Aide Position

The Board of County Commissioners tabled the appointment of anyone to the Assessor's Aide Position.

"Clean Up" Committee Report

Present: Mrs. Erva McKinney
Mrs. Betsy Barley

Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Barley presented their final report to the County Commissioners on their "Clean Up Week" program. They also

showed the Commissioners the award they had received.

Mrs. McKinney stated that last year she had proposed this program to the Woman's Club. She met many obstacles last year, but they were able to overcome them. She had hoped to see more of an improvement this year.

Mrs. Barley said that she had spoken with Judge Sterling and was quite discouraged with his comments, as he stated that he would have to be quite certain that the person did it and would have to see them in person before sentencing them for littering. She felt that if the State Trooper saw them and brought them into Court that was all that was necessary. But Judge Sterling insisted that the driver would have to be definitely identified. Trooper Smith apprehended one man and now he has been transferred to Canine School and will later be transferred out of the County and will not be able to appear when the case comes up on June 15th.

Mrs. Barley also stated that she would like to see the County use recycled paper and also write on the back of used paper.

Mrs. McKinney inquired if the County could pay the State Highway Administration to empty cans on the roadside. She had been in communication with Mr. Tate and he had refused to empty them. A private company does this in Calvert County and the Board of Education furnishes the liners. Mr. Bowles mentioned his trip to Kentucky where they had roadside cans.

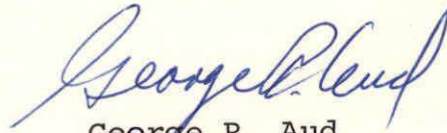
Mrs. McKinney again brought up the subject of the roadside cans. She would like to see them placed approximately every two miles on Route 5, starting at New Market and coming on down into the County. She has 14 cans donated by the Navy over a year ago, and she certainly would not like to have to return the cans to them, as she has been called many times by Commander Hubel asking when they were going to use them. They have been used only once when she requested Mr. Bond to bring them to the Courthouse parking lot to be used during the time of the "Peaceful March for Better Education".

The Commissioners agreed to contact Mr. Douglas Bond and see if they could not work out something.

Mrs. McKinney informed them that the Leonardtown Commissioners had found the funds to have 50 cans distributed in Leonardtown and to be emptied. She felt with the two annual roadside cleanups, the monthly newspaper, aluminum and glass

recycling drives, which eliminate much going into the landfills, that they had saved the Commissioners enough money that they could finance this project. She thanked the Commissioners for listening to them.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George R. Aud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

George R. Aud
President