

Board of County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 1972

Present: J. Wilmer Bowles, President
George R. Aud, Commissioner
J. S. Guy, Jr., Commissioner
Joseph D. Weiner, County Attorney
Michael Davis, Office of Weiner and Davis
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
Viola M. Gardner (Mrs.) Admin. Asst. (Recording)
Jack Kershaw - The Enterprise

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

Minutes of the meeting of December 12, 1972 were read and corrected.

Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr. read a prepared statement with reference to the Commissioners' meeting of December 5, 1972 at which meeting Mr. Joseph D. Weiner was appointed County Attorney. Commissioner Aud requested a copy of the statement for other news media, which statement is as follows:

"Since Commissioner Aud's statement is entered into the minutes in full, and I was not allowed to read or rebut any portion of that statement, I would desire the following comments be entered into the minutes of today's meeting.

Any statement that would imply that I alone was responsible for the requested resignation of Mr. Wigginton is in error, and at no time have I personally suggested his fee was excessive.

As to Judge Weiner's appointment, several times throughout the day of December 5th I had expressed off the record to both Commissioners they were moving too hastily and more thought should be given to the appointment of the County Attorney. It is true I did not express any opposition to Mr. Weiner either during the interview with him and during any of the subsequent business that took place following that interview. I advised Mr. Wigginton on Tuesday evening, December 5 of the pending change of attorneys and of the call he was to receive from Chairman Aud."

Economic Plan for St. Mary's County

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer and
Mr. Galloway, Economic Planner, Md. Dept. of Economic
and Community Development

Mr. Norris stated that the Commissioners were aware of the fact that St. Mary's County was declared a disaster area and because of this, the County is eligible for assistance in the field of economic planning through the Maryland Department of Economics and Planning. Mr. Elenowitz, the Director of the Department, has suggested Mr. Galloway as the planner for the County. He would work for the County for a period of thirty (30) working days, which time could be extended. Certain goals would be accomplished in this length of time. Mr. Galloway was introduced to the Commissioners as a person with a varied background. Commissioner Guy had met him previously.

Mr. Galloway has a BA and MA from the University of Chicago in Urban Planning. He is 29 years of age and was a planner for an engineering firm in Towson, Md. He has worked as a planner for the city of Chicago, and for the last two years has been doing planning consulting work and writing for Simon and Schuster.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to how long he had worked for Howard County and during what time.

Mr. Galloway replied that it was from October, 1968 to June, 1970, during the period they were developing their comprehensive plan. He had three planners working for him and a secretary. Howard County is one of the fastest growing Counties in the State of Maryland and he did all the basic data work for their comprehensive planning. They adopted the plan two months after its presentation, which was the fall of 1970. He also prepared their Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Bowles further inquired if it was part of the City of Columbia, to which Mr. Galloway replied that Columbia is not an incorporated town and their plan was adopted after Columbia City was originated. His plan did incorporate industrial and school planning for the city of Columbia.

In outlining his work plan, Mr. Galloway stated his basic measures included the resident labor force, commutation, at place employment and income. In breaking these down the resident labor force would include population, labor force by industry group

in certain given years. These would be compared with adjacent counties in Maryland. Also to be taken into consideration would be the labor force by occupational groups, class of workers and sex. Commutation in and out of the County would be given consideration, together with the income of the County. Consideration would be given to the regional role of St. Mary's County, which would include population, employment trends and projections. The economy of the County would be discussed in detail. This would include studies of Agricultural activity, forestry, fisheries, mining and quarrying, construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade and retail trade, type of sales and the trend, finance, insurance, real estate, etc. He would also study the services the County had to offer which would include education, religious, hospital, etc.

After securing this information, he would be able to determine the weaknesses of the County and would bring this information to the attention of the Commissioners. From this would be determined what the future holds for the County.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to when he would be able to start work. Mr. Galloway informed the Commissioners that it would be right after Christmas - approximately six weeks work within the County would be required as he would not have to be here to gather a lot of the information.

Mr. Norris stated that if additional time was necessary, it could be worked out with the Director, and that there would be a close working relationship between him and Mr. Galloway. There would be a completed and finished document at the completion of his time.

Mr. Galloway stated that he would not say that the final product would be a report. He would not like to be locked in. In general what the Commissioners would receive from him would be a general understanding of the situation in St. Mary's County; Also a series of directions for future economic growth. It would be an analysis.

Mr. Bowles thanked Mr. Galloway and stated that the Commissioners were certainly grateful to him for the time in coming to St. Mary's and he would be advised immediately of their decision.

St. Mary's County Drug Counselling Center

Present: Dr. Patricia Hawkins, Director Bumpy Oaks
Mr. Edward Cox, Executive Secretary Youth Commission
Mr. Frank Gunzburg, Coordinator
Mr. Tom Russell, Counsellor, Mr. Thomas Crane, Co-Chairman
Miss Sharon Camp, Charles County Committee

Dr. Hawkins thanked Commissioner Bowles and the other Commissioners for all the help given by the telephone company. They hope to get a direct line to Bumpy Oaks Center, rather than have someone down in St. Mary's County twenty-four hours a day. They started a week late due to some difficulties. Calvert County decided they wanted to become involved. Persons from Calvert County will come to St. Mary's County for counselling.

Mr. Frank Gunzberg reported for work last Monday and Mr. Tom Russell is in training. They have worked out a tentative agreement with "Toe-Hold". Juvenile Services is ready to pick up juvenile cases and Mr. Kreamer has quite a few. They will also work with the College.

Mr. Cox reported that the well and pump were installed. If the site is graded a little, they will put the trailer in December 20th. He has made arrangements with Mr. Norris to get the site graded.

Dr. Hawkins further stated that the Center will be open during the holidays and persons may call "collect" to Bumpy Oaks. Mr. Frank Gunzberg will be working out of the Health Department until such time as the trailer is ready. There will be others coming from Bumpy Oaks to work in the County. She also reported that they have received a Federal grant for this circuit of about \$133,333 for people to work with the Courts and drug cases, and it is possible that there will be another person full time. This person would have more of a direct link with the Court.

The Commissioners thanked Dr. Hawkins and her group for getting the programs set up so quickly.

Bills Approved

Delahay's Pile Driving Service-Erosion Work

Tall Timbers-Work Week of	Oct. 30-Nov. 3	\$ 1,800.00
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" " " " "	Nov. 20-Nov. 24	969.00
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" " " " "	Dec. 4 -Dec. 8	1,679.62
" " " " "	Dec. 11-Dec. 15	929.00
		<u>\$ 8,291.32</u>

The Commissioners unanimously approved the payment of the above bills. Vouchers #3847-#3914 were unanimously approved by

the Commissioners and signed by Mr. Bowles.

Soil Erosion Work-Tall Timbers

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer

Mr. Norris submitted an estimate of \$9,896.00 from Delahay's Pile Driving Service for completion of the Tall Timbers project. He recommended that it be accepted by the County Commissioners. This price is good only for those items listed in a letter dated December 18, 1972, which consisted of 27 bulkhead pilings, 27 tie backs and 27 tie rods. Also to tear out approximately 160 foot of top and bottom whalers. The County Commissioners requested that Mr. Norris rewrite these specifications to include exact lengths and measurements, materials to be fully treated and contractor must meet these specifications.

It was noted that the materials previously purchased from Southern Maryland Wood Treating Company do not meet the treatment standards of quality required for this work.

Hurricane Agnes Damage-Tall Timbers

Mr. John B. Norris reported that \$21,000 was estimated to complete the storm damage at Tall Timbers. Mr. Esher of the Corps of Engineers reviewed the damage with Mr. Norris and in reality it would cost \$40,000 or more. Mr. Esher was certain the State would pay only the \$21,000, but some question would arise due to the additional work needed to be done.

Private Road in Subdivision

Mr. Norris requested that the Commissioners place a blanket hold on the approval of all proposed subdivisions or subdivisions of 25 or more houses, or any number of smaller ones totalling 25 houses in any one area, until a fair and equitable means could be worked out regarding roads in these subdivisions.

Recommended County Zoning Map

Discussion was held on the County Zoning Map. The Planning and Zoning Commission had reviewed all the zoning requests received by them and finalized the map, which map represents the zoning map.

Request for Secretarial Assistance

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., Asst. County Engineer, requested the loan of Mrs. Judy Remson, who works in the Office of Recreation and Parks, to his office, on a temporary basis for three or four weeks, to complete the list of approved subdivisions, which have not as yet built any houses.

The salary for this employee on temporary duty would not be charged to the budget of the Department of Recreation and Parks, but charged to the Commissioners' General Fund. The Commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Illegal Subdivisions

Mr. John Norris inquired about the letter received by the Commissioners a month or more ago from Attorney Joseph Ernest Bell, II, regarding illegal subdivisions. The Commissioners requested Mr. John Norris to check with Attorney Michael Davis of the Office of Weiner and Davis, the County Attorney, with reference to this matter.

Maintenance Contract for E.O.C. and Fireboard Radios

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported regarding the contract for maintenance of the radios at the Emergency Operations Center and St. Mary's County Fireboard in response to an inquiry by Mr. Robert Gotshall, t/a The Radio Shop, Hollywood, Maryland.

Mr. Paul Raley had the County Attorney, Mr. Joseph D. Weiner, review said contract, which Mr. Weiner found to be in order. The contract permitted the contractor to work on a month to month basis. Mr. Raley stated that Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director of the Emergency Operation Center had recommended this type of contract for the reason that if the service was not satisfactory, a sixty (60) day notice could be given to the contractor, rather than be stuck with a contractor for one year, whose services were unsatisfactory.

The Commissioners requested that Mr. Wood submit a letter outlining his recommendations for this type of contract.

Relocation of Juvenile Services

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported to the Commissioners that he had heard nothing further from the Department of Juvenile Services with regard to relinquishing the office space. In talking with Mrs. Reese,

she had said if the Commissioners were going to do anything, to do it. She suggested that pressure be put on the State Office. They were to move by November 15th and were given an extension to find quarters. Mr. Merritt Raymond informed her that they had gone back to the Board of Public Works, but had heard nothing.

It was moved by Mr. Aud that the Department of Juvenile Services be forwarded a letter requesting them to vacate the office space by January 1, 1973, as they had been given sufficient time to relocate; seconded by Mr. Guy and concurred in by Mr. Bowles.

Installation of Security Light Between Parking Lot and Jail

The Sheriff's Department requested that a security light be installed outside the jail, near the parking lot. It is difficult when they bring prisoners in at night.

Watershed Site #1 Deeds Recorded

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that seven (7) deeds had been acquired and recorded for Site #1 of the Watershed. The only two pieces of property outstanding are J. A. Owens and the Jones heirs. The greatest problem is with the Jones heirs. He had called Mr. "Red" Focer to get a description of the property and was informed there was a change that had come up and would get it worked out.

Attorney Wigginton had informed him that the County Commissioners might have to pay a little more. They had been paying \$200.00 an acre. The Jones heirs have not replied to recent correspondence. Attorney Weiner does not know whether the Jones heirs will accept \$200.00 an acre. This must be completed by the early part of January.

Lease for Additional Space being Used by District Court

Mr. Paul R. Raley presented the Commissioners with the lease for the additional space being used by District Court. Four (4) copies are to be signed for 386 square feet at \$3.25 per square foot or a total of \$104.55 per month.

Attorney Weiner had made a recommendation that the rent appeared to be very small and the Commissioners should check with other Counties to determine if St. Mary's County is securing the proper amount of rent.

Mr. Raley had originally checked with Mr. Badger, Deputy Secretary, and has asked for \$4.00 per square foot. The State sent someone down to review the situation, and it was stated that the premises were downstairs. Had they been upstairs, they would have paid \$3.50. A contract was signed for \$3.25 per square foot and the additional space would rent for the same.

Mr. Raley stated he had checked with Mr. Joseph Murnane of the Maryland Association of Counties, who stated those Counties receiving \$4.00 per square foot were renting first floor locations.

The Commissioners voted unanimously to sign the lease.

McKay's Beach Erosion Control

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported as requested by the Commissioners on the shore erosion control work to be done at McKay's Beach.

The property owners are to be notified of the plans and specifications and the possible costs. A hearing would be held with the date of hearing being advertised for two weeks. In letting the contract, it would go to the lowest bidder. Bonds would be required and there would be a time limit for completion. The County would be required to place a levy or assessment on the property owners and they would be notified as to what the assessment would be. This is in line with the Tall Timbers agreement. It would be up to the County to make the money available and have it refunded through the assessments. The County becomes the sponsors.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to what was the next step, to which Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that the plans and specifications have to be revised. Provided the State has the money available, McKay's Beach would receive \$150,000, interest free.

Mr. Bowles suggested that the necessary steps be taken to finalize the project, and that Mr. Paul Raley should meet with Mr. John B. Norris, Assistant County Engineer, and contact the Department of Natural Resources to determine if the plans and specifications need revision. Also, contact the property owners at McKay's Beach to assure their continued interest.

Tool Box for County Truck Used by the State Highway Administration

Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that a call had been received from the office of Mr. Louis B. "Kingfish" Mattingly of the State Highway

Administration garage to have a tool box installed for the radio and equipment on the County truck.

Mr. Paul Raley informed the Commissioners that it is a metal box that houses the radio outside the truck.

Mr. John B. Norris stated that he had seen the box and most of the trucks are being equipped with these boxes for storage of tools and equipment.

Mr. Guy inquired about the wooden box that was attached to the old truck. Mr. Norris informed him that it was too large for the new truck.

It was moved by Mr. Aud that the bill for the tool box be paid; seconded by Mr. Guy and concurred in by Mr. Bowles.

Mr. Bowles stated that in the future the box should be part of the specifications in advertising for bids for trucks used by the County.

Request for Payment of Costs in
Appeal of Mrs. Betty Jean Kraft

Mr. Paul R. Raley read correspondence from the law firm of Myerberg and Salen requesting payment of \$194.70 for the original and two (2) copies of the transcript of the lower court record and \$20.00 filing fee, representing costs of the appeal of Mrs. Betty J. Kraft, Criminal No. 86.

Attorney Weiner stated that a Mandate would be received by the Commissioners for payment of these costs and to await the receipt of such mandate before paying this bill.

Request for Removal of Railroad Tracks

The County Commissioners received a request from Mr. James Simpson, President of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, that Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Smith be given permission to remove the railroad tracks in front of their home. Their residence is the last one on Route 5 in Charles County, approaching St. Mary's County.

The County Commissioners had stipulated that they would discontinue granting permission for removal of any more track. They

instructed that the letter be acknowledged and that a decision would be rendered at a later date.

Mr. Guy informed the Commissioners that a letter is forthcoming from Judge Dudley Diggs to have track removed in front of Charlotte Hall Military Academy.

Blue Ribbon Trailer Committee Meeting

The County Commissioners received a letter from Mr. Daniel Donnelly, Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Trailer Committee, stating that the Committee had set a marithon meeting for Sunday, December 17, 1972 at St. Mary's College of Maryland. He requested the Commissioners to pay for the College to send in lunch at a cost of \$15.00.

It was moved by Mr. Aud that the request be granted; seconded by Mr. Guy and concurred in by Mr. Bowles.

Confiscated Cars

Mr. Paul R. Raley informed the Commissioners that Mr. Robert E. King, Jr., Superintendent of Schools was interested in securing some of the confiscated cars to be used in the Automobile Shop at the Technical Center.

Mr. Guy mentioned the letter that had been received from Mr. Lester Kraft requesting an explanation for the confiscation of his car.

Attorney Weiner stated the car was forfeited by the Court and the County Commissioners could sell it. This car was valued at \$2,000, and they have the legal right to sell it. Mr. Kraft could bid on it along with others.

Mr. Bowles requested that the Commissioners be supplied with a list of the confiscated cars, excluding those that are to be bid on this afternoon and those requested by the Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department, in order that a decision could be made this week.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Paul R. Raley to send a letter to Mr. Kraft informing him that he may bid on the car when a sale is held.

It was also brought to the attention of the Commissioners that the law firm of Guyther and Raley had requested the return of the car belonging to Mr. Thomas Wilson, as the case had been dismissed by the Judge. There are storage costs in the amount of \$42.00.

Mr. Bowles inquired if the County would be liable for the storage costs.

Attorney Weiner explained that there was no petition for forfeiture, and this case was prior to July 1 and does come under the jurisdiction of the County.

Mr. Raley stated that Mrs. Wilson informed him that the car is not worth \$42.00 to her. It is one of those stored at the State Highway Administration garage.

Mr. Guy is of the opinion that these expenses should be borne by the Sheriff's Department and he should include such fees within his budget.

Attorney Weiner stated that the Sheriff should be cautioned in confiscating cars that would be of no value. This is a legal obligation of the County and must be borne by them.

It was moved by Mr. Guy that Mr. Wilson's car be released to him without any expenses; seconded by Mr. Aud and concurred in by Mr. Bowles.

Bids on Revenue Sharing Funds for Deposit

Present: Mr. John Daugherty, Maryland Bank and Trust Company
Mr. B. Kennedy Abell, Maryland National Bank
Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

The following bids were received in the Office of the County Commissioners for the investment of Revenue Sharing Funds:

Maryland Bank and Trust Company-\$570,184-Six Month Certificate of Deposit at the rate of 5.56% for a period of six months. Security through escrow agreement with Irving Trust Company.

Maryland National Bank-\$570,184-for a period of six months at 5.60% rate, which will earn the Commissioners \$15,965.15. Security per list on file with Finance Office.

The First National Bank of St. Mary's-\$570,184-Six month Certificate of Deposit at the rate of 5.40%-Secured by \$600,000 of securities. Also Treasury bills due June 30, 1973 at 5.20+ in lieu of the Certificate of Deposit.

Mr. Sterling stated that he would like to verify some figures and he would give the Commissioners the information after lunch.

Mr. Bowles thanked the bank representatives for meeting with them.

Mr. Sterling informed the Commissioners that another Revenue Sharing check would be expected in January. He thanked the bank representatives for such a quick response.

After lunch Mr. Sterling returned and reported the bids were in order and also stated that the Federal Land Bank was offering 5.42%.

The bid was awarded to Maryland National Bank by a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners, at 5.60%.

Reinvestment of Notes Now Due

Present: Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance
Patty Muchow, WPTX
Christie Selph, St. Mary's Beacon
Dick Myers, WKIK

Mr. B. Harris Sterling presented the Commissioners with a check in the amount of \$103,000 to be signed and reinvested. This check represented notes that had become due and were paid. This money will be invested for 120 days. Mr. Bowles requested Mr. Sterling to give the County Commissioners two weeks' notice prior to Certificates of Deposit becoming due, so time would be allowed for competitive bids on monies not needed for operational expenses.

Sheriff's Request for Additional Men for Jail

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, reported to the Commissioners that the Sheriff was given four (4) additional men July 11, 1972, whom he designated as Deputies, to man the jail. They were not provided for in the budget. This money came from the Contingency Fund. Now he is asking for four (4) extra men. Any permanent person must attend the Police Training School. This involves a job-overlapping of those in school. It is up to the Com-

missioners whether they consider this an emergency, and if so, it may be taken from the Emergency Fund. This would be an additional increase in the Sheriff's budget for fiscal year in the amount of \$13,000. However, in July, 1972 four (4) additional Deputies were hired over the present budget at a cost of \$28,804 plus social security, retirement, hospitalization and other operational expenses such as, but not limited to uniforms and equipment. Mr. Sterling queried as to whether this was a justified request, and is it appropriate for it to be taken from the Contingency Fund.

A lengthy discussion was held on this matter, especially as to whether crime in St. Mary's County warrants this increase. Mr. Aud stated that at a recent LEAJ meeting it was reported that crime was very low in St. Mary's County.

Mr. Sterling stated that under the Police Protection Bill, they have been sending back to St. Mary's County approximately 50% for "police work only". For the County serving papers and sending prisoners up the road they receive 10%. They will be cutting Police Protection Funds by keeping four (4) men in the jail. They are receiving \$120,000 now in a grant from the State.

Mr. Guy stated that nothing has been brought to the attention of the Commissioners that there is an emergency situation at hand. He suggested that the matter be tabled for another week and the request be justified. The Sheriff should submit back history of what has happened in past years, and statistics developed over the past two years.

Construction of Low-Cost Housing by
Housing Authority of St. Mary's County

Present: Mr. Donald Curtis, St. Mary's County Housing Authority

Mr. Donald Curtis, representing Dr. J. Patrick Jarboe, Chairman of the St. Mary's County Housing Authority, presented a letter from Dr. Jarboe to the Commissioners.

The letter informed the Commissioners that the Housing Authority is about to have constructed a subdivision of 40 homes, to be leased or sub-leased to low income families. They are to be built by F. M. O'Neal, Inc., and located south of the Naval Air Station.

Dr. Jarboe stated that this was an urgent matter as they were desirous of taking advantage of the good bond market and enclosed the form to be executed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Bowles informed Mr. Curtis that the Commissioners have expressed their willingness to cooperate with them; However, the

Authority has decided to locate their project in the AICUZ noise area of the NATC. He had asked Dr. Jarboe to secure a letter from Capt. T. J. Kilcline stating the position of the Naval Air Station as to the location of this development. Capt. Kilcline had called and said he would send the letter. The Commissioners would not like to make a decision until such letter has been received. The County Commissioners would not like to do anything that would adversely affect the Authority or NATC. This project is a little south of the Cedar Cove project.

Mr. Curtis informed the Commissioners that the document he is requesting them to sign would not have any bearing on any particular site.

Mr. Guy questioned the form presented. He felt the Resolution should be redrawn to express the exact site for the 40 units. This site has been approved by HUD.

Mr. Bowles inquired as to the Site approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Curtis stated he did not know, but it is a previously approved and recorded site for housing. Mr. Curtis showed a map of site location which was reviewed by all. They instructed Mr. Curtis to secure information on what type of subdivision has been approved, and they would wait until they received Capt. Kilcline's letter.

Petition for a Bill Requiring Cash Deposits
on All Beer and Beverage Containers

Present: Miss Karen Smith, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Mr. Jimmie Higgs, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Miss Smith and Mr. Higgs presented to the Commissioners a nine (9) page petition requiring cash deposits on all bottles and cans, hoping that this will help to eliminate some of the litter problem.

Miss Smith, acting as spokesman, stated that St. Mary's County is mostly for tourism, and if you want to attract the tourists, you cannot have litter on the road. There is a 1,200 acre historic site at St. Mary's City, the Naval Base, St. Mary's River Watershed Park and many other historic places in St. Mary's County. Many people are very frustrated with the present conditions. The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other groups could pick up these bottles and cans and make a little money for their treasuries. They secured the

signatures on weekends, and everyone seemed very interested and thought it was a great idea, and perhaps the only way to get rid of the problem.

Mr. Higgs stated that he feels that if you can get the college students involved, he knows that you can get the older people also. They had secured approximately 321 names and there were more which they had not picked up.

The Commissioners commended them very highly and hoped they would continue their efforts and get other young people interested in the project. They were requested to present copies of their document to the legislative delegation.

Department of Recreation Projects

Present: Mr. John V. Baggett, Director, Dept. of Recreation & Parks
Mr. Ed Atkins, Supervisor of Recreation
Mrs. Betsy Barley, Member Recreation & Parks Board
Rev. Daniel Stone
Mr. John Eaton

Mr. Baggett stated that he had several things that he wished to bring before the Commissioners, all of which had been taken up and approved by the Recreation and Parks Board.

He would like to purchase 44 acres of property in the Laurel Grove area, which is a small farm. This property had been used this fall for "Blood Manor". It is on Mary Dixon Road and fronts on Route 235. It will make a nice park, as the soil is sandy, has a stream running through the property, and is fairly centrally located. It is close to the St. Joseph project and in the area of the King Kennedy Estates.

Mr. Stewart Allen, the planner, agreed that it is an ideal location. Mr. Baggett stated the property is on the market now and the asking price is \$1,500 an acre, and is probably not out of line. He proposes to offer them \$1,200 an acre, at a total cost of \$52,000. He would receive a 100% grant from the State. He would like to take up the option to buy and there should be no problems from the State.

The first development would be a ball diamond and he felt they should move to acquire the property. There is approximately 300 ft. fronting on State Route 235. The boundary survey would be part of the grant. The property is presently owned by Mazie Graves.

Mr. Bowles asked if Mr. or Mrs. Graves would give a 60 day option to have an appraisal made, and if they could agree on the appraisal figure it could be extended six months. He suggested that the Commissioners look at the land, and he would be ready to do so at the convenience of the others.

Mr. Baggett stated his next project was an amphitheatre in Lexington Park. The property is back of Great Mills High School. Tennis and basketball courts are in existence. When the site plan was made in 1968, the amphitheatre had been included. It would be done in stages. The cost without the lights, grading and seeding would be \$34,300. The Federal government will give them 50% for the project, the State 25% and the remaining 25% would be the local share, which amount will be advanced by the Bay District Council in the amount of \$8,500. The \$8,500 is most of the \$8,800 proceeds realized from "Blood Manor". He would like to move on with this particular project. The teenagers are requesting band concerts and this is the place to give the concerts. In this project he has excluded Items 6 and 8. The reason for excluding them is to have this open by this summer. Item #6 is \$8,000 for lights. Item #8 is \$1,500 for grading including top soil. He will rent the lights, but include them in his budget for next year.

Mr. Baggett told the Commissioners he wanted them to know that this was the first time that a recreation council had offered the Commissioners a large sum of money.

Mr. Bowles stated that he thought it was very nice that they would do this. It was moved by Mr. Guy that the proposal for the amphitheatre be accepted; seconded by Mr. Aud and unanimously carried.

Mr. Baggett informed the Commissioners that some members of the Little League Ball Club had appeared at the last meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board, which represents approximately 600 boys. They stated that in order to keep these boys playing they will need a certain number of ball diamonds. He feels they need one 90' diamond at Charlotte Hall, two 60' diamonds near Dynard School, one 90' diamond at Camp St. Florence and one 60' diamond at the American Legion Hall in Avenue.

These would be temporary ball diamonds and would have to be built by a contractor. He would like to proceed to put up temporary back stops and do necessary work in order to put them in. To do this, he would like to use a certain amount in the maintenance budget, which was allotted to maintenance personnel. Due to problems getting position classification this money was not expended.

It will run in the neighborhood of \$3,000, which he would like to transfer out of salaries into General Maintenance.

Mr. Bowles suggested he develop a site location cost and submit to Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, for budget approval and then they will act on his request.

Mr. Baggett's next proposal was a Teen Center for the Lexington Park area.

There was a survey done recently for a YMCA in the County which failed to materialize. People have been asking for a building for a Community Center, mostly for the Lexington Park area and for teenagers to carry on their activities. The YMCA stated in their survey in order to provide such a site it would be between one-half to one million dollars. If the County puts up the building and does not go as far as the YMCA proposed to go, it would include meeting rooms, counsellor's room, etc., at a cost of approximately \$250,000.

There is a building available in Lexington Park and will not cost nearly the \$250,000, which is the Hopkins Building.

Mr. Bowles inquired if an operational cost estimate had been developed for this, to which Mr. Baggett replied yes and submitted copies to the Commissioners. The total expense would be \$15,942.00. In one year they would get back \$6,870.00 and possibly all of it.

Mr. Baggett stated he had talked with Mr. Ed Atkins and Mr. Edward Cox about getting the teenagers off the street. He hoped to get it going sometime in February. The first and last month's rent would have to be paid in advance.

It is an ideal location. There is some parking in the back, but not what he would like to see. He would make an investigation regarding parking.

Rev. Stone stated that he would like to speak very highly of the Teen Center. The one the church operated had to close because of the costs to the church. He found tremendous support in the community for such a Center. From his point of view, he feels this is the most important thing that Mr. Baggett proposed today. Mr. Baggett further stated that Rev. Stone was correct, because this is very important. In closing remarks Mr. Baggett said if they do not purchase land somewhere in the County, it will be very hard later. Mrs. Barley stated she hoped they would purchase the land.

New Siren for Leonardtown Fire Department

Mr. Paul Raley presented a letter from Mr. Otis Wood of the Emergency Control Center, in which he requested a new siren for the Leonardtown Fire Department. The present one is 20 years old. There is money in the budget and the cost would be \$1,339.65.

The Commissioners unanimously approved purchase of the siren, subject to budget verification.

Request for Phones in Courtroom

Judge Joseph Mattingly sent a request to the Commissioners to have two phones installed in the Courtroom. Mr. Raley is to check with the Judge for exact location of installation of these phones.

Proclamation for 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Paul R. Raley requested the Commissioners to sign a Proclamation honoring the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lumpkins.

Bid Opening for Confiscated Cars

There were no bids received for these cars.

Office Space for Department of Social Services

Present: Mr. Joseph Carter, Director, Dept. of Social Services
Mrs. Mary Salisbury, Div. of Employment Security
Monsignor Francis J. Veith, Board of Dir., Social Services
Mr. Purnell Frederick, Board of Dir., Social Services
Rev. Daniel Stone, Board of Dir., Social Services

Monsignor Veith was spokesman for the group. He stated that they had a committee do a study of the needs of Social Services. The present building is not serving their needs as there is inadequate space. It was the decision of the Board to bring it to the County Commissioners. It would mean either an addition to the present building or looking into a new building. They felt a new building would be necessary because of problems in the present building, especially downstairs.

They had thought in terms of a Community Service Building where other agencies could occupy space. Mrs. Salisbury investigated with other agencies as to moving in with them. Juvenile Services was

concerned about a location. This was well received by many agencies of the County for a multi-service building.

There is still a six-month's lease on the present building with an option for another year. They must still think about it since it is a County problem.

Mr. Carter stated they brought it to the Commissioners because agencies of similar type should be centrally located. Persons coming into the building would have all of them in the same building. At present they have Employment Services and WIN program, which are also in their office. For St. Mary's County he does not know whether it would have to be County financed and the Department of Social Services be another agency in the building.

Mrs. Salisbury stated that the Youth Commission, Health Department, WIN, Juvenile Services, Veterans Administration, Adult Public Assistance, Red Cross, Salvation Army and Employment Services all expressed a need for a multi-service building. The Youth Commission needs immediate space. Juvenile Services feels they must be in immediate proximity to the Courthouse. The Health Department was very interested. Dr. Marek stated he has worked where there has been a group of services in one building. Mrs. Salisbury felt Leonardtown was one of the best locations for interagency cooperation.

Mr. Carter stated that after January 1, 1974, because of the Federal program effective after that date, there will be a need for additional space.

Mr. Guy inquired as to how much they are paying in rent now. Mr. Carter stated \$13,044 per annum, for 5,279 square feet. The County is paying \$1,200 for the Employment Security Office. There are fifty-two employees in the building at the present time. The building was built ten years ago, but the programs have changed, so more space is needed to do the added programs.

Rev. Stone stated that they will expand more. A 10% growth is allowed for a five-year period. They need an additional 6,000 square feet. They have had 365 people pass through there is one day.

Mr. Bowles inquired if any of them had explored the availability of any buildings in the area that might be available, such as Leonard Hall, Ryken High School, and would the buildings lend

themselves to such use as they had explained.

Mr. Carter stated that it was the thoughts of the Board that they had to do something about a building. Maybe the present building could be renovated.

Mr. Bowles explained that the Commissioners were in the same position. This building they are asking for should be a newly constructed building due to the type of building they are requesting.

Rev. Stone stated preferably new construction. The present building is not adaptable to what they envision. Would the owners of the building want to do the extensive remodeling required?

The Technical Center Site or the Fairgrounds Site were mentioned as well as two stories on top of the Civil Defense Building, but at the last site there would be no parking available.

Monsignor Veith asked the Commissioners if they have a first option on the Leonard Hall property. The possibility of closing the school came up last year. He does not know how the school is making out now.

Mr. Bowles asked if Monsignor Veith or Rev. Stone could arrange for the Commissioners to meet with the Brothers at Leonard Hall.

Rev. Stone stated he would see the Headmaster and let the Commissioners know within a day or two.

Economic Plan for St. Mary's County

The Commissioners discussed the services of Mr. Galloway and it was moved by Mr. Guy that they would not accept the services of Mr. Bruce Galloway for Planner and would appreciate it if Mr. Elenowitz would attempt to find someone else to fill that capacity; seconded by Mr. Aud and unanimously carried.

Mr. John Norris is to forward a letter to the State Agency asking them to exercise all possible efforts to locate another person.

Tri-County CAMPS Committee

Mr. Bowles read a letter from Mr. John T. McGucken informing the Commissioners of the nomination for appointment to the Southern Maryland Area Ancillary Manpower Planning Board of certain persons. The list was attached to the letter.

The Commissioners felt that since Mr. McGucken did not keep his appointment with them, they would let stand any appointments made by him. The letter and list of appointees is on file in the County Commissioners' Office.

Waring Associates Letter

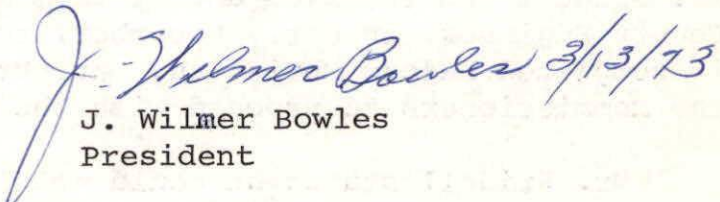
The Commissioners instructed the secretary to forward a reply to the letter received from the Waring Associates, Inc., requesting their permission to visit a Sewerage Treatment Plant in New Jersey in conjunction with their applying for a Treatment Plant for Breton Bay Estates, that the Commissioners were in the process of updating the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan and were in no position at the present time to honor their request. The plan would be updated by June 30, 1973.

Planning Commission

Upon becoming President of the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles removed himself from the payroll of the Planning Commission effective December 12, 1972. He also removed himself as a member of the Planning Commission effective December 19, 1972.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Approved,

 3/13/73
J. Wilmer Bowles
President