

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, November 6, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
 Commissioner George T. Aud  
 H. D. McGlade, Director of Administration  
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

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

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 30, 1973 were read and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. McGlade is to coordinate the following people in working towards the updating of the Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan to be adopted on or before July 1, 1974: Walter Raum, Health Department; Charles Pessagno, Metropolitan Commission; John Norris, County Engineer; Robert Willard, Planning Director.

PERSONNEL ACTION-GRADE CHANGES - COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Mr. McGlade recommended the following changes be made in the staff of the County Commissioners' Office:

1. Establish an Office Secretary III position in the Office of the Administrative Officer and promote Mrs. Cecelia Adams to this position (salary range \$7,778 to \$10,219).
2. Establish an Office Secretary II position for the secretary of the Director of Administration and Acting Budget Officer and promote Mrs. Margaret Childs to it (salary range \$7,201 to \$9,462).
3. Establish an Office Secretary II position for the secretary to the County Commissioners and promote Judith Mullins to this position (salary range \$7,201 to \$9,462).
4. Revise the position descriptions to reflect the new responsibilities and grades of the individuals above.
5. Authorize the hiring of a replacement Secretary B in the Office of the Administrative Officer in place of Mrs. Margaret Childs.

6. Approve the draft advertisement for the establishment of a Secretary B employment register (salary range \$6,173 to \$8,112).

7. Approve the draft advertisement for the establishment of a part-time Secretary B quality employment register (part-time rate \$3.65 per hour).

Paul Raley submitted his recommendations for the promotion of Cecelia Adams, Margaret Childs and Judith Mullins in the above-stated positions.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. McGlade's and Mr. Raley's recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### A & M MOBILE PARK

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the plat for A & M Mobile Park owned by Kinsey W. and Mary E. Burke, Eighth Election District for nine lots, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

#### ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Commissioners unanimously approve awarding a two-year scholarship to Arthur L. Goode, Jr., Colton's Point, Maryland to St. Mary's College.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. McGlade presented the completed questionnaire (No. 1800) concerning community development goals, needs and priorities to be forwarded to the Department of Economic & Community Development. Same was reviewed and approved by the Commissioners.

#### REVENUE SHARING FORMS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling presented Revenue Sharing Form No. 12, General Revenue Sharing Survey, for a 12-month period ending June 30, 1973, prepared by John Little, CPA. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this form, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

#### RELEASE OF COLLATERAL

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling recommended the release of collateral held by Maryland National Bank and Trust Company in the amounts of \$10,000, \$25,000 and \$25,000 for a total of \$60,000. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed said release.



TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling stated due to an error in deposits, he is transferring \$5,724.74 from the General Fund to the Road Account by Check No. 6699 and \$13,562.41 from the General Fund to the Treasurer's Account by Check No. 6700. The Commissioners unanimously agreed and approved Commissioner Bowles signing the checks.

DOBRY VS. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - ANSWER TO THE BILL OF COMPLAINT RE COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Answer in the case of James Dobry vs. County Commissioners, Equity No. 4955, has been reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners and found in order and thereby instructed Paul Raley, Administrative Officer of the Board to sign the Petition of Answer and file same with the Court, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Paul Raley signed same.

(Commissioner Bowles left the meeting to meet with the Liquor Board concerning a secretary for their meetings.)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. McGlade stated that the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services requested authority to spend \$50 from their training account to buy insurance to cover volunteer driver. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Aud.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

A letter was received from Dr. Friedman, Youth Services Bureau, enclosing their quarterly report for period July 1, 1973 to September 30, 1973. Dr. Friedman requested that the Commissioners appoint a fourth member to their Board. The Commissioners agreed to appoint Arthur L. Goode, Jr., Colton's Point, Maryland.

Dr. Friedman's letter stated that the Bureau would be submitting for the Commissioner's consideration a supplemental budget request to cover April, May and June 1974.

(Commissioner Bowles returned to the meeting.)

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN

Present: Robert Willard, Planning Director

Mr. Willard recommended that a letter should be written to Mr. Bingley, State Health Department, clarifying the two documents



that have been submitted to the State Health Department. (The two documents being the four copies of the Preliminary Plan submitted by Mr. Beavin and the two copies of the adopted Plan submitted by the County Commissioners.)

The Commissioners requested Mr. Willard to give this information to Mr. McGlade to coordinate.

HOLIDAYS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Bowles made a motion to declare Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve and Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve as holidays for County employees, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Aud.

BID OPENING - SITE IMPROVEMENT OF ST. ANDREWS ESTATES PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated five bid specifications were picked up; however, only one was returned within the time specified. The bid was as follows:

Walter Wise	\$16,788
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The bid included parking lot, playground area (not playground equipment), installation of equipment, hard surface court, ball diamond and site improvements.

John Baggett recommended that the Commissioners accept this bid. Mr. Sterling verified by memorandum that there is money in the budget for this. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Baggett's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

REZONING HEARING - KING'S ROW MOBILE HOMES, INC. AND SHOMETTE & STANHAGEN

Present: Joe Horton, King's Row Mobile Home  
William H. Stanhagen  
Jim Kenney, Attorney representing Shomette and Stanhagen  
Robert Willard, Planning Director

Mr. Kenney stated his clients are requesting rezoning for property located on Route 235, at the corner of Chancellors Run Road, California, Maryland, Eighth Election District, known as "Part of Asquith Defense", from "A-Residential" and "Commercial" to a complete "Commercial" category. The property consists of ten acres upon which a Holiday Inn is proposed.

The secretary read the letter from Robert Willard setting forth the recommendations of the Planning Commission in which it stated that the application was approved by the Planning



Commission subject to a "contingent dedication" from the builders for an access road to Route 235. The potential builders agreed that the owners will pay for the construction of the access road on a front footage system when the road is needed.

The secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing.

Mr. Kenney presented a letter from William Stanhagen and Louis E. Shomette in which they agreed to the following specifications in regards to the Holiday Inn project: There will be a maximum of two curb cuts, each to be installed with a minimum of twenty-five foot radius. They agreed to a maximum of a 25.75 foot high pole sign, and to the general building configuration as is outlined on their site plan.

Mr. Stanhagen named several advantages to the project; a tax base increase (it will be a million and half dollar building), local people will be employed (approximately 50 to 75), and the impact on schools should be nil.

Mr. Stanhagen further stated that because of the design of the building, the building will be as secure as possible. Their insurance rates are low because their construction standards are very high.

Mr. Stanhagen stated that very little traffic flow would be generated during peak traffic hours.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to the possibility of another access road behind the property leading to Chancellor's Run Road to reduce ingress and egress traffic on Route 235. Mr. Kenney said they did not own the property in that area.

Commissioner Guy asked if there were any protestants. There were no protestants present.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the rezoning of this property subject to terms and conditions and limitations set forth by the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

(Commissioner Aud left the meeting.)

#### ARCHAEOLOGICAL LEGISLATION

Present: Michael Humphries, Archaeologist

Mr. Humphries presented the Commissioners with proposed legislation entitled "An act for the protection and preservation of St. Mary's County Archaeological Heritage, its antiquities, artifacts and sites."

Mr. Humphries stated there are 30 archaeological sites registered with State Archaeologists, mostly on the Patuxent



and Potomac Rivers. He stated he was concerned with the destruction of the sites and removal of artifacts without proper records of these objects which would be a loss to the people of the County and that is the reason for the proposed legislation.

Mr. Humphries said that state archaeologists are asking for state-wide legislation. He stated he is working with Michael Davis, Attorney, trying to relate what is not in the state law to his proposed legislation.

Commissioner Bowles mentioned there should be a museum in the County and Mr. Humphries said that this is something planned for the future.

The above proposed legislation is to be filed in the Legislative Package for 1974.

COMMENTS RECREATION COUNCIL (ST. CLEMENT'S SHORES)

Present: Walter Raum, Health Department  
 Dr. William Marek, Health Department  
 Bob Smith, Comments  
 Dick Russell, Comments  
 John Pyle, Comments  
 Lee Claggett, Comments  
 Dorothy Shannon, Comments  
 John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Bob Smith stated that members of Comments Recreation Council have come before the Commissioners concerning the potentially serious dangers to health at St. Clement's Shores. Mr. Smith presented a letter dated November 6 from Comments Recreation Council (copy on file in the Commissioners' Office) in which they stated that they feel the failure of individual septic systems is due to the failure of the roadside drainage system to contain and rapidly disperse storm water. The letter lists specific problems and stated that they are due to the failure of public agencies such as the State Highway Administration to perform their obligations and they felt that an adequate system of properly graded, paved drainage ditches, catch basins and some underground storm waterpiping in low-lying areas would substantially improve the majority of cases.

Commissioner Guy stated the Commissioners are aware of the problems at St. Clement's Shores and he said the problem generated because it was one of the first subdivisions in the County before health regulations or rules. These problems have developed over a long period of time and the houses were originally summertime cottages.

Walter Raum stated that the quality of the soil is water-bound. John Norris said that the State Highway Administration performed a drainage study to determine how the drainage problem could be solved and some of the areas that were critical were hand-graded.



Mr. Smith said if the County would be willing to put in an adequate closed system, the residents would be willing to take care of the water pipes. John Norris said the one alternative is a closed system and would cost \$15 to \$20 per foot. Mr. Smith said that if the storm water could be properly drained, it would eliminate the sewage problem. Dr. Marek said the Health Department is concerned with the effluent leaching into the drainage ditches.

Commissioner Bowles said the County would have to develop costs for a public system and the people of St. Clement's Shores would have to bear the cost. There are some federal and state funds available for sewage treatment but the remainder would be borne by the property owners. Commissioner Guy said federal funding for this has been withheld over a period of years. Commissioner Guy further stated that the Commissioners will ask the Metropolitan Commission to make a study of the area and develop costs in relation to the sewage problem. Perhaps a consultant should be hired to make a study of the drainage in the area for the development of a community system. Commissioner Guy suggested that John Norris could conduct a study of the drainage system.

Commissioner Bowles requested the Council to select a representative from their group that the Commissioners could be in contact with and we will begin to develop some information from the ideas discussed.

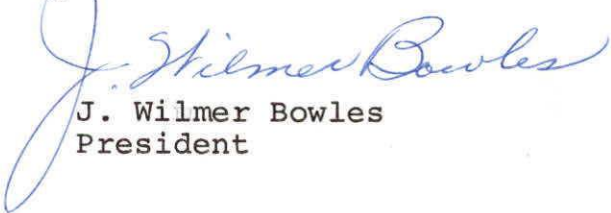
Dr. Marek closed by stating that as interim solution, individual home owners should practice conservation of water usage.

INSURANCE BUYER'S COUNCIL

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling stated he forwarded a letter to the Insurance Buyer's Council setting forth the changes in the Statement of Values.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
President