

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, December 18, 1973

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
 Commissioner George R. Aud  
 Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
 H. D. McGlade, Director of Administration  
 Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk  
 Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 11, 1973 were read and corrected.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the County Commissioners:

State's Attorney's Office for overtime spent on indictments for the Grand Jury: 24 hours @ \$5.00 an hour - \$120.00;

Dale Cropper, Engineer Inspector, mileage report for November 1973 - \$126.40;

John Norris, County Engineer, mileage report for October 1973 - \$83.90;

Edwin Beitzell, County Historian, dated December 13, 1973, mileage expenses - \$56.00;

State's Attorney's Office, dated December 12, 1973, for secretarial salaries (two part-time) - \$1209.50;

Board of Library Trustees, dated December 11, 1973, third quarter of their appropriation for fiscal 1974 - \$25,655.75;

Cross and Adreon, architects, dated December 11, 1973 for December 15, 1973 update of Detailed Construction Cost Estimate (Nursing Home project) - \$150.00;

Andrew Hill, Jr., reimbursement for pigs killed by dogs - \$22.50

Tom's Electric Co., dated October 24, 1973, for moving lights in courthouse - \$190.00;

J. C. & W. A. Guy, dated December 6, 1973, for installation of sewage and water facilities for Mrs. Agnes Abell's trailer, St. Andrews Church Road - \$2,150.00;

Dean Construction Co., dated December 3, 1973, for resurfacing Ellis Road - \$13,817.10;

Free State Surveying and Land Planning, Inc., dated November 30, 1973, for road inspection - paving of Ellis Road - \$666.00;

Estimate No. 2 from Regal Construction Company, Inc. from November 1, 1973 to November 30, 1973, re Contract No. SM 599-1-518, St. Andrews Church Road - \$79,568.26.

#### BOAT TRIPS TO ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND

A letter was received from Mr. "Buck" Briscoe, Economic Development Committee recommending boat service to St. Clement's Island. Ed Cox is to find out what the proposed schedule for these trips would be and pursue the details of funding. The Commissioners agreed that this matter should be brought before the Recreation and Parks Board before they make a decision.

#### FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

A letter was received from the Department of Natural Resources requesting the County's participation in the Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Cox said there would be a need for a Resolution from the County designating flood prone areas and that there is a study by the Water Resources Administration to locate these areas within six months. Ed Cox is to draft this Resolution and include the statement that approval of this study in the flood insurance program does not suggest or imply obligation on the part of the County as far as local public funding is concerned over and above what is budgeted.

#### ASSESSMENT OFFICE

Commissioner Guy made a motion that James William Spence be appointed as an Assessor to replace William S. Lawrence who has been promoted to Supervisor of Assessments, St. Mary's County. This appointment is effective February 1, 1974. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY LEGAL FEES

Commissioner Guy made a motion to make payment to Edward S. Digges, law firm, for the legal defense of the Housing Authority in the amount of \$2,029.40. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### ENERGY COORDINATOR

At the Maryland Association of Counties conference held in December, it was decided that each County should have an energy coordinator to handle the energy crisis problems as they arise. Mr. Cox is to request Otis Wood to serve as Energy Coordinator for St. Mary's County.



SCHOOL MAINTENANCE CRITERIA

Mr. McGlade stated that Mr. Alford Carey, Jr., Executive Director, Interagency Committee for School Construction discussed the letter on the proposed guidelines for local maintenance of school buildings, and Mr. McGlade stated he noticed some flaws in the criteria. Mr. McGlade is to write to Mr. Carey expressing his opinion of these flaws.

REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Ed Cox stated that Sheriff Williams is opposed to the Regional Correctional Center and John Bailey, State's Attorney is in favor with some stipulations. Mr. McGlade is to meet with Clarke Gravelle, Criminal Justice Planner, Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement, to obtain more information and determine the alternatives.

KITTS POINT

Commissioner Guy asked Mr. McGlade what the status was of the Kitts Point Agreement. Mr. McGlade stated he was working on the revised proposal Agreement with Ed Cox and was waiting for input from John Norris, County Engineer, Robert Willard, Planning Director, and Joseph Weiner, County Attorney.

COLLEGE-COUNTY INTERN PROGRAM

Mr. Cox presented a proposed College-County Intern Program to be utilized in the various county departments. The only expense to the County would be mileage costs. The Commissioners authorized Ed Cox to proceed to negotiate with Dr. Frank van Aalst of St. Mary's College, to develop the college-county intern program.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Present: Mr. Joseph M. Gough, Chairman

Mr. Gough presented a letter dated December 18, 1973, setting forth the scheduling of work before the Planning Commission, including the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the zoning ordinance, the Lexington Park Master Plan, and the County's subdivision regulations.

Mr. Gough presented another letter dated December 18, 1973 requesting the County Commissioners to issue a directive that would implement the Planning Commission's plans in the reviewing process for subdivision development as handled by the Planning Commission. The Commissioners agreed that the staff develop a draft of the above for their review.



PROPOSED STEUART PETROLEUM REFINERY

Present: Col. Walter Simpson

Colonel Simpson came before the Commissioners to express his opposition to Steuart Petroleum using ground water in their proposed refinery at Piney Point. He explained the uses of water and causes of pollution and showed a diagram that he had drawn for the Army Corps of Engineers 50 years ago of all the water in the world. Col. Simpson stated that there are five aquifers for ground water to be drawn from and the land would subside when they are gone. Col. Simpson discussed the emitting of sulphur by a refinery which would ruin farm land particularly tobacco within 15 miles. He mentioned the fact that Steuart is only guaranteeing a distance of not more than four miles for odors from the refinery.

Colonel Simpson stated that if they are allowed to build the refinery they should be made to put up a half a million dollar bond for an changes in the refinery itself. He further stated that the County should insist on seeing all specifications for the refinery before it is built.

Col. Simpson said the oil would be coming in tankers too large for the Bay and there would have to be a transfer in the ocean.

Colonel Simpson expressed the opinion that people move into this area because of the nice surroundings; however, they would move if there is this type of industry. He did state that he was not opposed to clean industry.

Commissioner Bowles asked Col. Simpson if he thought a rural, agricultural and residential area such as Piney Point could be compatible with a refinery. Col. Simpson said in that particular area, tobacco is raised which is susceptible to chemical contamination and the tobacco (and possibly other crops) within 10 to 15 miles of the refinery would probably be lost.

Commissioner Guy expressed the need for ecological monitoring and that standards and safeguards should be developed within Southern Maryland, and perhaps these safeguards could be done through a legislative process.

Commissioner Bowles suggested to Col. Simpson that he talk to local civic organizations and the legislators about a monitoring agency being established through legislation.

JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION (MAIL LOG)

Present: Dick Myers, WKIK  
Dave Fox, WPTX

Dick Myers stated that the press would like to be able to have access to the mail log and they wanted to know the



reasons this was not allowed as it had been in the past.

Commissioner Bowles explained that the Commissioners did not want letters made public before they had a chance to review them which is usually Tuesday morning at the weekly meeting.

Dick Myers suggested that the mail log be made available at all times but not released by the press until they are personally assured all three Commissioners have had a chance to see it.

Commissioner Bowles said the secretary responsible for the mail log should keep it in her desk or on her desk. The mail log would be made available Tuesday morning when the Commissioners receive theirs until a more equitable solution can be reached. An extra copy of all incoming correspondence will be put in a folder for the review of the press.

RELOCATION OF AGNES ABELL'S TRAILER - ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris recommended that the Commissioners expend \$100 for relocation assistance to Agnes Abell. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BID FROM MIDWEST STEEL - TRACK REMOVAL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris stated he received a letter dated November 24 from Midwest Steel referring to their letter of November 7 in which they stated their corrected bid for the removal of tracks and ties in the amount of \$189,924 instead of the original bid of \$240,100. They requested acceptance of the bid in the amount of \$189,924. Mr. Norris stated that Mr. Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, forwarded a letter stating the Commissioners would be justified in accepting the Midwest Steel's bid in the amount of \$240,100 less the computation error of \$50,176 - \$189,924. John Norris recommended that the Commissioners accept the bid in the amount of \$189,924. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation and award the bid to Midwest Steel, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. John Norris is to forward a letter to Midwest Steel informing them to remove rails and ties and grade the bed, and request \$10,000 cash or bond for damages. John Norris is to forward a letter to GSA explaining the above.



BIDS FOR HYRDAULIC EXCAVATOR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris recommended that the bid for the hydraulic excavator be awarded to Chesapeake Supply and Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$46,775 with a two year part warranty. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. This will be a Revenue Sharing item under Capital Improvement.

SMITH CREEK WHARF BID

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris stated that Delahay's Pile Driving Service had submitted a bid in the amount of \$8,800.88 six weeks ago for the repair of Smith's Creek Wharf. In addition sills and stringers need to be replaced at \$375 for each sill and \$390 for each stringer. The total bill will be approximately \$9500. Mr. Norris asked if the Commissioners wanted to go in excess of the \$5,000 from the Department of Natural Resources for the project. Another factor is the time that has elapsed since the bid was opened and would Mr. Delahay agree to do the work at the same cost. Commissioner Guy made a motion to award the bid to Delahay's subject to Mr. Delahay accepting, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

PROMOTIONS IN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

A letter dated December 12, 1973 was received from Mr. Donald Tynes, Department of Personnel recommending promotions as set forth in the minutes of November 6, 1973. The promotions are as follows:

Cecelia B. Adams - Office Secretary III, Grade 9, Step 2 - \$8245;

Margaret Childs - Office Secretary II, Grade 8 Base - \$7201;

Judith Mullins - Office Secretary II, Grade 8, Step 1 - \$7634.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Department of Personnel, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. These promotions are to be effective November 6, 1973, the date approval was given by the County Commissioners.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

At this time the Commissioners reviewed and approved the reorganization charts and plans outlining a definitive organizational statement.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 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 11:30 a.m.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
 Patty Muchow, Beacon  
 Dick Myers, WKIK  
 Dave Fox, WPTX  
 Abby Ford, Guardian Review

At this time the regular month Press Conference was held. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

(Commissioner Aud did not return to the meeting after lunch.)

KITTS POINT AGREEMENT REVIEW

Present: H. D. McGlade, Director of Administration  
 Ed Cox, Chief Clerk

The Commissioners reviewed the Kitts Point Agreement with Mr. McGlade and Mr. Cox.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*J. Wilmer Bowles 1-29-74*