

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETINGTuesday, June 19, 1973 and Wednesday, June 20, 1973Tuesday, June 19, 1973

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

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 13-14, 1973 were read and corrected.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Guy made a motion that Paul Ludwig be re-appointed to the Metropolitan Commission for a three year term beginning July 1, 1973 and expiring July 1, 1976; seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Commissioner Guy inquired if revenue sharing could be used for the rental of office space. Mr. Sterling stated revenue sharing could be used if it qualified under one of the nine priority items of revenue sharing uses.

SUMMERTIME EMPLOYMENT - ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer
 Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Norris is to provide Harris Sterling with the number of positions needed for summertime help and a suggested hourly pay scale.

ST. GEORGE'S PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks

Commissioner Bowles stated he had received a call from Fred Eskew, of Department of Natural Resources, concerning St. George's Park, in which Mr. Eskew stated he had been advised that Recreation and Parks did not wish to proceed with development of St. George's Park as originally proposed on the original application including the acquisition of additional land. Commissioner Bowles stated Federal funding was applied for and could be lost by the County and State. Mr. Baggett explained the history of St. George's Park in a letter dated June 5, 1973. Ten lots were purchased from Edward Curley on April 12, 1971 for \$6,000. Department

of Natural Resources said that in order to get Federal and State approval, two additional lots must be purchased. One of the owners of the two additional lots was unwilling to sell. There are two additional waterfront lots which would make the entire complex suitable for a boat launching ramp, parking area and a small waterfront park. In June 1971 the people in this subdivision filed a petition asking the Commissioners not to install a public boat launching ramp because of concern that it would turn into an overnight camping site. In July another petition was filed supporting the project, but many residents did not sign. Mr. Baggett was of the opinion that Recreation and Parks could not continue with the acquisition of additional land.

Commissioner Bowles stated the problem should be resolved because our relationship with the Department of Natural Resources must be maintained.

Mr. Baggett was instructed to call Fred Eskew, make an appointment with him in Annapolis and resolve the situation.

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he had met with Mr. Reginald Johnson and Mr. Warren Shelley of Waterway Improvement Fund and Mr. Baggett was advised that any \$25,000 grant must be applied for before July 1 for Fiscal Year 1974. Mr. Baggett said he would like to file application for a \$25,000 grant on each of the following three projects: (1) Forrest Landing, for a small picnic area; (2) Chaptico Wharf, for repair of the wharf and sanitary facilities and repair of bulkhead; and (3) St. Jerome's Creek, which Mr. Allen, Planner for Recreation and Parks, recommended the purchase of five acres to develop boat launching facilities and a picnic area, as well as parking facilities.

Commissioner Guy questioned tying up funding over two fiscal years if Mr. Baggett would be unable to complete the project, since he has many other projects yet to be done. Commissioner Aud expressed the possibility that the land at St. Jerome's Creek may be difficult to acquire. Commissioner Bowles stated that unless Mr. Baggett had assurances of acquisition of the land, application should not be made for a grant at St. Jerome's Creek. The Commissioners agreed to projects one and two.

DOC'S LANDING

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated he had been to Doc's Landing to look at the site for the possibility of a boat launching site. He has not talked to Dick Pulliam, owner of the land at the site; but Mr. Baggett was of the opinion that Mr. Pulliam would not be willing to let it become a public landing.

ST. JOSEPH'S RECREATIONAL CENTER

Present: John Baggett

Mr. Baggett stated that since St. Joseph's Recreational Center is approximately two miles from the Graves property, which the County will be developing into a community park, he would not recommend any further development in that area.

P. A. SYSTEM

Present: John Baggett
Harris Sterling

Mr. Baggett stated his Department is in need of a new P.A. System which can be easily transported for use in the roller skating program. The cost would be approximately \$1100 and Mr. Baggett requested that it be taken from surplus funds from previous roller skating revenues. Mr. Baggett stated he would like to purchase it before July 1. Mr. Sterling is to advise the Commissioners of any money remaining in the Recreation and Park's budget for this year.

DEVELOPMENT OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks
John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mr. Baggett asked if the development of recreational facilities could be coordinated with one agency. Commissioner Bowles stated it should be administered through one department and other agencies should be called on to perform duties that his department does not handle.

SWANN'S PIER - PINEY POINT

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that Swann's Pier is 50% complete in design. Profile and soil boring data were received a month ago. Mr. Norris stated they are having location problems. Application has been made to the Corps of Engineers for permits.

BILLS APPROVED

Present: John Norris

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

J. R. McCrone, dated May 10, 1973, for stakeout of Graves Road in the amount of \$375.00;

Dean Lumber & Supply Co., dated June 5, 1973, for lock and chains for preparation of the Air Fair at the Airport in the amount of \$9.78;

Dean Lumber & Supply Co., dated May 15, 1973, for timber and bed for fire truck for preparation of the Air Fair at the Airport in the amount of \$50.18;

J. O. Hills & Son, bill dated June 1, 1973, for work at Tall Timbers in the amount of \$161.00;

The Baltimore Sun, dated April 12, 1973, for advertisement for Planner in the amount of \$139.23;

The Baltimore Sun, dated June 8, 1973, for advertisement for Technician for Engineers Office in the amount of \$297.60;

Keuffel & Esser Co., for lock device and partition for plat cabinet, dated May 22, 1973, in the amount of \$24.70;

Mileage statement for John Norris for the month of May in the amount of \$92.70.

RESOLUTION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT SOCIETY HILL ROAD

Present: John Norris, Assistant County Engineer

John Norris presented a Resolution for traffic controls (stop signs) on Society Hill Road at the intersection of the club house and the crosswalk. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Aud, made unanimous and signed by Commissioner Bowles.

SOLID WASTE PLAN

Present: John Norris

John Norris stated he received a summary addendum to the Solid Waste Plan from Jim Fuller of Henningson, Durham & Richardson. The summary recommended the ordinance to be passed by the County prohibiting junk cars from being stored on private property for more than six months. Another recommendation would be to charge haulers \$1.50 per ton. Regional landfill area was considered prohibitive. Mr. Norris stated the summary did not include an option between the green box system or transfer station.

John Norris will present a summary and recommendation to the Commissioners next week for their approval to be forwarded to the State Health Department.

BIDS ON SALE OF VALLEY LEE TRAILER

Present: John Norris

Bids were opened on June 12 for the sale of the trailer located at the Valley Lee dump. Bids were as follows:

Bates Construction Co.	\$150.00
Ernest Adams	100.00
Edwin W. Weaver, Jr.	50.00.

John Norris recommended that Bates Construction be awarded the bid for the trailer. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept his recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BIDS ON RELOCATION OF TRAILER ON ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ROAD AND INSTALLATION OF SEPTIC SYSTEM

Present: John Norris

Bids were to be opened on the relocation of the trailer owned by Agnes Abell on St. Andrew's Church Road and installation of a septic system for the trailer; however, no bids were received. Mr. Norris said he would get prices from companies to do the work.

OPENING OF RYKEN SWIMMING POOL

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks
Mrs. Mary Ruth Horton
Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mrs. Horton stated a sufficient amount of family memberships have been received and the Ryken Pool will open this summer. 34 businessmen in the area contributed money to help reach their goal, and were given advertisement on a board at the pool. Mrs. Horton requested the County to handle the paperwork for administering salaries. The Leonardtown Council will write a check to the County to cover the salaries. The insurance company will only insure on the basis of one year. Mrs. Horton requested the Commissioners to have a rider placed on the County's policy to cover the pool. The Council will issue the check to the County for this, which will cost from \$200 to \$250.

Mrs. Horton left the lease for the pool with the Commissioners to be reviewed by Mr. Weiner, County Attorney, and then signed by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Horton invited the Commissioners to the opening ceremonies at the pool on Sunday, June 24th, at 4:00 p.m.

ANGELOS C. DEMETRIOU CONTRACT

Present: Bob Willard, Planner

Mr. Willard suggested it would be better if the subdivision and zoning regulations could be done "in-house". Mr. Willard said there should not be broad classification of the different zoning categories, but rather more defined categories.

Commissioner Aud suggested that Mr. Willard write articles in the newspaper to educate the public ahead of time before the public hearings.

Mr. Willard said that this was the only change he would make in the contract. State Planning will receive all originals and they will, in turn, provide the County with as many copies as needed.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Present: Angelos C. Demetriou, Consultant
 Larry Goldstein, Associate of Mr. Demetriou
 Leon Etzler, Maryland State Planning
 Robert Willard, Planner
 John Norris, Assistant County Engineer
 Samuel Bailey, Jr., Planning & Zoning
 Joseph M. Gough, Chairman, Planning & Zoning
 J. Frank Raley, Jr., Planning & Zoning
 Francis E. Hewitt, Planning & Zoning
 Ernest Bell, Technical Advisory Committee
 Dr. John Mills, Technical Advisory Committee
 John Hall, Technical Advisory Committee
 Charles Pessagno, Technical Advisory Committee
 Henry J. Fowler, Citizens Advisory Committee
 Capt. T. J. Kilcline, Citizens Advisory Committee
 Robert Hogaboom, Citizens Advisory Committee
 E. Stanley Edwards, Citizens Advisory Committee
 Charles Donaldson, Deputy State Fire Marshal

Mr. Demetriou and Mr. Goldstein made a presentation to the Commissioners on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan through a report and charted maps. Mr. Demetriou stated there are two future pictures; first, trend development as it exactly exists today and, second, concentrate development around existing growth where public services presently exist such as Leonardtown and Lexington Park. Using the maps, Mr. Goldstein pointed out that there are several potential growth areas; specifically, the new Patuxent River Bridge area, the Hollywood area and the Mechanicsville-Charlotte Hall area.

The tape of the entire discussion is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEMETRIOU CONTRACT

Present: Mr. Angelos C. Demetriou
Larry Goldstein

Mr. Goldstein explained that Lexington Park area has become far more complicated than anticipated, and would entail more specific research about existing conditions around other type of military and commercial airports. In order to develop a more complete plan, they would like to look into the possibility of extending their contract at least by another \$6,000 to \$7,000. Mr. Demetriou stated that within the amount allocated in the contract, it would be unjust for this area. It is the most important area of all three counties, and it should not be compromised. Mr. Goldstein said legal assistance will be needed.

Commissioner Guy mentioned the industrial growth outside of the community that will create jobs and will rival the Naval Station. The Patuxent River Bridge area seems to be the growth area in the County.

Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. Demetriou to write a letter to the Commissioners setting forth reasons to extend the contract, the cost, and the time frame for a decision.

AIRPORT PROPERTY

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Commissioner Bowles stated that the County will lose \$18,000 for the Airport if it is not applied for. Commissioner Aud said perhaps the trees could be topped and an easement obtained from Hugh Allston, owner of the property. Commissioner Bowles instructed John Norris, Bob Willard, and Harris Sterling to take care of this immediately.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20, 1973

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

The meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

RYKEN POOL LEASE

Commissioner Guy made a motion to sign the Ryken Pool Lease, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

NURSING HOME CONSTRUCTION FORMS

Present: Harris Sterling

Mr. Sterling stated the Nursing Home Construction forms are standard forms recommended by the American Institute of Architects and it meets all Federal requirements.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

Present: Harris Sterling

Commissioner Guy made a motion to authorize Commissioner Bowles to sign the Drug Abuse Program Budget, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

ROTATION OF POLICE DEPUTIES

Present: Harris Sterling

Mr. Sterling stated he would like to check with the insurance buyer's council to obtain information concerning the liability and will report to the Commissioners next Tuesday.

REVENUE SHARING FORM

Present: Harris Sterling

Commissioner Aud made a motion that Commissioner Bowles sign the Revenue Sharing Form No. 48-R0503, Report of Plan to Expend Revenue Sharing Allocation for January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1973 in the amount of \$368,602. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bill was unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

The Beavin Company, for updating Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan for period ending April 30, 1973 (20% of work completed) - \$1,960.00.

PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

The Commissioners selected the following names to be submitted to the Governor's Office for selection as members of the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board for St. Mary's County: Leroy Thompson, Sr.; J. Alfred Abell; John C. Benson; William F. Dixon; Robert Lee Owens; George L. Hurry; Francis B. Gough; William B. Wagoner; Olive Bradburn. Letters will be sent to the above asking if they would be willing to serve if selected.

OCEAN HALL PROPERTY

Present: Robert Pogue, Jr.

Mr. Pogue presented a petition from residents of Bushwood opposing the development of a park at Ocean Hall because of cost, location and historical significance. Mr. Pogue said he was not opposed to the County purchasing the house for the purpose of restoring it. If the area was developed into a park, what would keep it from turning into a camper site or minibike trail. There is just a half mile of waterfront property and there is no place for keeping boats. Mr. Pogue suggested Scotland area and the Point Lookout area for a waterfront park because this type of park should be in an isolated area.

Commissioner Bowles stated that John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks has only been requested to develop information on this property; no decision has been made.

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to appoint Bob Willard to the above Committee.

PLACEMENT OF TRAILER

Present: Patricia Wood
Michael Hill
Kathryn Hill
Michael Davis, Attorney (Weiner and Davis)

Mr. Hill stated he would like to place his trailer on his sister's (Patricia Wood) property, on which there is presently Mrs. Wood's house and her mother's trailer. He is going to Korea for one year and would like to place the trailer on this property for his wife and family during his absence. If the land was deeded back to his sister when he returned, would that increase his sister's taxes? Michael Davis said the Code stated that it is unlawful to place more than one trailer unless a license is obtained for a trailer court park. Commissioner Aud stated that if the property was deeded to him and then deeded back and the trailer removed, the land would probably revert back to the value it had previously. Commissioner Bowles said the lease expensive solution would be to deed the property rather than go to the expense of obtaining a trailer court license.

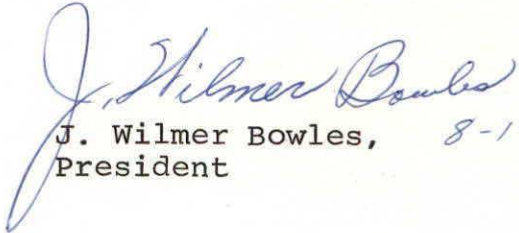
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD

Present: Marvin Kaminetz, Attorney to the Board
Robert Pogue, Secretary
Virginia Russell, Board Member
Frank Wilkerson, Board Member

Mr. Kaminetz expressed the need of a secretary for the Liquor Board for recording minutes and dispensing information and applications to the public. He requested the services of someone in the Commissioners' Office or in the Courthouse. Commissioner Guy suggested a bulletin board outside the Board's Office giving information when their office would be open. Commissioner Bowles stated the Clerk's Office has the list of licenses and calls could be directed to that Office. Commissioner Bowles further stated that it would be unfair to take someone from the Commissioners' Office because all the girls in the Office are very busy; also Mrs. Adams is working overtime to keep up with her work.

Mr. Kaminetz said there is not enough work for a full time secretary and would like the Commissioners to consider their problem.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


J. Wilmer Bowles, 8-1-73
President