

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, January 29, 1974

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

The meeting came to order at 9:45 a.m.

REZONING FILE NO. 0014 - COMMERCIAL DEVELOPERS, INC.

Present: John Bailey, Attorney

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the rezoning request of Commercial Developers of property consisting of 14.076 acres from "A-Residential" and "Agricultural" to a complete "Commercial" category and 42.791 acres from "Agricultural" to "C-Residential" category located in the Eighth Election District, subject to the covenants and restrictions set forth in the letter of Agreement from Commercial Developers, Inc. dated January 18, 1974. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowles abstained since he was not in attendance at the January 8 Rezoning Hearing.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 22, 1974 were read and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles who signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, and 20, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles who signed same.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of December 28-29, 1973, seconded by Commissioner Bowles who signed same. (Commissioner Guy was not in attendance at the December 28-29 meeting.)

(Commissioner Aud left the meeting at this time.)

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

St. Mary's County Historical Society for operating expenses for the operation of the St. Mary's County Tourist Information Center for the month of January 1974 - \$416.66;

BILLS APPROVED (continued)

David M. Gruber & Company, CPA, dated January 22, 1974,
for Second Quarter Audit - \$2,750.00;

State Highway Administration, dated January 18, 1974,
for inspection of construction and materials testing by SHA
personnel on Project SM 599-1-512, St. Andrews Church Road
for the month of October 1973 - \$1,008.79;

Hugh W. Wilkerson & Assoc., dated December 27, 1973, for
updating plans and specifications for Hermanville Road - \$1,171.00;

St. Mary's College of Maryland, dated January 15, 1974,
for a scholarship for James Norris - \$300;

Dolly Hall for reimbursement for 52 pullets killed by
dogs - \$78.00;

Irene Henderson, Board of Supervisor of Elections, reimburse-
ment for mileage - 72 miles @ .10¢ per mile.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the Grant
Application for Tri-County Group Home to Maryland Governor's
Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of
Justice for a total amount of \$47,776; federal - \$43,000,
state - \$1,622, and local (in-kind) - \$3,154. Commissioner
Bowles seconded the motion and signed same.

(Commissioner Aud returned to the meeting.)

PROCLAMATION NO. 74-2ST. MARY'S COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The Commissioners unanimously approved signing the above
Proclamation creating a Commission to commemorate the bi-
centennial of the American Revolution and providing for the
powers and duties of such Commission. By this Proclamation
the County Commissioners join in proclaiming the establishment
of the St. Mary's Bicentennial Commission on this day.

PROCLAMATION NO. 74-3COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commissioners unanimously approved signing the above
Proclamation establishing a Commission on Aging of St. Mary's
County.

ZONING ORDINANCE

Present: Robert Willard, Planning Director

Mr. Willard presented a letter dated January 28, 1974, from Barton-Aschman with information pertaining to the County Zoning Ordinance and a projected schedule for completion. Mr. Willard stated that the printing of the Zoning Ordinance books will cost \$1600 - 200 books @ \$8.00 per book. Commissioner Guy made a motion authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1600 for the printing costs of the County Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ADJACENT TO COUNTY AIRPORT

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the County purchase 4.23 acres of property adjacent to St. Mary's County Airport and owned by Taylor Marshall, in the amount of \$3,850.40, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve a scholarship to Judith Ann Guy to St. Mary's College for one year at \$300 and for one semester at \$150 and a scholarship to Michaela Clancy to St. Mary's College for two years for \$300 each year and one semester for \$150. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. These scholarships are effective the second semester of this school year.

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA PROCLAMATION

Students from Chopticon High School came before the Commissioners to request Commissioner Bowles to sign a Proclamation designating February 11-16, 1974 as Future Business Leaders of America Week.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION POLICY - UTILITY COMPANIES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that at a meeting held January 22, 1974, with Southern Maryland Electric Co-op and the C & P Telephone Company, it was the utility companies' wishes that the County Commissioners act as the intermediary with the developer for the utility companies by collecting funds from the developer for the relocation of utilities and said funds would be transmitted to the utility company.

The Commissioners were of the opinion that the County should not collect funds from the developer and that a paragraph should be incorporated into the Road Construction Agreement with the developer making the developer responsible for the cost of utility relocation.

PROCEDURES FOR CHANGE IN CATEGORY
COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWAGE PLAN

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris submitted a draft procedure to formalize the method for the County to receive requests for a change in the water and sewage category and the manner in which they should be handled.

The Commissioners were of the opinion that public hearings for changes in category should, if possible, be limited to one hearing a year, at the time of the annual update of the Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan.

ROAD POLICY ORDINANCE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Joseph Weiner, County Attorney

John Norris submitted a draft of the ordinance covering the road policy to be presented at a public hearing on February 21, 1974. Mr. Norris stated that the only change from the Road Policy Resolution adopted December 11, 1973 is that if the road has already been reconstructed that the Commissioners would have the authority to require additional reconstruction if there was a serious impact on the safety, capacity or maintenance costs of that road.

Mr. Norris stated that the effective date of this Ordinance would be March 5, 1974.

The Commissioners do not at this time have the authority to impose a development fee on a per lot or per dwelling unit basis; and, therefore, asked Mr. Weiner if this could be included in the Ordinance which would state that the County Commissioners may accept a development fee in lieu of the road policy if such was proposed by a developer. Mr. Weiner said this would be acceptable and would work with Mr. McGlade and John Norris for the proper language to be included in the Ordinance. The per lot and/or per unit fee is to be determined by the Commissioners at a later date. In addition, Mr. Weiner is to contact Senator Bailey to request that legislation be introduced as emergency legislation giving the Commissioners the authority to charge a development fee on a per lot and/or per dwelling unit basis.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION - WILLIAM F. HERBERT

Present: Mr. William F. Herbert, Supervisor of Assessments
Staff of Assessment Office

The County Commissioners presented an Official Commendation to Mr. Herbert, who will be retiring from his position January 31, 1974, for his years of service to the County.

LEONARD HALL SCHOOL ELECTRIC BILL

The Commissioners unanimously approved payment in the amount of \$158.81 for the months of August, September, October, and November 1973, to Leonard Hall School representing the difference in the electric bill that the County had previously paid and the actual costs at Leonard Hall School, Inc.

BIDS ON INVESTMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Bids were opened on this day on investments in the total amount of \$1,611,921.30 for 100 days. Those present were: Mr. McGlade, Comptroller, Paul Raley, and Mrs. Hoopengardner from Maryland National Bank.

Bids were as follows:

	\$500,000 <u>General Fund</u>	\$500,000 <u>Road Account</u>	\$611,921.30 <u>Revenue Sharing</u>
First Nat'l Bank	8.52%	8.52%	8.52%
Md. Nat'l Bank	8.31%	8.31%	8.31%
Md. Bank & Trust	8.72%	8.72%	8.72%

Mr. Sterling recommended that the Commissioners accept the highest bid, namely, the bid from Maryland Bank and Trust at 8.72%.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendation.

LEXINGTON PARK MASTER PLAN

Present: Robert Willard, Planning Director

At this time the Commissioners reviewed the Lexington Park Area Master Plan with Mr. Willard.

1974-75 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

At this time the Commissioners reviewed the 1974-75 budget procedures with Mr. McGlade.

FIRE BOARD LEGISLATION

The Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed legislation submitted by George McWilliams, President, St. Mary's County Fire Board, set forth in a letter dated January 23, 1974 with changes in previously proposed legislation by letter of same date.

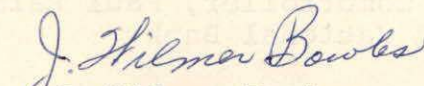
XEROX MACHINE FOR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

Present: Paul Raley

Mr. Raley stated he looked into the features of the Xerox 2400 copy machine with a collator and said that this machine would defeat the benefits of the Xerox 4000 machine as set forth in the minutes of January 22, and therefore, recommended that the Commissioners obtain the Xerox 4000. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Raley's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Paul Raley is to look into the possibility of purchasing a separate collator machine.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


J. Wilmer Bowles
President