

Board of County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, August 8, 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
 Dick Myers, WKIK
 Patty Muchow, WPTX

The meeting came to order at 10:00 A.M.

Bills Approved

Donald E. Garner & Son, Inc. - Cleaning two portable toilets at Boat Ramp, Swann's, Piney Point, weeks of July 21 & 28, 1972	\$ 50.00
Southern Md. Dredging, Inc. - Partial Payment	\$12,000.00
Day-Timers, Inc. - Pocket Day-Timer & Refill	\$ 28.00
John F. Slade, II, Esq. - Crim. Cases Nos. 828 and 829, State v. Daniel S. Owens, services and mileage	\$ 917.90
State Highway Admin. of Md. - Installation costs for flashing traffic signat at Route 246 and Midway Drive	\$ 5,711.96

Donation of Land to Maryland State Police

Mr. Paul R. Raley read a letter to the Commissioners from Col. Smith of the Maryland State Police requesting the donation of a parcel of land on which to build a barracks. They are desirous of having one in St. Mary's County. If they are able to get the land, it would be a matter of a year or two before they would build. If not, it would be ten years before they would do so.

Mr. Bowles suggested that a site plan to accommodate local government should be established before any other land was given to anyone. Some thought should be given to future plans for local government. He suggested having a survey made of the remaining property owned by the County on the West side of Route 5, adjoining the Technical Center site.

Mr. Bowles further stated that we should determine the amount of land owned by the County on the East side of Route 5

and the percentage of that being used by the Fair Board. With this information at hand a determination could be made of the future needs of County Government and what other agencies of County Government could be accommodated.

The Commissioners instructed that a letter be sent to Col. Smith informing him that a survey is being made, after which he will receive a reply.

Procedures for Planning & Zoning Commission

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Assistant County Engineer, submitted proposed procedures to be followed by Planning & Zoning with reference to approval for new subdivisions and additions to established one, for adoption by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners will prepare a resolution after the adoption of these procedures and Mr. Norris will be so notified.

Awarding of Recreation and Parks Department Bid

Upon the recommendation of Mr. John V. Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks Department, the County Commissioners awarded the bid for work on the recreational areas at Leonardtown School and in Town Creek to B & J Nursery, the low bidder for both projects.

Progress Report for Solid Waste Program

Present: Mr. E. J. Fuller, Henningson, Durham & Richardson
 Mr. James E. Shea, " " " " "

Mr. Shea informed the Commissioners that Mr. Fuller has been their Project Engineer on the preparation of this program and would present it to the Commissioners.

Mr. Fuller stated his purpose for meeting with them was to see if the Commissioners had any further thoughts on how things should go. According to the law, the County is required to have a solid waste plan by January 1, 1974. He plans to have the final draft ready by Christmas and a preliminary draft to the Commissioners by September. He would like to come up with an economical system that will be pleasing to them, and his object is to make the most efficient use of the County's land.

Mr. Fuller informed the Commissioners that St. Mary's County is ten steps ahead of the other Counties. At the present time they are operating three landfills and two dumps. The three landfills are in a good area and well planned. Eventually they will phase out the two dumps.

He further stated that he had stopped at the Clements Landfill and observed the operation there. He wanted the Commissioners to know that they had a very conscientious employee in the person of Mr. Nathaniel Thompson; he is very outstanding.

Mr. Fuller explained a chart of St. Mary's County and outlying areas, which he had prepared. He told the Commissioners that the St. Andrews area was an outstanding choice for a landfill in conjunction with the number of people in that area. The Tri-County Council wanted him to look into a central landfill, which would serve the three counties. The location comes out very close to Charlotte Hall. He felt that in the long run, it would be best to go to a regional landfill. Calvert County can go no further than Hughesville and he has not run it out to see how far St. Mary's County can go.

The Commissioners inquired as to his projections for the year 1985, to which he stated that St. Mary's County is in good shape looking into the future. St. Mary's County has more commercial industry than Calvert County and a little less than Charles County.

St. Mary's County collection system is more economical to the citizen than to the County Government. This is considered more efficient than the individual collection system. He stated he would run down a cost on this particular item.

Mr. Fuller further stated that most counties believe a solid waste system should be handled the same as any other utility. There should be a charge for use of the landfills. He also felt that the restrictions on what should be taken to the landfills should be released. Enforcement is a very rough problem. It is hard to catch the person who is dumping illegally. Also, the County does not have a Public Nuisance Law, stating that the persons taking things to the landfill should clean up. The Commissioners informed him that they have a regulation which required that the truck must be covered or closed.

Mr. Guy inquired as to whether he had addressed himself to private landfills and he replied he had not, but would look into it.

Mr. Fuller again reiterated that St. Mary's County has the best run system in the three areas. It is best to have one man running this operation and St. Mary's County does this. The County Engineer normally does it. He feels that St. Andrews Landfill will be the best in the County. For persons living down County, Mr. Fuller suggested that the Commissioners have boxes or large containers located at areas for a pickup once a day. This would be cheaper for the County and would eliminate opening another landfill.

Mr. Fuller predicted that in the long range future, a Tri-County landfill would be the thing.

Employees Retirement System

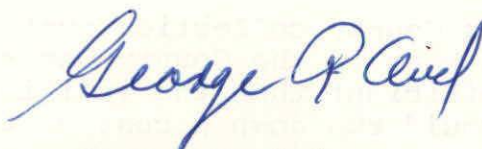
Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, informed the Commissioners that effective July 1, 1972 all employees, Classified and Unclassified, must participate in the Employees Retirement

System Program. Prior to this, they had the option of waiting two years before participating. This will not include persons under contract.

Request of Dr. Marek to Use State Car

The Commissioners were in receipt of a request from Dr. William J. Marek, Deputy State Health Officer, to use the State car to commute from his home to the Health Department. Prior approval has been given by the State. Dr. Marek stated in the request that he would reimburse the County for its share of the operating cost. The Commissioners granted his request.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 P.M.



George R. Aud
President