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Board of County Commissioners' Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 1972

Present: Mr. George R. Aud, President
 Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 Mr. Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
 Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer
 Mrs. Cecelia B. Adams, Recording Secretary

Also attending the meeting were: Mr. Jack Kershaw of the Enterprise, Miss Christy Selph of the Beacon and Mrs. Patty Muchow of Radio Station WPTX.

REZONING REQUEST-WILLARD B. LONG AND WILLIAM A. BARNES

The application to have certain lands zoned to "Commercial" category at the intersection of Chancellors Run Road and Maryland State Route 235, as requested by Willard B. Long and William A. Barnes, was unanimously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission after due publication of same in the two County newspapers. A Public Hearing was held on January 24, 1972 at which there were no protestants.

Commissioner Aud and Bowles were in agreement that this rezoning request be approved. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Leila Rogers, Secretary of Planning and Zoning, informing her of this decision.

JAMES MATTINGLY AND GROUP, RE: PAROCHIAL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Present: Mrs. Elva A. Mattingly, Mr. B. J. Goldsborough, Mr. Thomas B. Abell, Mrs. Jean Lenderman, Mr. Jack Lenderman, Mrs. Edna Bell, Mr. Francis Abland, Mrs. Betty Lee Russell, Mrs. Lloyd F. Stancil, Mr. Lloyd F. Stancil, Mr. John P. Bell, Mrs. Frances Trossbach, Mrs. John P. Bell, Mrs. Patricia W. Cammack, Mrs. Mary Farmer, Mrs. Rose Spalding, Mr. R. E. Cammack, Mr. Paul O'Brien and Mrs. Fenwick,

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, explained that for a number of years, there has apparently been a duplication of bus route number 50, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bell. This bus enters the Breton Bay area and encompasses State Route 244. Mr. Raley explained that the first children are picked up at 7:15 A.M. and are returned home at 4:15 P.M.

Mr. James Mattingly stated that their group was appearing before the Commissioners to request that the bus route be changed to its original route.

Commissioner Aud stated that the Commissioners wanted to listen to what the group had to say and the Commissioners would arrive at a decision within two weeks time.

Mrs. Fenwick stated that she had come to the Commissioners' Office accompanied by Sister Frances Mary. The purpose of their visit was to discuss the current school bus route of Bell #50. Her original intentions were for the safety of the children. Sister Frances Mary was satisfied with the change since it did alleviate the problem of over-crowding on the bus. She did feel, however, that the children could be picked up about 15 minutes later.

Mrs. Trossbach, the bus driver, stated that during inclement weather she had to allow sufficient time to have the children at school on time and time was most important to her.

Mr. Paul Raley explained that after Mrs. Fenwick and Sister Frances Mary had contacted him, it had been brought to his attention that there was an over-crowding problem and a duplication of the bus route. In reviewing last years' bus route sheet which the driver completed, it was very clear that this bus was going over the same route twice in the morning. In checking this further he learned of the over-crowding on the bus because the children were not picking up the bus they were assigned to. Mr. Raley continued stating that there was a savings of 10 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes in the evenings along with a savings of \$450.00 per year and seven miles per day. He continued stating that it was immaterial to him whether it was brought to his attention or not, the important thing was that he had to work these schedules to the most economical way of doing them.

Mrs. Cammack stated that her objection to the route was that some of the children were spending nine hours a day away from home. She felt that if the children were going to be so inconvenienced, she would rather send them to a public school. If this happened, the County would not be saving money.

Mr. Raley stated that he had ridden the bus last week before he made this final change. At that time, the children seemed satisfied. He felt that it was very difficult to satisfy each parent. He stated that the map attached to the bus route sheet was not as concise as it could have been. He has since revised these maps.

Mrs. Cammack stated that the money saved was approximately \$400.00 to \$500.00. If it meant that the bus could be run back the entire way that it used to be, she would be interested in pledging the difference in this amount for the school year.

Commissioner Aud thanked the group for appearing before them. He assured them that the Commissioners would review the facts and figures and would report their findings within a two week period.

MR. CECIL GRIMES-RE: U.G.F. DAY

Mr. Cecil Grimes appeared before the Commissioners to explore the possibility of having the Commissioners meet with the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station to get a publicity shot for the United Givers Fund Campaign. Mr. Grimes explained that he is District Director of the Boy Scouts, who are members of the UGF and he has been charged with public relations this year. He inquired as to whether the Commissioners would be available to meet with Captain Kilcline for a combined kick-off of St. Mary's County's UGF Campaign.

The Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Grimes' plans and informed him that after he had contacted Captain Kilcline, they would arrange a date that would be convenient for them both.

PLANNING AND ZONING, RE: SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Present: General Robert Hogaboom, Mr. Walter Raum, Mr. Arthur Mirfield, Mr. R. Johns Dixon, Mr. John Norris and Mr. Francis Hewitt.

Mr. Arthur Mirfield and group appeared before the Commissioners to find out their feelings with respect to reducing the standards of subdivisions if they go to larger acre lots and in particular, regarding road construction.

Mr. Arthur Mirfield stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission wanted to make it more attractive to get a lower density subdivision into existence. They want it to look more economically feasible.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to what extent the Planning and Zoning Commission would want to reduce the requirements.

Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, stated that he did not think the Planning and Zoning Commission had gone far enough at this stage to answer that question. He continued stating that

there was a need for larger acreaged subdivisions. They have discussed several items and how they are protected with County liability.

Commissioner Bowles stated that larger lots are very desirable and the Commissioners would welcome the Planning and Zoning's recommendations.

Commissioner Aud recommended that Mr. John Norris be permitted to sit in with the Commission in working this up.

Mr. John Norris inquired as to whether the Commissioners could suggest any expertise that would be of help in this project.

Commissioner Bowles stated that for the planning stage, the Tri-County Council could offer their Regional Planner and their staff planner. These persons could give insight. He also recommended the Soil Conservation Service, Health Department and the Metropolitan Commission should be involved.

Mr. Arthur Mirfield stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission has to protect the County insofar as lots must be brought up to County standards.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners would welcome the Planning and Zoning's offer to do this very important work.

The Commissioners held their regular monthly press conference.

ROADS MEETING

Present: Mr. J. Douglas Bond and Mr. John B. Norris, Jr.

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer, gave a breakdown of the status report of the roads surface treatment schedule and the financial status thereof:

FISCAL YEAR 1971

APPROPRIATED	\$109,636.00
SPENT	<u>74,889.48</u>
UNUSED APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 34,746.52

FISCAL YEAR 1972

APPROPRIATED	\$ 102,197.85
YEAR'S SCHEDULE	<u>24,051.33</u>
TOTAL AUTHORIZED	\$ 126,249.18

COST OF DOUBLE SURFACE TREATMENT	\$ 47,215.65
COST OF SINGLE SURFACE TREATMENT	60,287.71
COST OF COMPLETING LAST YEAR'S SCHEDULE	<u>48,355.15</u>
TOTAL MONIES SPENT TO DATE (1971-1972)	\$ 155,858.41
TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE	\$ 126,249.18
	<u>34,746.52</u>
	\$ 160,995.70

He also reported that the following roads are not completed from this year's schedule: Happyland, St. George's Church, Rosebank, James, Circle Court, Sandgates, Road off of Water Loo, Ed Hodges, Dutchman Drive and Cornfield Harbor.

BID OPENING-FOUR CARS-SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Mr. Ken MacRae and Mr. Gerald Selesings and Sheriff Williams

At this time, Commissioner Aud opened the bids submitted for four, 1973 automobiles, to be used by the Sheriff's Department. Also included in these bid proposals were the trade-ins of two 1970 Chevrolets (Sheriff's Department Cars #1803 and #1809).

The bids submitted were as follows:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>TRADE IN ALLOWANCE</u>	<u>UNIT PRICE '73 CARS</u>	<u>NET BID</u>
Bell Motor Company	\$3,713.60	\$4,400.90	\$13,890.00
Suburban Chrysler	\$ 800.00	\$3,314.10	\$12,456.40
Patuxent Motors	\$5,313.40	\$5,078.35	\$15,000.00

The Commissioners discussed the bids submitted. Commissioner Aud stated that Suburban, Chrysler was the low bidder and the Commissioners would review his bid to see that it was in order before awarding the bid.

After reviewing the bids, the bid was awarded to Suburban, Chrysler, for their bid on four Fury I's, in the amount of \$12,456.40. A letter will be sent to Suburban, Chrysler and the other dealers notifying them of this decision.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM-ESSEX DRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stamnos, residents of Essex Drive, appeared before the Commissioners regarding a severe drainage problem they are encountering. Mrs. Stamnos explained that in back of their housing development at Patuxent Park, they have natural water drainage. She continued stating that they have marked the drainage when it rains and found that they have been getting water from five blocks. She stated that it constitutes a health hazard with the insects thriving there.

Commissioner Aud stated he had spoken with Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, who suggested that the County take a bulldozer down there to try to open it up. This would keep the water flowing. Commissioner Aud continued stating that a portion of the problem was the County's responsibility, but most of the fault goes back to the developer, Mr. Alan Brylawski. Commissioner Aud stated that the County would like to have Mr. Brylawski seed the area.

Mr. John Norris requested Mr. and Mrs. Stamnos to submit a letter to the Commissioners so that the County could go on their property to do some corrective drainage work.

BILLS APPROVED:

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, in the amount of \$2,542.09, for work week of 9/11 to 9/15 at the Tall Timbers Erosion District.

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, in the amount of \$1,759.00, for the work week of 9/18 to 9/22 at the Tall Timbers Erosion District.

Loker and Wigginton, in the amount of \$1,076.09, for their legal services for the month of September, 1972.

Baltimore-Afro American, in the amount of \$45.60, for cost of advertising Housing Authority Bid and Proposal.

Washington Post, in the amount of \$55.29, for cost of advertising Housing Authority Bid and Proposal.

Baltimore Sun, in the amount of \$84.15, for cost of advertising Housing Authority Bid and Proposal.

Irving G. Hewitt, in the amount of \$7,942.00, for the purchase of 39.71 acres @ \$200.00.

Joseph E. Bell II, in the amount of \$200.00, for counsel fees for petition of William Charles Barnes, Law No. 4850.

Mrs. Joan Combs, in the amount of \$410.00, for time vouchers for the months of July and August (States Attorney Secretary)

Col. R. R. Boyers, in the amount of \$3.30, mileage (33 miles @ \$.10) for Commission on the Aging business.

Col. R. R. Boyers, in the amount of \$30.00, for first quarter billing of the '73 telephone vouchers for Commission on the Aging business.

DAMAGES TO SHERIFF'S CAR-WILLIAM A. RATHBURN

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, reported that he had received a check in the amount of \$154.38 from Mr. William A. Rathburn, which represents the amount paid to the Bell Motor Company for damages incurred to the Sheriff's car operated by Chief Deputy Delozier on March 31, 1972.

Commissioner Aud signed the certification of release (Financial Responsibility Law) for this money received.

MR. MERRITT P. RAYMOND, DEPT. OF JUVENILE SERVICES

Mr. Merritt P. Raymond, Regional Supervisor, of the Dept. of Juvenile Services, appeared before the Commissioners regarding a letter his Department had received requesting that the St. Mary's County Office of Juvenile Services vacate their present offices no later than November 15, 1972.

Commissioner Aud explained that this request was not a sudden one. He stated that the Commissioners had spoken with Mr. Kreamer of the Leonardtown Office, several months ago and had informed him that he would have to vacate their offices.

Commissioner Aud continued stating that they could not remain any longer. He explained to Mr. Raymond that the Commissioners tried to go to legislature to obtain their approval to build onto the Courthouse but the legislature would not allow them to.

Mr. Raymond stated that the Grand Jury had agreed that space was needed for Juvenile Services. He continued stating that he had submitted his budget two months ago for the next fiscal year. They did not include any space needed for St. Mary's County. This money they will have to spend for rent will come out of salaries since they do not have a contingency fund.

Mr. Raymond inquired as to whether the Commissioners were dissatisfied with the St. Mary's County Department of Juvenile Services. Commissioner Aud answered that he was dissatisfied with the lack of sufficient personnel they have in proportion to the juvenile problem in St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Bowles agreed with Commissioner Aud's remarks and added that space was a critical problem within the Courthouse. He explained that the jailor had been vacated from his house in order to provide room for the Sheriff's Department. County government has tried to accommodate the State as well as County agencies and the legislature will not give the Commissioners authority to build on because they feel that the State agencies should not be allowed to use space without payment of rent.

Commissioner Aud informed Mr. Raymond he was very impressed with the work Mrs. Dorothea Reese was doing. He stated that she puts every effort into her job and does an outstanding job. Mr. Robert Wigginton added that he was also impressed with the fine work being done by Mrs. Marcia Clements also of the Leonardtown Office.

Mr. Paul Raley inquired as to whether the Department of Juvenile Services had a method of transportation available to juveniles when they are transported to State institutions. He explained that at the present time, the St. Mary's County deputies spend considerable time transporting these juveniles.

Mr. Raymond said to his knowledge no one pays transportation costs but he had recommended someone be assigned this duty for the Tri-County area.

Mr. Raymond said the Department of Juvenile Services frowns upon juveniles being placed in jail since there is always the possibility of them injuring themselves.

Commissioner Aud stated that since November of last year, the County has had deputies on duty in the jail on a 24 hour basis.

Mr. Raymond stated that in answer to Mr. Paul Raley's question, he would say that the State has a force of five persons who do transport juveniles to institutions only after Court hearings.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the County certainly needed the services of the Juvenile Services Department and added that the Commissioners will cooperate with them in any way possible. He hoped that Mr. Raymond understood the problem the Commissioners are faced with in regards to space within the Courthouse.

SOFT CLAM SURVEY-HURRICANE AGNES

Mrs. Viola Gardner, Administrative Assistant, presented a project summary notification received from the Maryland State Department of State Planning. This summary notification concerned the soft clam survey after Hurricane "Agnes". The summary is being sent to the Commissioners for their review and comment.

Commissioner Aud signed the necessary documents which designated the Commissioners' approval of the project.

MCKAY'S BEACH-SHORE EROSION DISTRICT

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, informed the Commissioners that they have never declared McKay's Beach as an official Shore Erosion District. The residents of the area have approached the Commissioners on several occasions. Mr. Dankers, spokesman for the group has informed the Commissioners that they have obtained 80% of the property owners' signatures.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Paul Raley to write a letter to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs with a copy going to Mr. Jack Koegel and Mr. Dankers, notifying them that the Commissioners are in favor of setting up McKay's Beach as a Shore Erosion District.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, presented the Commissioners with the applications for County Commissioners' scholarships. After review of the applications and subject to Commissioner Guy's approval and concurrence, the Commissioners approved the following scholarships:

Miss Martina C. Dotson, a freshman, for four years

Miss Karen L. Norris, a sophomore, for three years

Mr. Joseph C. Sickle, a freshman, for four years

Miss Patricia L. Teague, a sophomore, for three years

Each of the above scholarships are in the amount of \$300.00 per year.

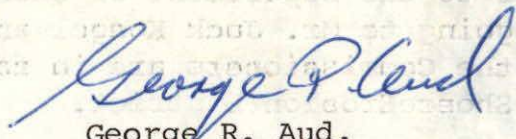
HERMANVILLE ROAD

Commissioner Aud stated that he had been contacted by one of the residents of Hermanville Road, Mr. Robert Stevens, regarding the County's plans to begin construction of Hermanville Road. Commissioner Aud requested Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, to check to see if everything was in order so the County could go to bid on this road.

HEWITT ROAD

Discussion was held regarding the construction of Hewitt Road. Commissioner Aud stated that since Mr. George W. Joy, Jr., a County surveyor, had done the survey work on the roadway, perhaps he could be employed to do some additional work for the County.

Mr. Robert Wigginton is to write Mr. Joy, explaining that the County is now constructing this road beginning at Chancellors Run Road, so it is necessary to have him review his files in order to locate the description of this road. Review at his earliest convenience would be appreciated.


George R. Aud,
President