

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGWednesday, August 15, 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.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

A letter was forwarded to Michael McCauley of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee regarding the receipt of federal funds and that St. Mary's County's share of funds for fiscal 1974 is now \$13,980.00.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

Cross and Adreon, architects, dated July 11, 1973, for professional services rendered for the St. Mary's County Nursing Home addition in the amount of \$12,238.25, payment in the amount of \$5,242.62 by check number 1001 dated June 25, 1973, to be released this date and the balance in thirty days.

J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., dated June 14, 1973, Job No. L-2334 for survey at St. Mary's County Nursing Home in the amount of \$35.00.

David M. Gruber and Company dated July 26, 1973 for audit for the fourth quarter, ending June 30, 1973 in the amount of \$2,250.00.

Beavin Company dated May 31, 1973 for engineering services for the updating of the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan for the period of May, 1973 in the amount of \$3,920.00.

Sheriff's deputies for a total of 85 hours overtime at the Hollywood carnival.

BUILDING PERMIT ORDINANCE

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the building permit ordinance presented by John Norris be scheduled for public hearing on September 11, 1973, with the proposed effective date of adoption

October 1, 1973. Mr. Guy seconded; Mr. Bowles made it unanimous.

WILLIAM GATTON-CUSTODIAN

Paul Raley stated that Mr. Gatton's salary prior to July 1, 1973 was \$10,219 annually and after July 1, with the change of job description it was reduced to \$8,112 annually. He is to be allowed to work a maximum of 12½ hours overtime bi-weekly, effective August 23, 1973. Paul Raley is to advise Mr. Gatton.

TRI-COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING BOARD

Paul Ludwig has submitted his resignation to the Tri-County Comprehensive Health Planning Board. The Commissioners agreed to request Robert Dixon, Leonardtown, to serve on said Board.

REGION II BOARD

A letter is to be sent to Mr. Joseph Weiner who has been appointed to the Region II Board stating that his term of office expires January 1, 1975.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

A letter has been received from the State Highway Administration attaching a copy of approved state aid program for the reconstruction of St. Andrew's Church Road.

BIDS ON TANDEM DRIVE MOTOR GRADER

Paul Raley stated only one bid was received for the purchase of a tandem drive motor grader, which were opened August 14, 1973. Said bid was received from McClung-Logan in the amount of \$14,494.00. Commissioner Aud made a motion to purchase the grader from McClung-Logan in the amount of \$14,494.00, and the money received from the sale of the four old graders sold earlier this year in the amount of \$3,668.65 in the general fund, should go towards the purchase price.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FOR TRAILERS

A letter was received from Clark Raley, Attorney, requesting the Commissioners to grant permission for the issuance of a building permit for Oliver Gertrude Hood, grandmother of Lester Pierce, one of the owners of the property known as "Lower Enfields" in the Seventh Election District. A farm house and trailer are on the property and the request is for another trailer for Mrs. Hood. The Commissioners stated that a variance cannot be granted because two trailers constitute a trailer park.

REQUEST FOR DEPUTIES FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Stanley Schrader, Board of Education
 Sheriff Larry Williams

Dr. King stated that having evening school activities such as dances, basketball and football is good for everyone, and in the past the Sheriff's Department has provided deputies for these activities. The Board of Education has paid for this service. However, due to an opinion dated July 16, 1973, from the Attorney General, there may be some complications.

Sheriff Williams said the opinion was a rather lengthy one in which it was stated that the Sheriff and deputies could accept private employment as guards, but the deputies would have no law enforcement powers, and they cannot wear uniforms or display badges and cannot carry handguns without a permit. Sheriff Williams further stated that if the deputy was working for the Sheriff and the County paid the bill, it would be the deputies' normal duty, otherwise the deputy would be working for the Board of Education on a contract.

Dr. King suggested that the County Commissioners request that the Sheriff provide the deputies, be paid by the County and the Board of Education reimburse the County, which would allow the deputies to wear their uniforms and guns.

Mr. Schrader said the deputies' services should be on a strictly volunteer basis.

Commissioner Bowles requested Dr. King to meet with Harris Sterling, Finance Director, and Mr. Donald McGlade, to set up arrangements for payment and reimbursement by the Board of Education.

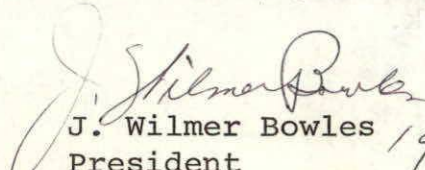
Commissioner Guy suggested that the Board of Education submit documentation to Mr. Sterling verifying the deputies' services.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR LANDFILL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Authorization was given by the Commissioners to John Norris to hire a temporary employee, as a truck driver, because of the need created by the increased workload at the Ridge Dump and due to the temporary shortage of personnel because of medical reasons. The individual would be hired for a maximum of 60 days, commencing August 20, 1973, at the Grade 5, Step 1, level (which is \$5,715.00 annually).

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.


 J. Wilmer Bowles
 President

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, August 21, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President
 Commissioner George R. Aud
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Officer
 Donald McGlade, Director of Administration
 Mrs. Barbara Dotson, Recording Secretary

Also present were Richard Polk, Enterprise and Dick Myers, Radio Station WKIK.

The minutes of August 14 and 15, 1973 were read and approved.

SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD-MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Commissioner Bowles stated that the following persons have authorized the Commissioners to submit their names for consideration of appointment to said Board: Monsgr. Francis Veith, Mrs. Carol Wathen, Mr. Paul Hampton, Mrs. Julia Richardson and Mr. Leonard Latham, Jr. Commissioner Aud made a motion to recommend said persons, Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Mr. Joseph Carter, Director, Dept. of Social Services, is to be notified by letter of the said recommendations.

REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Commissioner Bowles asked if the Commissioners were in agreement to have a study conducted relative to the Regional Correctional Center. Mr. Aud stated he was in favor of the study but feels we should not commit ourselves to the study but see what comes out of it. Commissioner Bowles felt that a letter should be written to Clark Gravelle, Tri-County Council, stating that the Commissioners have no objection to a study being made of the Regional Correctional Center and that the approval of the study would not commit the County in any way.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

The Commissioners are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Erva Davis in which she declined appointment to said Board. Commissioner Bowles reported that Major Miel Burgee has verbally accepted.

CONVENTION-MD. ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to bill the County for four nights while attending said convention in Ocean City.

DEPT. OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

The Commissioners are in receipt of a letter from the Dept. of Social Services in reference to payments based on the taxable basis estimated by the Department of Assessment and Taxation. Mr. Sterling stated the County paid the Department of Social Services on actual and not estimated basis. Commissioner Bowles stated that if we are of the opinion that Mr. Sterling is correct, a letter should be written reaffirming our position and that we do not owe them money and that money was not budgeted for same in the years in question. Mr. Sterling and Mr. McClade are to prepare said letter.

BIDS ON INVESTMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling

Mr. Sterling stated he wishes to advertise for bids on the investment of \$200,000.00 and \$800,000.00 for ninety (90) days, on the 29th of August and award the bid and invest on the 30th. The Commissioners were in agreement with this.

PARKING SPACE AT TUDOR HALL

Mr. Paul Raley reported that taxes have now been paid by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Mattingly and transfer of property can now take place. The Commissioners approved said deed and Commissioner Bowles signed same.

APPRAISAL-WATERSHED SITE 1-JONES HEIRS PROPERTY

Present: John Hall

Mr. Hall stated that Judge Mattingly signed an order on Site 1 and the County could now go to Court and have the price set on the property owned by the Jones heirs. However, Mr. Weiner, County Attorney, stated that an appraisal of the property must be done before a court date can be set. The Commissioners were in unanimous agreement to have an appraisal made.

BIDS ON SMITH'S CREEK RECONSTRUCTION

Present: John Norris

One bid was received for the reconstruction of Smith's Creek from Delahay's Pile Driving, Inc., in the amount of \$11,880.00.

Also \$375.00 for replacement of a sill 7'X 12' and \$95.00 for a 3'X8' stringer. Mr. Norris was instructed to review the bid and make recommendations to the Commissioners.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

Present: Mr. Tom Scherer

Mr. Scherer presented to the Commissioners a letter of resignation from Mr. James C. Lanham, Treasurer of the Tri-County Group Home, effective July 28, 1973. Mr. Lanham turned the books into the Commissioners' Office. Mr. Scherer requested that the Commissioners have the books of the Tri-County Group Home audited and then turned back to them. Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners are responsible for the grant to the Home and that he will request Mr. Sterling and Mr. McGlade to go over the books. Commissioner Aud and Commissioner Guy were in agreement that this be done. Mr. Scherer is to be notified when the books are ready to be picked up.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

Washington Post Company in the amount of \$572.21 for advertisement of engineering assistant position;

St. Mary's Beacon in the amount of \$15.00 for advertisement of engineering assistant position;

Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill for plat and deed description for a side slope easement at the County Airport;

J. Moakley Mattingly in the amount of \$2,350 for excavation and removal of material at the Oakville Landfill;

Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene in the amount of \$23,325.00 for required local appropriation for hospital in-patient services, quarterly billing for period July 1 to September 30, 1973;

St. Mary's County Historical Society, for office salary for the month of August, in connection with the County information center, \$416.66;

Walden Counseling Center in the amount of \$491.72 for reimbursement for paying the Crisis Aides;

David Dillow, \$110.00 for 1 pig and 2 hogs killed by dogs;

PROPOSED MORATORIUM-FIFTH DISTRICT

Present: Bob Willard, County Planner
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Willard stated he would like to go ahead with the advertisement of a public hearing for an eight month moratorium on construction in the Fifth District. Commissioner Guy stated that Mr. Willard should prepare the resolution before advertising and get the Commissioners' approval on what is contained in the resolution and include all the reasons for a moratorium. Mr. Willard agreed to do this and stated he has not obtained any new information other than what he presented at last week's Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Willard has tentatively set up September 25, at 7:30 P.M. at the Mechanicsville School for the public hearing. Mr. Willard was authorized to advertise for the public hearing.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN

Present: Mr. Bob Willard, County Planner
Mr. Benjamin Beavin, Consultant
Mr. John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Willard stated that he spoke with Mr. Fogelson of the State Planning Department and Mr. Hinman of the State Dept. of Health. Mr. Fogelson stated that because the County is including large areas in the S-3 category he felt that the Commissioners should write a letter stating this plan should be rejected until the Land Use Plan is accepted. Some of the area around S-3 could be placed in S-4 and S-5 categories and then get State Health approval. Mr. Willard stated he is planning to meet with Mr. Hinman regarding this and report back to the Commissioners.

REPAIR WORK TO THE COURTHOUSE

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners' approval to have repair work done in the Extension Office which would cost approximately \$1,500.00. Also, repair work on the Lexington Park Health Department Building would cost approximately \$4,000.00. Mr. Norris is to obtain a contract price and if the price goes over \$2,500.00 it would then have to be publicly advertised.

PLUMBING CODE

Present: John Norris

Mr. Norris presented for the Commissioners review the proposed

regulations approved by the Plumbing Board for St. Mary's County. The effective date would be November 1, 1973. In October they plan to work in the field with the plumbers defining the Code to them. Attorney, Michael Davis, is presently reviewing the Code. Mr. Norris will advertise August 27, September 3 and September 9, for a public hearing to be scheduled for September 18 at 7:30 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom. Commissioner Guy motioned that Mr. Norris be given the authority to advertise for the public hearing, Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

OCEAN HALL PROPERTY

Present: John Baggett, Director of Recreation and Parks
Spence Howard, Realtor

Mr. Baggett presented information he had prepared on said project. He stated that within the next five years this could be developed into a community park with tennis courts, ball diamonds, etc. He recommended that a Committee be formed to restore the old Manor House as has been done at Newtown Manor. The middle section of the property would be left open and developed as the community needed. A right-of-way for the community park could be obtained on Route 520. Mr. Baggett said the Federal Government would contribute \$80,600 for acquisition and the State would pay the remainder plus survey. One appraisal of \$215,000 has been obtained; the second appraisal has not been received to date. Commissioner Guy will schedule a public hearing in the Seventh District area for the 13th of September.

Mr. Baggett stated he has included Ocean Hall in the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. He feels \$50,000 would restore the Manor House and \$52,000 would cover construction of the park. Commissioner Bowles stated Mr. Baggett's report included only favorable reports and he should also include opposing reports. Mr. Baggett agreed.

Mr. Spence Howard stated that the land is a sandy type and that he has not taken a perc test. He pointed out that this property has been on the market since the first of July.

ST. GEORGE'S PARK

Commissioner Guy motioned that application for reimbursement be approved from the amount of \$16,900.00 to \$5,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

LEASE FOR LEONARD HALL

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve a monthly rent of \$200.00 plus \$50.00 for utilities for rent of Leonard Hall, building number 4, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

Present: John Norris

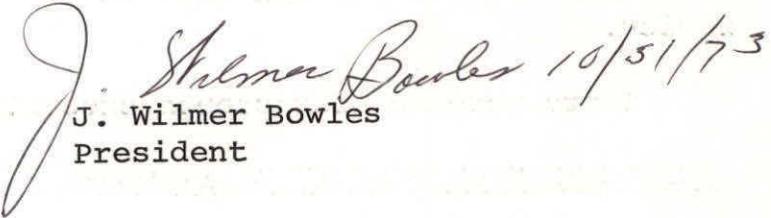
Mr. Norris stated he had interviewed 11 applicants for said position and would like to hire Mr. Jay Francis McGrath at a salary of \$8,500 with ten weeks leave without pay to complete his degree in civil engineering. Commissioner Guy motioned that this be approved. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous subject to Mr. Norris' recommendations and signing of employment contract with Mr. McGrath, effective August 27, 1973 to July 31, 1974.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S POSITION

Present: Mr. John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented for the Commissioners' approval a three-year contract renewal at a salary of \$16,500.00. It was unanimously agreed to have several revisions made and Mr. Norris will resubmit his contract for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


J. Wilmer Bowles
President