

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 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

Meeting came to order at 10:00 A.M.

Overtime Payments to Deputy Sheriffs

Present: Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

The County Commissioners agreed to pay the Deputy Sheriffs time and one-half for overtime during the weeks of the Fire Department Carnivals in order to insure adequate police protection during Carnival hours.

Dukeharts Creek

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the over-costs of dredging at Dukeharts Creek in the amount of \$7,500. This over-cost is due to the damage sustained from hurricane "Agnes" to the Turning Basin and to the dikes around the spoil area. There was also a need to construct a secondary spoil area to contain the fines from the silts and clay found in the Turning Basin area.

Cooperative Area Manpower Planning Committee (CAMPS)

Present: Mr. Frank Combs

Mr. Combs came in to explain the CAMPS program to the County Commissioners after they were requested to participate in this program. He stated that CAMPS originated under the Employment Program. It was originally set up to handle recommendations from various agencies on new programs they wished to put in effect. CAMPS recommended whether it is a good program and then would arrange for funding for the project. He was only on the Committee for about 8 or 9 months. Mr. Scherr, from Charles County was on it after he came off.

Mr. Bowles inquired if there were any benefits to be received from it for the County. There are so many agencies now and unless one is going to be beneficial, there is no need to waste Mr. Combs' time.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Combs to research the project and see if it was worthwhile, and it was also suggested that he secure Dr. Mills' input on it. Mr. Combs stated that Mr. Kenneth Duffield knew about it. He informed the Commissioners that he would report back on it. Mr. Paul R. Raley loaned him the 1971-72 Report on the CAMPS Program.

SATAV Street Payment

Present: Mr. Michael McCauley

Mr. McCauley stated that the road in the King-Kennedy Estates was installed in December, 1970. The grading and gravelling was done by Mr. Joseph Yates. On May 28, 1971 Mr. Yates received a letter stating that the road met the County specifications. In 1971 a contract was signed with Mr. David Jarboe to do the surfacing of the road. They had no bond at that time, but in November, 1971 they placed a bond in escrow to cover paving and the construction of another road. The road was passed in December, 1971. Mr. Jarboe received a letter stating that the road met the specifications and Mr. Jarboe requested payment in the amount of \$2,600 for his work.

During the week of May 15th he took the request to the County Engineer for the County to accept the road into the system. He was given a letter stating that the road was acceptable. During the week of June 12-17 he took the plats and deed to the Office of the County Engineer. Mr. Wagener promised to write a letter stating that the road should be accepted into the system, but never did this. He made another trip to the Office of the County Engineer and was told that the decision would have to be made by the Assistant County Engineer. Mr. Norris the Assistant County Engineer told him that the ditches need to be seeded and several other things done. He could not release the bond until the road met County specifications.

Mr. Jarboe has now hired Attorney Clarke Raley, who appeared before the Commissioners last week requesting payment.

Mr. McCauley further stated that Mr. Norris called him and told him that he and Mr. Bond had inspected the road and found more difficulties. He talked with Mr. Norris and it was suggested that he, Mr. Bond, Mr. Jarboe and Mr. Norris meet and see just what is wrong with the road. He would like for the County to put into writing what is wrong with the road and that they be given time to get a contractor to do the work. He knew that the money in escrow should be left to cover any other roads that they will request to be taken into the system.

The Commissioners instructed Mr. Norris to submit to the Commissioners costs of the road repairs.

Wetlands Program

Present: Mr. Vernon Cassell, Wetlands Division
Mr. Lester A. Levine, Wetlands Division

Mr. Levine was the spokesman. He stated that they just wanted to brief the Commissioners on the State Wetlands Act of 1970, copies of which will be going out to property owners. The property owners will also get a copy of these proposed Rules and Regulations, and they will hold a meeting on September 19, 1972 at Chopticon High School at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Levine further stated that he and Mr. Cassell wanted to visit with them today as they will be getting calls from the residents. They have been holding meetings ever since the law was enacted. This meeting will concern itself with the private wetlands. Last fall they held hearings in Charles and Calvert Counties. They will go back to Calvert County on September 12th and to Charles County on September 14th, due to amendments to the law.

Mr. Cassell showed maps of the wetlands area and stated that these maps will be on view in the Courthouse on September 18th and 19th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. He gave an explanation of the maps and stated they will be filed in the Planning & Zoning Office. There are 142 of these maps for St. Mary's County. He stated that a large proportion of wetlands are owned by private individuals.

The Tri-County area contains more than 30,000 acres of both private and state owned wetlands and St. Mary's Count has approximately 12,000-15,000 acres.

Mr. Aud asked if they would come back to talk with groups after the Public Hearing. They stated that they would be glad to do it.

The Commissioners then went into their regular monthly PRESS CONFERENCE.

After lunch, Mr. Bowles, with members of the Charter Writing Board journeyed to Annapolis to meet with Anne Arundel County officials.

Roads

Mrs. Doris Jones requested an appointment with the Commissioners with reference to Richneck Road. She would like the bushes cut, and also requested that the school bus come down this road. She was informed by Mr. Stanley Schrader that he could not do this because of the road condition. Mrs. Jones stated that she will give them turn-around space at her road. Mr. Norris informed the Commissioners that work is scheduled to be done on this road, and will try in some way to get it done.

Mrs. Harry Mills of Hermanville Road came in to request that a pipe be installed across the road in order that they might have the proper drainage. They are willing to purchase the pipe if the State Highway Administration will install it.

Graves Road

Mr. Norris discussed Graves Road with the Commissioners. He stated he had an alternate proposal from Mr. Sydnor to relocate this road. Mr. Norris stated that he had a letter from Attorney Joseph Ernest Bell, II that his client was willing to agree with what was proposed in the letter. Mr. Dixon was also called in and it was discussed with him. Now, Mr. Norris reported, Mr. Dixon has called stating that they do not want the road relocated.

Mr. Guy asked what the attorney had to say about this. Mr. Norris informed him that he has not heard from the attorney. He showed the Commissioners a plat as to where the road is presently located and where the new road would be. He will ask Mr. Sydnor to remove the fence and open the road while they are working out details for a new road.

St. Andrews Church Road

Mr. Norris informed the Commissioners that the design for this road is nearing completion. Part of the driveways were paved on some portions of the road. Mr. Dumphries is asking should this be part of the contract to pave up to the driveway of the property line while the road is being done, rather than wait and do it afterwards.

Recreation & Parks Department Proclamation

Present: Mr. Edwin Atkins Mark Gardner
 Mrs. Barbara Gardner Miss Sheila Aldridge

Mr. Atkins presented plans for the Summer Festival to the Commissioners. It will start August 9th and they will follow the schedule straight through. They would like the Commissioners to open the Festival. Mr. Guy stated that he feels this type of program is the answer to the problems in the parks.

The Commissioners presented the Proclamation for "Youth Appreciation Week" to Mr. Atkins. A photo was made with the cast from "Oliver" which included Miss Sheila Aldridge and Mark Gardner, who have the leading roles.

Kitts Point

Present: Mrs. Doris Bracken Mrs. Ann DeJong
 Mrs. Kitty Melton

Mrs. Doris Bracken was spokesman for the group. She stated that they were in favor of the Kitts Point project and feels that

Mr. Victor R. Reynolds has a lot to offer the County. They are of the opinion that this project should go to public hearing and let the people know what he has to offer and what he has to offer and what he is trying to present to them. She feels that he is acting in good faith as he is offering a \$1,000,000 plant for \$1.00

Mrs. Bracken further stated that she has spoken to him and feels that this is a long range plan.

Mrs. DeJong stated that she feels the watermen should be considered, but other people in the community should also be considered.

Mrs. Bracken compared the houses down Route 235 and in Essex South with what he has to offer. The proposed motel will enable businessmen to earn money. Many conventions and conferences have been turned down because there is no place for them to hold their meetings.

She also stated that the Economic Development Committee had approved the project and the Commissioners appoint these Advisory Boards and it is felt that they have faith in them.

Mr. Guy assured the ladies that a decision would not be made today. He also pointed out that the only thing the Commissioners have is the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan on which to base development of large subdivisions. The people of the County must consider the overall development of the County and not just one proposal.

Commission on Aging

It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that Miss A. Hope Swann had declined to serve on the Commission due to extra duties with the Board of Education. The Commissioners instructed that letters be sent to the Hon. Henry Fowler and Mr. Joseph Goode requesting them to accept appointment to the Commission.

Bid Open - Site Improvements for Recreation & Parks Dept.

	Leonardtwn School Ball Diamond & Tennis Court	Town Creek Picnic Area & Parking Lot
B & J Nursery	\$17,405.75	\$4,800.00
Dean Construction Co.	\$39,898.00	----
B. I. Mattingly & Co.	----	\$6,559.00
B. A. Garner & Son	----	\$6,350.00

Bills Approved

Assessors Office - Summer Conference, Ocens City, Md., Wm. F. Herbert, Room, Meals & Banquet		\$ 128.77
Wm. S. Lawrence, Roo, Meals, Banquet & Mileage		\$ 167.77
Loker & Wigginton - Services for Month of July	\$	746.45
David M. Gruber & Co. - 4th Qtr. Payment, Fiscal Year 1972		\$2,250.00
The Shoreham Hotel - Balance due on room changes by County Commissioners attend- ing Convention	\$	54.72
St. Mary's County Historical Society - Office Expense for Month of July, 1972	\$	416.66
Mr. August H. Wagener - Mileage for Month of July	\$	132.50
Delahay's Pile Driving Service - Work Completed July 24, 1972		\$1,739.52
Work completed July 29, 1972	<u>1,672.00</u>	\$3,411.52
Mr. John B. Norris, Jr. - Mileage for Month of July	\$	89.50

Vouchers #2637-2764 approved and signed by Mr. George R. Aud.

Planning & Zoning Proposal

Present: Mr. Daniel Donnelly, County Extension Service
Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Hall offered their services to put on a Public Affairs Program with reference to planning and zoning in the County. They would like to have as much input from the people of the County as possible. Their proposal is on file in the office.

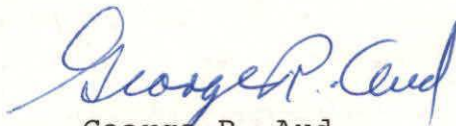
Mr. Donnelly stated that they wanted the Commissioners' concurrence and support for the idea. The Commissioners felt that this was a good proposal and should be developed among County Government.

Mr. Hall stated that it would not conflict with anything that

Dr. Mills would be doing on a Tri-County Basis.

The Commissioners concurred in the proposal

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George R. Aud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

George R. Aud
President