

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGTuesday, May 8, 1973 and Wednesday, May 9, 1973

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

The meeting came to order at 9:30 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Estimates of April 24-25, 1973, were read and corrected.

The minutes of the Special Meeting (St. Mary's Leased Housing) of April 26, 1973 were read and corrected.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Estimates (Board of Education Budget) of April 30, 1973 were read and corrected.

The minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Estimates of May 1-2, 1973 were read and corrected.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17-18, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Guy and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

ROAD POLICY OF DECEMBER 26, 1972 (Health Department)

A letter was sent to the Health Department stating it was the responsibility of the Health Department to approve perc tests and not the County Commissioners.

JOSEPH M. O'BRIEN TRAILER PARK

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the letter approving the Joseph M. O'Brien Trailer Park be signed by Commissioner Bowles, seconded by Commissioner Guy and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

BID OPENING ON INVESTMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director
 B. Kennedy Abell, Maryland National Bank
 Gene Plank, Maryland Bank and Trust

The following bids were received for investment of \$325,000 Road Account Funds for 90 days and \$184,301 Revenue Sharing Funds for 180 days:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>MATURITY</u>	<u>First Nat'l Bank</u>	<u>Md. Nat'l</u>	<u>Md. Bank & Trust</u>
\$325,000 (Road Acct. Funds)	90 days	7 1/8% (89 days)	6.75%	7%
\$184,301 (Revenue Share Funds)	180 days	7%	7%	7%

Mr. Kennedy Abell, of Maryland National Bank suggested that since The First National Bank of St. Mary's had made the highest bid on the first investment, they should be awarded this contract. Mr. Gene Plank of Maryland Bank & Trust Company agreed to this proposal.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to award the bid of the investment of \$325,000 and \$184,301 to First National Bank of St. Mary's, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Paul Raley is to request Mr. Thomas L. Cryer, County Inspector, to verify that the housing project located on Norris Rd. has received BOCA Code approval.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING OF MAY 22-23, 1973

Due to the fact there are five Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the month of May, the Commissioners unanimously agreed there will be no meeting May 22-23, 1973.

DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Harris Sterling is to advise the various Department heads concerning adjustments in their budgets.

TALL TIMBERS

Present: John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

Mr. Norris showed pictures of the wall at Tall Timbers that remained to be repaired. He stated there are about nine more days of work remaining. Material costs are \$2758.78 and labor costs are \$5,710 to date. The Damage Survey Report estimates \$13,000 to complete the work; therefore, should be within the money to do the job.

Mr. Norris stated the \$42,000 advance funds from Hurricane Agnes has not yet been reimbursed from the Office of Emergency Preparedness. An audit must be done before the money is secured. There is a possibility that funds could be advanced prior to audit.

The Army Corps of Engineers is going to advertise for a contract to rehabilitate the entire wall. It will be late June or the middle of July before the plans and specifications are in final form.

BILLS APPROVED

Present: John Norris

The following bills were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners:

April mileage report for John Norris - \$71.60.

John M. Wible, Jr., bill dated April 5, 1973, for landfill equipment repair - \$28.85.

J. Moakley Mattingly, bill dated April 1, 1973 for hauling fill to Valley Lee Dump - \$88.

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, bill dated April 7, 1973 for work at Tall Timbers - \$1,214.00

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, bill dated April 14, 1973 for work at Tall Timbers - \$874.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Invoice No. 11879, March 23, 1973, for work at Tall Timbers - \$1163.86.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Invoice No. 11886-87, March 23, 1973 for work at Tall Timbers - \$1170.82.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Invoice No. 11824, March 30, 1973, for work at Tall Timbers - \$391.60.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., Invoice No. 12481, April 25, 1973, for work at Tall Timbers - \$32.50.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 2

Present: John Norris

John Norris recommended that Earl Jones be hired as Equipment Operator 2, effective May 14, 1973 at an annual salary of \$6173. The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement.

DUKEHARTS CREEK

Present: John Norris

John Norris stated he received a letter from Mr. Sandusky of the Department of Natural Resources advising that the request

for \$25,000 Grant from the Waterway Improvement Fund for the construction of a boat ramp, docking area, pier, sanitary facilities, parking and recreational area, located at Dukeharts Creek has been approved by the Legislature.

CONCRETE DISPOSAL FOR SHORE EROSION

Present: John Norris

Commissioner Bowles asked about the possibility of obtaining slabs of broke concrete that various companies may want to dispose of for use in shore erosion control.

TANNER CREEK SHORE EROSION DISTRICT

Paul Raley stated 25 to 30 people attended the meeting Sunday at Tanner Creek. Ed Mohl of Waterway Improvements had said the State would absorb the cost of the jetty and dredging. Mrs. Blosser will write to the Commissioners after which time a public hearing will be held, preferably a Sunday.

BRETON BAY ROAD

Present: John Norris

The Commissioners requested John Norris to have No. 4 chipstone put on Breton Bay Rd. for 100 feet and the words "SLOW" written on the road. State Police recommended against speed bumps. John Norris is to discuss this with Mr. Fridell of State Highway Administration.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris discussed the possibility of hiring a temporary inspector until an inspector was selected before the plumbing ordinance becomes effective July 1. The test has been given for inspector and John Norris is to make recommendations to the Commissioners or justify reasons for readvertising the position.

MD. ROUTE 5 AND CEDAR LANE

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated a letter was received from Thomas Hicks of Md. Department of Transportation recommending against full traffic signals at Route 5 and Cedar Lane. Mr. Norris is to write to Department of Transportation stating there is a sight distance problem at that location.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris stated he received a telephone call from Al Tate of State Highway Administration stating inspection personnel could not be supplied for the St. Andrews Church Road project. Commissioner Bowles is to write a letter to Mr. Woodford, Chief Engineer for Department of Transportation concerning this.

ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD RIGHT OF WAYS -
TAXES DUE AND CASH SETTLEMENT

Present: John Norris

Two property owners on St. Andrews Church Road have not paid their taxes; Robert Norris - \$187.45 and Agnes E. Abell - \$111.50. \$525 is due Robert Norris as a cash settlement. The \$187.45 can be deducted from this. Agnes E. Abell is to receive \$100, which can be used towards the \$11.50 taxes due. She will pay the balance due.

Cash settlements will be made to the following:

Merrill Dement - \$50 for shrubbery

Edward A. and Myrtle A. Abell - \$1,600 for 27,000 square feet of property.

Harry B. and Mary C. Abell - \$7,000 for 17,000 square feet of property and punitive damages to home.

Kinsey and Mary Ellen Burke - \$7,500 to relocate trailers (five).

Lester E. and Jane N. Gabel - \$350 for shrubbery.

Robert and Myrtle Anne Norris - \$525 for approximately 9,000 square feet of property.

Lloyd R. and Margaret A. Wilson - \$300 for fence relocation and approximately 5,000 square feet of property.

Robert and Elizabeth Grace Oliver - \$300 for approximately 17,000 square feet of property.

G. H. and Teresa L. Hayes - \$325 for shrubbery and 700 square feet of property.

John E. Abell and Susan (Sabol) Abell - \$500 for 17,000 square feet of property.

William R. and Mary J. Johnson - \$200 to relocate septic system - Install CMP.

David L. Wright - \$50 to relocate fence.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that these cash settlements be made, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling stated the letter to the Board of Education regarding the change in their 1973-74 budget should be signed by the Commissioners. Mr. Sterling and Mr. Little, CPA, are to certify that the figures are true and correct.

BILL FROM DAVID M. GRUBER & CO.

Present: Harris Sterling

Mr. Sterling stated a bill was received from David M. Gruber & Co. in the amount of \$15,000 for work on the 1973-74 budget and revenue sharing. Mr. Sterling is to determine if this can be paid with revenue sharing funds. Commissioner Guy made a motion to pay this bill, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973

Present: Harris Sterling

A letter was received from David M. Gruber & Co. stating the audit report of St. Mary's County must adhere to all provisions of the guidelines of the Division of Audit of the State of Maryland which were issued July 14, 1972. In order to meet these new guidelines several audit procedures must be completed. The fee for 1972-73 audit will be limited to a maximum of \$11,000.

CENSUS BUREAU AND REVENUE SHARING FORMS

Present: Harris Sterling

Commissioner Guy made a motion that Commissioner Bowles be authorized to sign Forms RS-11, St. Mary's County, identification No. 21100190186 going to Revenue Sharing Department and Census Bureau, seconded by Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

THOMAS E. DOWNS PROPERTY NEAR AIRPORT

A letter was received from Thomas E. Downs, stating that he and his wife are in the process of subdividing a 50 acre parcel of land in Hollywood, north of the Airport Center. Mr. Downs requested a letter of approval from the Commissioners before the Health Department would run perc tests since the subdivision may consist of more than twenty lots. Mr. Raley is to write to Mr. Downs stating that a plat showing the specific location of the property

was not attached to said letter; however, the Commissioners are of the opinion that the property is within the industrialized zoned area around the Airport and would be limited to permitted uses in said category.

RESOLUTION 73-15 (HELP THE MENTALLY RETARDED WEEK)

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the Resolution declaring May 12 through May 19 as Help the Mentally Retarded Week, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Said Resolution was signed by all Commissioners.

JUDITH MULLINS (PROBATIONARY PERIOD)

Paul Raley stated Judith Mullins had completed her probationary period and recommended that she be placed on permanent status. Commissioner Guy made a motion that this be done, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATES ATTORNEY

A letter was received from John Bailey enclosing a copy of a letter from J. C. Robertson, State Fire Marshal requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$144 for airplane tickets to pick up Francis A. Bailey. The Commissioners were of the opinion the State should pay this. Harris Sterling should determine if it is the County or State's responsibility.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the County Commissioners:

Fenwick Ford, Bill No. 3247A, dated April 5, 1973, for 1968 Ford for use in Johnsongrass program - \$1697.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, bill dated April 9, 1973 for County share for the period 7-1-72 through 3-30-73 - \$123,227.

University of Maryland Extension Service, bill dated March 26, 1973, for appropriation for period 1-1-73 to 6-30-73 - \$13,758.50.

BILL FROM SUBURBAN CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE, INC.

Mr. Raley stated a bill was received from Suburban Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Inc. in the amount of \$400 for the transfer and installation of four sirens and dome lights. Mr. Raley is to write to them requesting a corrected statement.

COMPENSATORY TIME - JUDITH MULLINS

Commissioner Bowles made a motion that Judith Mullins be paid for 26 1/2 hours accumulated compensatory time. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion. Commissioner Guy was not present.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Aloysius Raley was recommended by the Farm Bureau for appointment to Economic Development Committee. This recommendation was approved by the County Commissioners.

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 1973

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

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY - ROUTE 6

Present: Samuel F. Swann
Aaron Hertzler

Mr. Swann said he sold his farm to Mr. Hertzler, but kept five acres for himself and they were concerned about the railroad right-of-way adjoining their property on Route 6. Mr. Hertzler said he had done some farming on that piece of property and he was unsure of the property line. Commissioner Bowles stated the railroad track does not follow the center of the railroad right-of-way. The property probably belongs to the County. The right-of-way can be determined by survey of property lines. The Commissioners said they had no objection to the land being farmed as long as nothing was built on it.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Present: Bob Morazes, Manager, St. Mary's County Airport
Gordon Froman, Cochairman of Air Fair
Mrs. Helen Hautzendorfer, Director of St. Mary's
Developmental Center
Barry Fenwick, Knights of Columbus

The Commissioners presented the Resolution to the above declaring May 12 through May 19 as Help the Mentally Retarded Week. The week will start with a Charity Ball and end with the Air Fair at the Airport.

INDUSTRIAL PROPOSAL

Present: Oliver Guyther, Attorney for owner of Patuxent River Farms, Inc. and President of Patuxent River Farms, Inc.

Dick Gillispie, Assisted Oliver Guyther
 Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
 Patty Muchow, Beacon
 Dick Myers, WKIK
 Dave Fox, WPTX
 John G. Norris, interested citizen
 Gordon Lindner, interested citizen

Mr. Guyther came before the Commissioners to make an industrial proposal of a deep water port for the 211 acre tract of land on the Patuxent River, known as Town Point or Thomas Point, which would involve importing foreign cars. The owner of the property is H. S. Buckley, who resides in Ireland. Mr. Guyther stated it was similar to a proposal he made five or six years ago. The Navy objected at that time because they were doing mine testing during the Viet Nam War and a port could interfere with that testing. The Navy would no longer need mine testing areas. The port would be an import and export terminal. It will not have a large number of docks and piers, but will be a marginal wharf, because it is parallel to the shore. The 800 foot wharf will accommodate two ships. The terminal is planned in four stages: (1) The construction of the marginal wharf, (2) Construction of storage and repair areas, which would begin before Stage 1 is completed. Stages 1 and 2 would involve a capital investment of \$25,000,000 and would employ 350 skilled and semi-skilled laborers. Mr. Guyther stated he had been in touch with people from Datsun, Toyota, and Volkswagon securing their business for this facility. Each company would need a building to repair cars that came off the ship. (3) Construction of assembly plants, which would not require smoke stacks and would be in compliance with environmental controls. (4) Extension, because by Stage 3 the 211 acres would be used up and there would be a need to acquire 300 acres additional land to expand the growth of the import and export facilities. The facility must also export materials. Various companies would ship component parts to be manufactured in foreign countries. The four stages would involve the investment of \$85,000,000 and the employment of 750 people. The job opportunity would be excellent because it would not involve hiring of college graduates but rather high school students. It would be a type of job opportunity a man could grow with as the facility grew. It would take approximately four years for the first two stages.

Mr Guyther said it was an opportunity to take some of the 40% of our county land that is on the tax rolls and make it more productive as far as broadening the tax base. In the completed product, if you took the capital investment of \$85,000,000 and it went on the books at 60%, which may be higher at a later time, the County could look forward to an expanded base of \$50,000,000. It would take a lot of \$25,000 homes to give an expanded base of \$50,000,000.

This facility would not give school, police or pollution problems that 2000 homes in that area would create. Mr. Guyther said that as opposition comes to the proposal, which will link it to the Baltimore Harbor or oil refineries, his only interest is that those who do oppose it, oppose it fairly with a sound logical argument. Mr. Guyther listed the points that may be objected: (1) bilge, which he said would not be a problem because it would be monitored, (2) holding tanks. Regulations state the holding tanks are not to be pumped until outside of the ten mile limit, (3) the turning of the propeller could damage oyster beds. Oysters are in shallow water and therefore would not be in an area of danger.

Commissioner Aud asked Mr. Guyther about transportation out of the area because the County road (Mill Cove Road) is not very wide and there are no shoulders. Mr. Guyther stated one and a half miles of the road would have to be widened. Commissioner Guy asked if Mr. Guyther would provide further funding for the widening of the road.

Mr. Guyther said the owner would probably be willing to contribute to the cost of repairing the road. The owner would have no way of acquiring right-of-ways, only the County could do that. The County should see the benefit of the port and not require him to pay for the entire improvement of the road.

Commissioner Guy asked about on-site sewage. Mr. Guyther said the ground had been tested by the Health Department but not recently, and it was found not suitable for shallow type sewage. Because of the nature of the facility, the sewage requirements would not be great, and they would not be seeking for any point of discharge for the treating of the effluent.

Commissioner Guy asked if they would provide a buffer zone along Cuckold Creek with trees. Mr. Guyther said if the County felt it appropriate, it would be provided. Mr. Guyther said it would not be an unsightly facility.

Commissioner Guy asked if there was a commitment from the automobile companies. Mr. Guyther said he had met with them to discuss their interest but has no letter of commitment. Commissioner Aud asked what the plans were if they did not get the automobile import business. Mr. Guyther said they would restrict request for approval to the extent that no raw material would be brought in, only a completed product.

Commissioner Guy asked if they planned to resurrect the railroad. Mr. Guyther said there are long-range plans to do this.

Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Guyther if the \$85,000,000 included salaries for labor in creating the four stages. Mr. Guyther said it did.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the acquisition of the 300 additional acres. Mr. Guyther said arrangements had been made for this. He had talked to the owner of the property and had arrived at a price with an option to purchase it.

Commissioner Bowles asked Mr. Guyther if he had a site plan which would show the location and size of the wharf and buildings and appraised value of said buildings. Mr. Guyther said he did not.

Commissioner Aud asked what approvals were needed to proceed with the project. Mr. Guyther said Corps of Army Engineers, Wetlands Commission, Natural Resources, and about five others. It would be a wasted effort to get these approvals until they get approval from the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowles stated he did not feel that the \$50,000,000 figure as a tax base is accurate. Mr. Guyther said the property would become more valuable. He said they hoped it would draw tourists and not be an eyesore.

Commissioner Guy asked what role the Commissioners played in this project. Mr. Guyther said he did not think that in the local laws or Article 25 of the Annotated Code as to the Commissioners, there would not be too many statutes to be concerned with. Legal-wise the Commissioners would not have too much to do with it, but at some stage, they will be asked for a building permit and this would come from the Commissioners. Some agencies will not grant approval unless the Commissioners approve. Mr. Guyther said he would like more than the Commissioners' blessing; he would like to feel that the Commissioners would like this facility.

Commissioner Bowles asked if the property owner would be willing to lease this ground to the County for \$1.00 a year and give the right to the County to lease back to the owner and charge rent in lieu of taxation, whereby they would reserve the right to approve any improvements on this property. Mr. Guyther said he would have to look into this question.

Commissioner Bowles stated he could not make any decision until he was sure that what Mr. Guyther was saying was going to happen.

Mr. Guyther stated he would keep the Commissioners informed with written reports as work progresses.

(A tape of the entire presentation is on file in the Commissioners' Office)

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1

Present: John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve and have Commissioner Bowles sign the Supplemental Watershed Project Work Plan Agreement

No. 1, referring to relocation allowance. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous and signed same.

ROBERT WILLARD - DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

Present: Robert Willard

Mr. Willard came before the Commissioners to review and sign his Employment Contract. He will begin work on May 14.

Mr. Willard asked how he related to the Planning Commission with respect to Lelia Rogers. Commissioner Bowles said Mrs. Rogers would be his secretary.

Mr. Willard asked if he was working with the Planning Commission budget with regards to equipment, etc. Commissioner Bowles stated he would develop the budget for the Planning Department and would submit it to the Planning Commission for approval then to the Director of Finance, who would submit it to the Commissioners for final approval.

Mr. Willard asked about the efficiency rating and who would he be working for. Commissioner Bowles stated he was working for the Board of County Commissioners. If the Commissioners wanted to assign a specific project to Mr. Willard, it would be agreed to by all three Commissioners. The efficiency rating must also be agreed to by all three Commissioners.

Mr. Willard said it was difficult to run an office in a secretarial pool, which made it difficult to get to know people he would be working with. He suggested that he would like to work in the office of the person he was dealing with. Commissioner Bowles said he would not be permitted to meet with or work in the office of people he would be dealing with. It would be best for that person to come to Mr. Willard. Every attempt will be made to get Mr. Willard an office by June.

Mr. Willard then signed his Employment Contract. Commissioner Aud made a motion that Commissioner Bowles sign Mr. Willard's contract, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, and signed same.

TOWN CREEK DEVELOPMENT NO. 2 AND CARVER HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND NO. 1

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Commissioner Aud made a motion that Commissioner Bowles sign Application to Program Open Space for Matching Funds Carver Heights Playground No. 1 and Town Creek Development No. 2 - Form No. 152 e POS, and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Commissioner Guy was not present.

ST. ANDREWS ESTATES RECREATION AREA

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he had appraisals made of the property. He stated that instead of using the value of the land to develop the property, since only 3/4 of the land value can be used for development purposes, we should purchase the land from the St. Andrews Civic Association for the appraised value, file to the State for 100% assistance on land purchase, have St. Andrews Civic Association donate back to the County the \$7,400 instead of the land, use the money as the County's local share for the matching requirement on development funds. Mr. Baggett is to request Mr. Weiner, County Attorney to determine if this procedure is legal.

WATERSHED PROJECT - SITE 1

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett said the watershed project - site 1 received approval in the amount of \$29,000 from Program Open Space, which is a reimbursement to the County for property purchased at the watershed project. He stated he had not been kept abreast of changes and therefore, he was unsure if and how the \$29,000 could be used.

MAZIE L. GRAVES PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated Mr. Greenwood appraised the property at \$1,100 to \$1,200 per acre. Mr. Baggett is to get another appraisal before the option expires May 24.

TRASH AT BOAT LAUNCHING SITES

Present: John Baggett

The contract for picking up the trash at the boat launching sites does not begin until July 1. The Commissioners are concerned about the period between now and July 1. Mr. Baggett stated that whoever submits the lowest bid and gets the contract could start from that point in time. Mr. William Ball will pick up the trash until the bid opening. Mr. Raley is to provide Mr. Baggett with a list of contractors the County is presently paying to pick up trash and the locations.

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

A letter was received from Maryland Environmental Service stating they are forming a Committee to develop a plan on the Patuxent River Basin. There will be a public advisory council and Government policy group. Commissioner Aud made a motion to

recommend Robert Willard and John Norris to the Government group, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to recommend R. Johns Dixon to the public advisory council, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

Department of Social Services, dated May 1, 1973, for expenditures for the month of June 1973 - \$14,624.70.

B. I. Mattingly & Co., bill dated April 30, 1973, for work on sewer system at Walden Counseling Center - \$1042.57.

CHARLOTTE SUBDIVISION

Paul Raley stated John Yerkie requested a letter to the Health Department giving approval for perc tests. Mr. Raley is to advise Mr. Yerkie that the running of perc tests is under the jurisdiction of the Health Department and not the County Commissioners.

COOPERS CREEK FARM (FAMILY SUBDIVISION) - George T. Purcell

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners approve the above family subdivision, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

COUNTY EXTENSION BUDGET

Present: John Lancaster, County Extension Agent

Mr. Lancaster stated he was concerned about the nutrition program and salaries under the recommended budget. Salary increases represent \$1465 and as much as \$12,279 for the nutrition program. Another \$5,000 instead of the \$12,279 would maintain the nutrition program. This could mean the loss of two or three aides.

Commissioner Guy asked if the agency was relocated out of the Courthouse and the County paid the rent, would this have any effect on the budget. Mr. Lancaster said he did not know how this could help the budget.

The Commissioners will discuss this and advise Mr. Lancaster.

LEXINGTON PARK HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Present: Dr. William Marek, Health Department
Walter Raum, Health Department
John Norris, Asst. County Engineer

Dr. Marek stated he had explored three possibilities concerning the Lexington Park Health Department:

(1) A new building - They would not be able to build a new building because the Hill-Burton Funds will be phased out this year.

(2) Renting space - Dr. Marek stated they had looked at the dormitory at Leonard Hall and this was not adequate for their needs.

(3) Looking into what construction costs and repair costs would be for the Lexington Park location - The present building would take a considerable amount of work. It is presently not functional as a health center. Dr. Marek showed plans how the present building could be re-designed to be suitable. National Home Inspection made a survey of the work to be done to repair the building. John Norris stated the roof needed repairing, new guttering was needed, and a new air conditioner and heating system was needed. Dr. Marek said to redesign the building to their suitability would cost approximately \$50,000, not including outside work that needed to be done.

Commissioner Aud suggested the Board of Education building in Leonardtown. The Health Department presently occupies the downstairs of that building. Dr. Marek said he had considered that and would like to put the administrative offices upstairs and the clinic downstairs. Commissioner Bowles suggested that someone from the Board of Education be invited to discuss the building.

Henry Kanowicz of the Board of Education came to the meeting at this time. Commissioner Bowles explained the situation to him. Mr. Kanowicz stated the Board of Education has three central offices located at Leonardtown, Lexington Park and Loveville and all are at capacity. He stated this was a situation that would have to be discussed by the Board. Mr. Kanowicz asked about renovation of the Lexington Park Health Department building. Dr. Marek stated it would be very costly to redesign it to the Health Department's needs. Mr. Kanowicz said it would be difficult relocating the Board of Education because there is a communication system set up to Loveville and Leonardtown.

Mr. Kanowicz said he would take this information back to Dr. King and the Board to get their opinion. He said the building at Lexington Park would have to be looked at to see the suitability for the Board of Education. Mr. Norris said he would supply them with a copy of the survey report from National Home Inspection Service. Mr. Kanowicz is to get back to the Commissioners by May 30.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

J. Wilmer Bowles 5/29/73
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President