

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGTuesday, November 28, 1972

Present: George R. Aud, President  
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
 J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner  
 Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney  
 Judith D. Bowles, Recording Secretary  
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer  
 Patty Muchow, WPTX  
 Christy Selph, The Beacon

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Commissioner President, George R. Aud.

The minutes of November 17, 1972 were read, corrected and approved.

Hills and Pomerantz Trailer Park - Approval of Eight Lots

Upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, Commissioner Aud motioned that the County Commissioners approve the eight additional lots at the Hill & Pomerantz Trailer Park. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowles concurred.

Agreement between the County Commissioners, St. Mary's County Hospital and St. Mary's County Nursing Home for a Heliport at Front of Nursing Home

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to the signing of the Agreement between the parties above mentioned for a helicopter landing pad on the property in front of the Nursing Home. Commissioner President George R. Aud signed on behalf of the Board.

The agreement will be sent to the respective parties for their signature.

Expired Term of James Henderson on the Recreation and Parks Board

A letter was received by the Commissioners by John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks advising them that Mr. James Henderson's term on the Board will expire as of December 31, 1972. Mr. Baggett requested the Commissioners to appoint him for another term based on the fact that Mr. Henderson has been a very active member of this Board.

The Commissioners made no decision on this matter and are taking Mr. Baggett's request under consideration.

Purchase of Parcel 200, Located on Rte. 235

The County Commissioners received a letter from John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks, requesting the Commissioners to purchase Parcel 200 located on Rte. 235. He stated in his letter that he had been seeking land in this area for a hard surface court and some playground equipment. He added that the property could be funded through Program Open Space as a 100% grant.

Commissioner Guy stated that he felt the purchase of this property would be very advantageous to the County in that it is easily accessible to Lexington Park and Patuxent Heights, and would be mainly used by the blacks in that area as a recreational facility.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to the purchase of this property.

Commissioner Bowles asked if we purchase and then ask for participation in funding would we be eligible? Commissioner Guy stated that we could indicate our interest to purchase. Commissioner Bowles recommended that the Commissioners send an agreement to the State Highway Administration to purchase this property for settlement within 180 days. Commissioner Guy and Aud agreed and requested Attorney Wigginton to draw up an agreement.

Piney Point Shores Subdivision - Excess Property

Lots 17 & 18, Section 8:

Commissioner Guy stated that there were two lots across from the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship that was nothing but marsh and not as wide as the Commissioners' conference room. However, Commissioner Guy felt that the County should keep this property for drainage of the road.

Lots 20 & 21, Section 1:

The two lots in question consist of one-half acre each, which should be sold and advertised. This property is suitable for persons living on either side of the property. Due to the fact that these lots consist of small amounts of property it would be of little use to Recreation and Parks.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to advertise same for sale.

St. George's Beach - Block 1, Lots 10 & 11

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, read a letter from a Mrs. Freeman, who stated that some property owners in St. George's Beach were interested in purchasing the land.

Commissioner Guy stated that Mr. Stuart Allen (Mr. Allen is with the Allen Organization which is updating the Comprehensive Plan for Recreation and Parks for the Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert area) did not recommend pursuit of a park in this area. Commissioner Guy recommended the property be sold to recoup some of the money. Mr. Paul R. Raley and Mr. B. Harris Sterling were requested by the Commissioners to investigate the legal authority of the County Commissioners to sell this property and relay the distribution of monies since Federal and State funds were used in the original acquisition of this property.

#### Resolution - Civil Defense Day

A resolution in support of Governor Mandel's Proclamation was signed by the County Commissioners declaring December 7, 1972 as Civil Defense Day.

#### Lights - Tudor Hall Library

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer, stated that the Library Board has requested four additional lights on the parking lot at the library. He then presented the Commissioners with a drawing showing the areas in which lights are presently located at the library.

After going over the drawing the Commissioners felt that the library did not need any additional lights.

#### Additional Space - District Court

Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, advised the County Commissioners that he had received a letter from Mr. Badger of GSA stating that District Court would pay \$3.25 per square foot for the additional space with the first payment to the County, January 1, 1973.

#### 3/4 Ton Pick-up - Sanitary Landfills

Specifications for the 3/4 ton pick-up were picked up in the Commissioners' Office with the bid opening conducted at the November 21, 1972 meeting of the County Commissioners. At that meeting the Commissioners received one bid from McKay's Implement Co. for a pick-up in the amount of \$4172.00.

The Commissioners were concerned that we had only received one bid. After checking the specifications it was determined that a discrepancy had been made by the County Engineer's office in that the front sheet stipulated a 1973 3/4 ton pick-up whereas the specifications called for a 1972 pick-up.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to reject all bids and re-advertise. The County Engineer's office is to re-type the specifications and allow more than 45 days for delivery of the pick-up.

Vouchers Signed

Vouchers 3718 through 3782 were signed by Commissioner President, George R. Aud.

Graves Road

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sydnor  
Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

Mr. Sydnor opened by saying that some time ago he had attended a meeting of the County Commissioners and requested the Commissioners to have the road widened and tarred to make it accessible for a school bus and was informed by the Commissioners that this would be done. So he left it at this. He stated that Mr. George Mattingly would not sign in order that pipes could be placed under the road. Mrs. Sydnor stated that the County did tar the road.

Commissioner Bowles replied that the Sydnors had requested improvements to the road; i.e., widening, leveling and tarring. However, Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., needed to install pipes and stated that Mr. George Mattingly refused to allow pipes; he could not do what he had planned, so all he could do was to tar the road.

Mr. Sydnor stated that the County Commissioners were requested to come over and look at the situation. Mr. Sydnor's father agreed to deed a portion of his land to the County for a right of way in order to prevent the road from coming through the middle of his property.

Commissioner Aud replied that the County would be agreeable to this if everyone agreed. Mr. Sydnor replied that the Dixons had agreed at first and now they have changed their minds. This was before they knew the right of way belonged to the County. Mr. Sydnor stated that they were willing to deed the County the same amount of land and they would even clear the property. He added that Mr. John Norris, Asst. County Engineer, came out and looked at the property.

Mr. Sydnor voiced concern that they were not invited to attend the November 21, 1972 meeting of the County Commissioners at which Oliver Guyther appeared with and on behalf of the Dixons. Commissioner Aud stated that the Dixons requested the meeting with the Commissioners. Mr. Sydnor stated that if Mr. George Mattingly has the right to stop the road from being widened at the beginning then he felt they would have the same right on his property.

Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Sydnor if the total right of way was acquired at the same time. Mr. Sydnor replied that it was. Mr. Sydnor stated that he went to Joseph Weiner about this and Mr. Weiner sent him to John Bailey. The title had been searched twice and nothing was found, and now the Dixons came up with this document that the right of way belongs to the County. When the

Sydnors had their land surveyed this right of way did not show up and all of a sudden it produces itself. Mr. Sydnor added that if the road is put in there would be no peace. The right of way would be about 50' from their home.

Commissioner Aud stated that if Mr. Sydnor could get the Dixons to agree with this change it would be agreeable to the County. Commissioner Guy added that the County can only recognize the right of way they presently own unless the Sydnors and Dixons could reach some sort of agreement.

#### Private Telephone Line - Judge's Chambers

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to have Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative Officer, get in touch with the telephone company to have a private telephone line installed in the Judge's Chambers.

#### Bills Approved

St. Mary's County Historical Society (Nov.) \$416.66

#### Metropolitan Commission

Present: Admiral Clark, Chauncey Karstens, George McWilliams, John Knight Parlett and Mike Marley.

Admiral Clark opened by stating that the Metropolitan Commission had a very urgent problem that needed the Commissioners' help and he did not want to let this opportunity to meet with the Commissioners go unused.

Admiral Clark stated the Metropolitan Commission is being pressed for services of various kinds; i.e., reviews and inspections, permits, etc., and the Commission does not have any available funds to defray these expenses. He added that a lot of these services were being performed outside the Mattapany District which were not chargeable to that district. He added that the Metropolitan Commission needed money immediately.

Admiral Clark stated that under the revenue sharing act there are seven priority categories and foremost among these is "environmental protection". The County Commissioners have the authority to advance \$10,000 per sanitary district.

Admiral Clark stated that each time new developments begin, the Metropolitan Commission is called in to remedy any problems that may evolve, such as King-Kennedy Estates. King-Kennedy is presently having problems with its water-sewerage system.

Commissioner Bowles asked Admiral Clark how much money he would need for this fund. Admiral Clark stated that the Commissioners could advance \$80,000, but added that the Metropolitan Commission could perhaps do it with \$50,000. Commissioner Guy

asked if this would be \$50,000 a year. Admiral Clark stated it would not, that this money would be a working fund for the Commission.

Chauncey Karstens cited a particular problem with the King-Kennedy Estates and advised the Commissioners that the development has to be supported or else it would collapse. He added that \$40,000 would save the project and felt it would be money well spent.

Mike Marley and Admiral Clark suggested that if the Commissioners would advance them \$80,000 (\$30,000 more than the requested \$50,000) they could finance the \$50,000 as needed by the King-Kennedy Estates.

The County Commissioners advised they would consider their request and get back with them.

Waterman's Association - Kitts Point Project

Present: Bill Trossbach, Waterman  
 Mace Birch, Waterman  
 Larry Crowder, Waterman  
 George L. Beitzell, Waterman  
 Luther Edwards, Waterman  
 Lawrence O. Hayden, Waterman  
 Philip Robrecht, Waterman  
 J. D. Yeatman, Waterman  
 Walter Schroder, Waterman  
 Walter Raum, Sanitarian - Health Department  
 Michael V. Davis, Attorney  
 David Sayre, Waterman and Spokesman for the Group  
 Victor R. Reynolds, Developer of the Kitts Point Project

Mr. Sayre stated that the purpose for this meeting was to advise the Commissioners the outcome of a study made by a group of the watermen which be put to a vote by members of that committee.

The Vote is as follows:

Those opposed to the project:

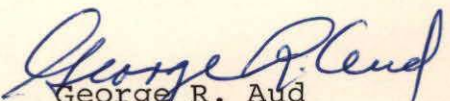
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Those in favor of the project:

George L. Beitzell.

NOTE: A tape of the entire meeting is on file in the County Commissioners office.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

  
 George R. Aud  
 President