

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGTuesday, May 1, 1973 and Wednesday, May 2, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
 Commissioner George R. Aud
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 9:15 a.m.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Present: Stanley Donaldson, Financial Consultant
 John Little, C.P.A., David Gruber & Co.

Dr. Robert E. King, Superintendent of Schools)
 E. H. Ocker, President) St. Mary's
 Henry Kanowicz, Director of Business Admin.) County
 James Ogden, Director of Instruction) Board of
 Catherine W. Barnes, Vice President) Education
 Clarence Davis)
 Wilbur Dohrman, Supervisor of Instruction)
 William Hewlett)

Charles Purcell, MSTA
 John Cross)
 Alvis Mealy) CTA
 Walt Frazier)

Dave Fox, WPTX

Mr. Ocker stated the Board of Education was concerned that the funds available from Federal and State sources may be all they are going to receive. As far as financial management is concerned the only substantial expenditure in the Board of Education Budget is salaries. They would not be able to make financial management to compensate for increases or decreases. Mr. Ocker said further concern is the cut of percentage increase for the maintenance and custodial people. Mr. Ocker requested \$57,554 more for their budget to take care of the salaries for custodial people.

Dr. King said this would have an impact on the entire school program and the custodial people are at the bottom of the salary scale.

Mr. Little said he would like to comment on Mr. Ocker's remarks concerning Federal and State funding. The only area concerned is the P.L. 874 funds.

Commissioner Bowles stated the change in the custodial salaries was on the basis that the teachers only got a step increase last year and not the percentage increase, but the custodians received a step increase and a percentage increase last year.

Mr. Kanowicz stated the custodians are underpaid and the Board of Education is trying to get them up to a reasonable level. Dr. King said the custodians have been "moonlighting" to try to make ends meet.

Mr. Cross said after many of the custodians are trained, they leave to work at NAS. Sometimes the Board of Education has to hire someone nobody else wants.

Commissioner Bowles stated the Commissioners would consider this request and the Board of Education would be advised if there is a change and what the change would be.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1

Present: John Hall, Soil Conservation Service
Joseph Weiner, County Attorney

Mr. and Mrs. Jarret Dorsey)
Mrs. Janice Clark) Jones heirs

Mr. Hall explained the purpose of the Watershed project, stating that it is primarily for two reasons - flood control and to provide recreational facilities in the form of a large lake.

Mr. Dorsey said he would like to have the property surveyed to established points. Mrs. Clark asked if the County would survey all of their property consisting of 132½ acres. Mr. Hall said only the part of the property to be purchased would be surveyed.

Mr. Dorsey asked about a road leading to his property and Mr. Hall stated the road closest to their property would be State Route 5, which is 1-1/3 miles.

Mrs. Clark stated she had been promised to be paid if she named the heirs. Mr. Weiner explained that Mr. Wigginton, who was the County Attorney at that time, had promised Mrs. Clark \$250 for expenses in getting in touch with the heirs. Mr. Weiner stated that he would recommend the County Commissioners fulfill this promise and pay her.

Mrs. Clark asked if the County was going to sell the property to the State. The Land Acquisition Office had the plans for the watershed project with the exception of Site 1. Commissioner Bowles said the County is acquiring the land for Site 1. The only responsibility of the State for Site 1 is the development of the project. Commissioner Guy stated it was a cooperative agreement. The County must purchase land in Site 1 and the State must purchase the land for Site 2.

Mrs. Clark stated that, due to the fact that their property is of importance, the other heirs had spoken to her and they would like to have \$500 per acre. Commissioner Guy stated it would be difficult to justify spending \$500 per acre when other property was

acquired at \$200 per acre, particularly since trees on their property had not re-seeded themselves and had not grown in 25 years. Mr. Dorsey stated he believed the trees had been cut down. Mrs. Dorsey stated the idea behind the project (flood control) would justify the payment.

After much discussion, it was decided \$400 per acre would be paid to the Jones heirs. Mr. Weiner is to draw up the deed for Mrs. Clark to present to the heirs stating that they would be paid \$400 per acre. Also, Mrs. Clark is to receive \$250 for reimbursement of her expenses in contacting the heirs and obtaining their signatures. Mrs. Clark is to arrange a central meeting place for the heirs to meet and sign the deed. A separate deed is to be sent to the heir residing in California. The deed is to be signed by all heirs, all signatures must be notarized and the deed must then be returned to Mr. Weiner.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Patty Muchow, Beacon
 Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
 Dave Fox, WPTX
 Dick Myers, WKIK

The regular monthly press conference was held at this time. The tape is on file in the Commissioners' office.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES

SIGNING OF THE 1973-74 BUDGET - Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the Budget for the year beginning July 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. The budget is in the amount of \$12,144,591 and was signed by all Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 73-12 (TALL TIMBERS EROSION TAX) - Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the Resolution setting the Tall Timbers Erosion Tax at \$2.00 per \$100 assessment. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Said Resolution was signed by all Commissioners.

RESOLUTION 73-13 (1973-74 BUDGET AND TAX RATE) - The Board of County Commissioners convened in special session with Mr. Harris Sterling, Secretary of the Board of Estimates, to review and adopt the St. Mary's County Budget for the fiscal year 1973-74.

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the overall budget for St. Mary's County in the amount of \$12,144,591. The tax rate was fixed at \$2.55.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to establish the budget at \$12,144,591 and the tax rate at \$2.55, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Said Resolution was signed by all Commissioners.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-14 (LOCAL INCOME TAX) - Commissioner Aud made a motion to establish the local income "piggyback" tax at 50% of the State income tax liability. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Said Resolution was signed by all Commissioners.

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Wednesday, May 2, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
 Commissioner George R. Aud
 Judith Mullins, Recording Secretary

Also present were: Dave Fox, WPTX; Dick Myers, WKIK; Patty Muchow, Beacon.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

REQUEST TO MAKE VISTA ROAD A STATE ROAD

Present: Albert Focer, Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill

Kenneth Sumner)
 Murray Tingle) Developers of Sotterley Manor

Mr. Focer stated they would like to make Vista Road a State road and proceed with the development thereon.

Mr. Sumner said with the State Board of Public Works' acquisition of the 300 acre Thomas Bond Property to expand the Greenwell State Park and the decision of the Sotterley Trustees to relocate the Manor's public entryway from Hollywood Road to Vista Road this would increase the traffic on Vista Road. Mr. Sumner stated he would like a letter from the County Commissioners stating the County is interested in doing this.

Commissioner Bowles said the Commissioners have a petition from the residents of Vista Road in which they stated the road is very crooked, hazardous and in poor condition. Mr. Sumner said the State would like to see if the County is interested.

Commissioner Bowles said if the road remains a County road we would have to determine who would make improvements on the road to service additional residents that would be there. If the State takes over this road, it should serve a County need as well as a neighborhood need. There has got to be some intention expressed on the part of the State, whether by memorandum of understanding or letter of intent, to make these improvements and stating the date said improvements would be made. Also, a survey team should determine where the right of way would be and how it would affect residents on this road.

Commissioner Bowles asked if Mr. Sumner would agree to develop Vista Road to Route 235. Mr. Sumner stated he would not because his development would not begin to pay for that, and he did not feel that his development would create a large amount of traffic in the next five years.

Commissioner Bowles stated that before any decision is made the Commissioners would have to discuss it, and the people on Vista Road should be made aware of why this was being considered.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY BENEFIT AIR FAIR

Present: Bob Morazes, Manager - St. Mary's County Airport

Mr. Morazes stated May 19 will be the St. Mary's County Benefit Air Fair which will promote the airport and help the mentally retarded. He would like the Commissioners to proclaim May 12 through May 19 To Help the Mentally Retarded Week. It will be started with a Charity Ball and the Air Fair will be at the end of the week.

Mr. Morazes said the grass needed cutting at the Airport. The Commissioners informed him he should talk with John Baggett of Recreation and Parks about getting the grass cut. His department has the equipment.

Mr. Morazes listed the following to be done before the Air Fair: fence repaired, chain around access gates, a grader or bulldozer to grade off entrance road, parking area needed 800 feet of surfacing. Ten feet to the southside of the approach was cleared off last year and grass was planted, but it would take a dumpload of dirt and a steamroller to make a road to the parking area. John Norris is to accompany Mr. Morazes to the Airport to determine what work is needed to be done and how it should be done.

Commissioner Guy asked if some of the cleared areas could be used for baseball or softball fields. Mr. Morazes said it was a good possibility, but the fence would be in the way. Commissioner Aud stated it would be best to talk to the Airport Commission because they may have some ideas.

VALLEY LEE AND RIDGE DUMPS

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that at the Ridge Dump the existing trash could be compacted with another layer of dirt and this should make the dump last another year. This would have to be done this summer and would cost approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Valley Lee Dump will be out of space by mid-summer and a transfer station should be set up. Site preparation would cost about \$26,000. If County operated, with purchase of the necessary disposal boxes and truck, it would cost approximately \$40,000. The annual operating expense of the transfer station would be \$8,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Norris said consideration should be given as to

which would be the best alternative; the County purchasing the equipment themselves or to let a contract out for the operation. Mr. Norris is to check with Harris Sterling to determine if Revenue Sharing can be used if contracted.

LANDFILL HOURS

Present: John Norris

The landfills are to be opened until 5:00 p.m. effective May 7, 1973. Mr. Norris is to advertise that the time has been changed.

TRAILER AT VALLEY LEE DUMP

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated he was going to advertise for sale the trailer located at the Valley Lee Dump.

BIDS ON 3/4 TON TRUCK

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris said there was a discrepancy between the specifications and what was bid for. Bell Motor Company, the lowest bidder, had a different style body than was specified. Mr. Norris is to determine if Bell Motor Company will supply the body as specified at the bid price. He is also to determine whether or not McKay Implement, the second lowest bidder, bid on the body as set forth in the specifications, and he is to obtain from McKay Implement and Bell Motor Company a letter certifying same and identifying the body to Mr. Norris' satisfaction.

BILLS APPROVED

Present: John Norris

The following bills were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners:

Washington Post - Bill dated April 11, 1973 (for advertisement of Planner, Inspector and Technician)	\$ 670.26
National Home Inspection Service - Bill dated April 10 (for inspection of Health Department Building, Lexington Park)	\$ 135.00
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill - Invoice No. 3 2597 (for stake out of Richneck Road for grading).	\$2,219.83
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill - Invoice No. 3 2681 (for deed descriptions of St. Andrew's Church Landfill entrance)	\$ 50.00

LEXINGTON PARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPAIRS

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated the Health Department in Lexington Park needed repairs; roof needed replacing, wood around top needed replacing, also new flashings. The Commissioners need Dr. Marek's recommendations before they make a decision.

TANNER CREEK SHORE EROSION

Present: Louise Blosser, President, Tanner Creek Citizens Assoc.
Paul Raley, Administrative Officer
Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Raley stated he had talked with Captain Hutchins of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, Department of Natural Resources, to determine if the dredging of the channel and the jetty could be done at the same time as the shore erosion work. Captain Hutchins gave an estimated figure of \$100,000 to do the added work. Mrs. Blosser said she spoke with Mr. Cassanova of the Department of Natural Resources and he thought \$30,000 would be a reasonable figure.

Commissioner Bowles asked Mrs. Blosser if she would like the Commissioners to approve the shore erosion control work without the channel and jetty or would she want to wait and do the entire project at one time. Mrs. Blosser said she would like to go along with the entire project.

Mrs. Blosser asked Mr. Sterling if Tanner Creek was declared a shore erosion district would everyone in the area be required to pay the assessment. Mr. Sterling said if 75% of the people agree to it, all are obligated to pay.

Mr. Raley said a public hearing would have to be held to inform the property owners of Tanner Creek the rate they will be assessed. If they approve the rate, the Commissioners will proceed with making it a shore erosion district.

Commissioner Bowles explained to Mrs. Blosser if there is any delay, the cost may be greater and they may lose their priority. Mrs. Blosser agreed that it may be better to go ahead with the shore erosion project and take care of the channel later. Mrs. Blosser was to advise the Commissioners of a decision after the meeting of the Association to be held on the following Sunday.

Commissioner Guy left the meeting at this time.

ALCOHOL ADDICTION COORDINATOR

The request from the Health Department to supplement \$2,000 to the salary for Addiction Coordinator was disapproved by the County Commissioners.

RABIES PROGRAM

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the County not pay part of the fee for the rabies inoculations. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

Present: Paul Raley

A letter was received from Dr. Richard Martin stating Mr. James M. McKay has offered to transfer deed to 10 acres of land to St. Mary's County Developmental Center for the Mentally Retarded. This property, a parcel of the farm known as Woodpecker, Three Corners and Stone's Adventure, also adjoins the railroad right of way owned by St. Mary's County. The Developmental Center requests the Commissioners to grant a waiver for right of way across the tracks from State Route 235. Commissioner Bowles stated the Commissioners should have the location of this right of way and the width so we can relate it to other crossings of the railroad right of way, to be in a position to determine if it is necessary or if an existing crossing can be used. Commissioner Aud said it cannot be granted in a fee simple conveyance or by easement.

STATE LOTTERY

Present: Paul Raley

A letter was received from James P. Slicher, Director of the State Lottery Agency, asking if St. Mary's County would be interested in opening a Claims Center, requiring the use of a County employee and office space. St. Mary's County would be reimbursed \$.20 for each valid claim form. Mr. Raley is to write to Mr. Slicher that due to lack of office space we are in no position to provide this service.

INDIAN CREEK ESTATES

Present: Paul Raley

In response to a request made by Oliver Guyther on the development of Indian Creek Estates at the April 3rd meeting of the County Commissioners, Commissioner Bowles made a motion that in order for Mr. Guyther to get approval of the County Commissioners he be required to obtain an additional 20 foot right of way leading from the development to State Route 5 and to improve Oaks Cooksey Swamp Road in accordance with the plans and specifications to be developed by John Norris, Assistant County Engineer. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion.

PARKING PROBLEM AT BAYSIDE ROAD AND STATE ROUTE 243

Present: Paul Raley

A copy of a letter from Comments Recreation Council to Sheriff Larry Williams was received stating 50 to 75 cars are parked

on the road shoulders during the baseball games at the field opposite Rex's Store in Compton, causing a hazardous condition on Bayside Road and State Route 243. Mr. Raley is to write to State Police requesting a study and recommendations be made on the complaint and to enclose a copy of the letter sent to Sheriff Williams.

OFFICE FURNITURE FOR PLANNER

Present: Paul Raley

A desk, chair and bookcase at a total cost of \$324 is needed for Mr. Willard, Planner, who will be working full time May 14. Commissioner Aud made a motion these items be purchased, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS FOR ASSESSORS' OFFICE

Present: Paul Raley

Commissioner Aud made a motion that two IBM electric typewriters be purchased for the Assessors' Office subject to Harris Sterling's approval that the money is available in the budget; Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

SECTION 12-C BRETON BAY

Present: Henry T. (Tom) Waring, Developer

Mr. Waring stated Section 12-C of Breton Bay had received concept approval by Planning and Zoning October 24, 1972, subject to "perc" tests. Because of the December 26 policy on subdivisions, the Health Department must receive a letter from the County Commissioners giving approval for the "perc" tests to be run. The Commissioners will review the plat and give Mr. Waring a reply.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

J. Wilmer Bowles 5/29/73
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President