

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, November 14, 1972

Present: J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 Robert Wigginton, County Attorney
 John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary
 Patty Muchow, WPTX
 Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
 Dick Myers, WKIK
 Christie Selph, Beacon

The meeting came to order at 9:15 A. M.

RELOCATING JUVENILE SERVICES OUT OF THE COURTHOUSE

Mrs. Dorothea L. Rees, Supervisor with Department of Juvenile Services, Tri-County Area, stated she tried to get funds to make it possible to move to another office space. It was impossible to move to another office space. It was impossible because of the short notice, and it was not included in their budget from the state. She feels it is impossible to give the County the Services it is entitled to in the office they now occupy in the Courthouse because it is so small. Commissioner Guy asked Mrs. Rees if she had any particular place in mind. She mentioned the second floor of the Weiner Building directly across from the Courthouse. There are seven offices available and Juvenile Services would use the first five, leaving the other two for County or other state agency use. The rent is \$600 a month including all utilities and janitorial services. Mrs. Rees asked if it was possible for the County to pick up the rent for the first seven months through June 30, 1973. Commissioner Guy inquired as to whether we had the legal authority to do so. Mr. Robert Wigginton questioned our authority on the matter and if we were obligated. He said he would get together with the Budget Officer.

LEONARDTOWN SCHOOL SEWAGE SYSTEM

Present: Dr. Robert King, Supervisor, St. Mary's County Public Schools
 Dr. William Marek
 Mr. James Raley
 Mr. Walter Raum

Dr. King said there was an earlier meeting on November 13 with Mr. Raum, Dr. Marek, Mr. James Raley and himself in which the following decisions were made.

1. The Health Department will give its approval for the proposed middle school to be built with disposal by underground treatment and dispersion (Septic System).

2. The proposed senior high school cannot be built on the Technical Center site unless a community sewer line is made available.

3. When a community sewer line is made available to that site, the Board of Education will be required to connect the existing Technical Center and the proposed middle school to it.

Dr. King stated that money has been approved by the State for the middle school and they are ready to go and ask now for construction funds for the senior high school, and to be without a site would jeopardize the funds. Having a site or commitment of a site is essential or State won't give approval. Commissioner Guy asked if there was a time period. Mr. James Raley replied that the High School is to be completed by September 1975.

Mr. James Raley said they would like to pursue the existing site. Commissioner Bowles stated the Commissioners should have a report from the Metropolitan Commission showing what they have accomplished to date. We would then proceed to expedite procedures to handle the sewage problem.

Dr. King requested a letter of intent from the Commissioners. The Commissioners stated they could not do this because at an earlier meeting with the Town Commissioners, no decision was made. The Town Commissioners had not given approval to extend the sewer lines down to the Tech Center and stated that the Leonardtown Plant was operating at its fullest capacity at the present time.

Dr. King invited the Commissioners to attend the December 14 meeting of the Interagency Committee for State Public School Construction to discuss the 1974 budget and years thereafter with Mr. Alfred Carey, the Executive Director. There will be discussion on how a sewage system might be handled and Dr. King hoped a decision will be made by this date.

ENCROACHMENT ON SHANGRILA DRIVE BY THE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

Mr. Robert Wigginton said the little piece of land is of no advantage to the County. Commissioner Bowles suggested that the advertisement state we have been requested to abandon it. Commissioner Bowles would like to see the wording of the advertisement before it goes into the paper.

BILLS APPROVED

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| Dr. Carl N. Everstine (Editing of 1972 Supplement to the St. Mary's County Code) | \$100 |
| Mrs. Mary L. Hammer (For secretarial and proofreading work in the publication of the 1972 Supplement to the St. Mary's County Code) | \$ 50 |
| St. Mary's Beacon (For publication of the final Charter draft) | \$1,865.06 |

Mr. John B. Norris, Asst. County Engineer (for total mileage and expenses incurred during the month of October 1972) \$87.53

CORRESPONDENCE - PRESENTED BY MRS. VIOLA GARDNER (Administrative Assistant)

1. Received Nursing Scholarship Bond from Miss Nancy Lynn Wathen. She has been accepted for the 1973 Class at the School of Nursing, Church Home and Hospital, Baltimore, Md. The Board of Commissioners approved her scholarship.
2. Resolution from State Highway Administration requesting the Commissioners to send a request of them for a speed limit reduction on Rte. 472 to 40 M. P. H.
3. Resolution for Speed Limit of Esperanza Drive restricted to 30 miles per hour. The Commissioners approved.
4. Letter from Mrs. Virginia B. Thomas, St. Mary's Nursing Home requesting the names of the people who will be authorized to sign papers for the Hill-Burton Funds, and a statement that the County will contribute the balance of the local funds. Mr Robert Wigginton will draw up the account.
5. Letter from George R. Lewis, Secretary of Department of General Services re House Bill 23, legislation which permits counties and incorporated municipalities to utilize the facilities of the Department for procurement of material, supplies and equipment. Mr. Paul Raley is going to investigate and give report on what can be purchased and projection for 6-months needs.
6. Letter from Dr. Patrick Jarboe resigning as a member of the Economic Development Commission of St. Mary's County, effective as of December 1, 1972.
7. Request from William R. Hughes, Commissioner of Workmen's Compensation Commission for space available for workmen's compensation meetings. Mr. Paul Raley and Mrs. Viola Gardner will make recommendations on where it can be provided.
8. Letter from State Highway Administration re Md. Rte 235 from Md. Rte 489 to Lexington Park concerning acquisition of excess land by the County for \$3,080 on or before March 13, 1973. After that date there will be an additional interest charge of \$10 for each month thereafter. The property does not join other County property. We should take a second look to see whether to purchase or not to purchase.
9. Letter from Mrs. Virginia B. Thomas, St. Mary's Nursing Home requesting \$10,000 of the appropriation of the \$30,000 allowed in the 1972-73 budget for building repairs and patient care. Mr. Sterling will ask for certification of funds.
10. Letter from Mr. James B. Beaven, Chairman, St. Mary's Soil Conservation District requesting Commissioners to reconvene

sediment task force or appoint new one. Mr. John Norris is to replace Mr. August H. Wagner, Former County Engineer. Mrs. Viola Gardner is to prepare list of the former task members for a review by the Commissioners, and to note any vacancies and/or resignations.

11. Letter from Dr. Martin, Administrator of St. Mary's Hospital, enclosing draft of an agreement between hospital and nursing home for the paving of a helicopter land space. Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Wigginton to check County's liability which was omitted in the agreement.

12. Invitation to the Commissioners from Recreation and Parks to the Thanksgiving Festival beginning November 17 in Leonardtown, presented by Recreation and Parks and the Leonardtown Businessmen's Association.

13. Mrs. Viola Gardner requested approval of \$18,000 bond of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Burroughs, Jr. and William Rutt and F. Elliot Burch, Jr. as sureties for Shady Dale Subdivision. Mrs. Gardner was requested to procure bond from Planning and Zoning for the County Commissioners' approval. Commissioner Bowles suggested we keep a copy of all bonds approved by the County Commissioners in this office and record it in the minutes when they are approved.

VISIT FROM COMMISSIONERS TO ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

Mr. Paul Raley received a request from Charles Ridgell of St. Mary's College to talk about their jobs to a class on the study of Local Government, either on Friday or Monday from 12:30 to 1:40. Commissioner Guy stated he would be able to make it on Monday.

RESTORATION OF TUDOR HALL

Mrs. Katherine C. Hurrey, Administrator, Southern Maryland Regional Library Association, requested funds for six security lights in the amount of \$914. Commissioner Bowles stated one light may be needed on the East or Northeast side of the library but he does not see any need for any more than that. Commissioner Guy asked Mr. Paul Raley to check on this and investigate and report back to the Commissioners. He also suggested consideration of flood lights during the hours when the library is being used.

SCHOOL BUS NO. 2

Mr. Paul Raley stated he has taken Bus No. 2 off the Route that belong to Redmond Bean. It was a 1960 bus and Mr. Bean agreed to it because the bus had been giving him difficulty. Both his routes are being taken care of by two other buses.

MRS. AGNES RALEY'S ROUTE

Mrs. Agnes Raley reported eight children on her bus. According to Paul Raley, she actually now has five. Three

children are using another bus. Commissioner Bowles asked Paul Raley to confirm this with Mrs. Agnes Raley, and if a decision is to be made, the Commissioners will make it.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - LEXINGTON PARK

Mr. John Norris, Assistant County Engineer, went to check the heat and ventilation at the Health Department in Lexington Park. He also noted the roof needed repairs. Mr. Norris questioned whether the building would be serviceable for the next 10 or 15 years. The Commissioners asked him to do a general survey and do a feasibility study on the entire building.

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED

Present: Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. John Hall said his supervisor was not happy that he incorrectly projected the date of the development of Watershed Site 1 for July 15, 1972. Mr. Hall stated the reason for this incorrectness was the problems incurred in the delay of the acquisition of all lands within Site 1. The areas remaining to be acquired were Owens tract, Pussler tract and the tract known as the Jones heirs. Land rights have to be in their hands before construction can start.

Mr. Hall said the problem with the owens tract is that he does not wish to sell part of his field, and therefore, requests that the land be reduced to the edge of the field. taking only the wooded area.

Commissioner Bowles suggested it would be appropriate for Mr. Robert Wigginton to determine who and where were all the Jones heirs. Mr. Wigginton was of the opinion that the other tracts can be acquired through negotiations with the property owners. Mr. Hall asked if it becomes necessary would the County Commissioners take legal action on Jones heirs property, meaning acquisition through condemnation procedures in order to acquire tract. Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Hall if that piece of property could be abandoned and Mr. Hall said it was a necessary piece of land and had to be acquired. Therefore, Commissioner Bowles and Commissioner Guy replied that the Commissioners would take appropriate legal action on Site known as Jones heirs identified on Site 1 Plat, St. Mary's River Watershed.

MATTINGLY-GRAVES ROAD - 6TH ELECTION DISTRICT

Present: Mr. L. T. Dixon

Mr. L. T. Dixon said he was in the process of remodeling his house on the farm and renting it out, and he cannot get to the farm. He wants the road opened up.

Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer said that Mr. Sydnor asked since the road was so close to his dwelling, if he could not

have the entrance moved down, he would donate the land, have it surveyed and grubbed.

Commissioner Bowles said the Commissioners were advised by the attorney of Mr. Dixon that all parties were in agreement to relocate this road.

Mr. Dixon said seven heirs are involved and nobody wants the road moved, and he has been advised to keep the road where it is by attorneys. He stated it was a misunderstanding concerning the road being relocated or opened up, that he wants it opened up where it is now located. Commissioner Bowles asked why should the Commissioners get involved with disagreements between neighbors, and because of the misunderstanding, we are back where we started. No action has been taken since the Commissioners were advised that some heirs of the property had changed their mind.

Commissioner Guy said he would like to look at the road and see the situation and then make a decision. In closing, Commissioner Guy said the Commissioners should be able to give him a decision by next Tuesday.

PROPOSED SPECIFICATIONS FROM MR. NORRIS

Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, presented Proposed Specifications for Inspector for Engineering Office and Proposed Specifications for Engineering Office Assistant. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed specifications with Mr. Norris and made changes to be put in final form. They will be submitted to the State Personnel for their approval.

INTERVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC PLANNER

Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, interviewed Mr. Bruce Galloway for the position of industrial economic planner on November 13, 1972 and presented his resume' to the County Commissioners. Although the Planner hired for this position would work for the county, his salary would be paid by the State, under a grant due to Tropical Storm Agnes. Commissioner Guy also attended the interview and felt the Commissioners should interview more applicants. Commissioner Bowles suggested we should ask for several different resume's and invite them for interviews. Mr. John Norris stated he would ask Mr. Elenowitz, Director of Community Development Administration, for same.

PERSONNEL - PROBATIONARY PERIODS

Mr. Paul Raley advised the Commissioners that Joseph Paul Jones had satisfactorily completed his six-month probation period and recommended him as General Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor. The Commissioners unanimously agreed.

Mr. Raley also advised that Mr. Aubrey Knott who has been employed as Motor Equipment Operator Two for the past six months should have his probationary period extended another six months

as requested by Junior Raley, Landfill Supervisor. The Commissioners also concurred in this request. A letter will be sent to the Finance Office in this regard.

MRS. DOROTHEA REES - JUVENILE SERVICES

Mr. Robert Wigginton stated he could not find authority to pay rent for Juvenile Services or if there were authority, there was no money in the budget. The Commissioners will advise Mrs. Rees of this. Mr. Wigginton will advise Mrs. Rees.

CONFISCATION OF VEHICLES

Present: Sheriff Lawrence Williams

A 1972 Dodge Van Truck, owned by Michael Jessmore has been ordered to be turned over to the County. The Sheriff's Office requested it for a Crime Lab. The Sheriff was requested to get a figure as to approximate costs and whether or not it would constitute more man power to operate the van. At the present time the Sheriff uses the Crime Lab from Charles County and occasionally the one in Annapolis.

Also a 1969 Ford Club Wagon, formerly owned by Lester Kraft and wife was forfeited to the County by the Court.

The Commissioners agreed the County should dispose of all other vehicles presently stored at the State Road Garage. We should advertise them for public sale after titles have been secured.

POLICE DOG - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: Sheriff Lawrence Williams

The Commissioners asked Sheriff Williams where the dog is being kept since Mr. Healy is no longer taking care of him. The Sheriff said that George DeLozier has the dog and has been working with it and keeping him in training to find narcotics. Sheriff Williams also stated that the dog is not being used actively at the present time.

KATHY MATTINGLY - PERMANENT STATUS

Sheriff Williams recommended that Kathy Mattingly be put on permanent status. This was accepted and Harris Sterling, Finance Director, was to be so notified.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40



George R. Aud
President