

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGTuesday, July 9, 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 9:40 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 2, 1974 were read and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

State Highway Administration, dated July 2, 1974, for construction inspection and material testing on Project No. SM 599-1-512, St. Andrews Church Road - \$3,376.25;

State Highway Administration, dated July 2, 1974, for material testing services (subdivisions) - \$25.56;

Wolman, Fishman, Gushee, Shepherd & Covington (Special Prosecutors) for services rendered in the case of State vs. Sheriff Lawrence Williams and Deputy Sheriff David Lang - \$1,190.00 (Contingency Fund);

Dale T. Cropper, Engineering Inspector, June mileage - \$222.30;

Free State Surveying and Land Planning, Inc., dated June 30, 1974, for correction of centerline stakeout of Larredore Road - \$605.00.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve Vouchers No. 8153 through 8412, dated June 4, 1974 through June 28, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

RADIOS FOR LANDFILL OPERATION

Ed Cox stated that John Norris, County Engineer, requested a transfer of funds from the County Engineer's Clement's Landfill Access Road in the amount of \$228.72 to the Communication System for Landfill Operation in order to purchase three radios for the landfill operation at a total cost of \$3,803.72. \$3,575.00 was appropriated in the FY '75 budget for the radios. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

APPROVING AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ed Cox stated that Mr. McGlade, Comptroller, recommended that the Commissioners appoint an approving authority for line budget transfers. The Commissioners will consider this request, and make a decision at a later time.

RESURFACING OF EXTENSION OF LANGLEY ROAD

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the resurfacing of the extension of Langley Road on the west side of Route 5, Great Mills, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

FEDDERS PROPERTY

The Commissioners instructed Ed Cox to request Spence Howard to appraise the Fedders' property before the Commissioners make a decision as to settlement for damages.

Later in the meeting, Ed Cox reported that Spence Howard agreed to do the appraisal.

CORRECTION OF JUNE 25, 1974 MINUTES  
ATTENDANT AT VALLEY LEE DISPOSAL AREA

Ed Cox advised the Commissioners that the Finance Office verified that the correct salary for the attendant at the Valley Lee Disposal Area should be \$1.90 and not \$2.00 as stated in the June 25, 1974 minutes. Commissioner Guy made a motion to correct this figure, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OEDP REPORTS

Ed Cox stated that the EDC has submitted their OEDP report to the State and requested any comments or changes from the Commissioners. Robert Willard, Planning Director and H. D. McGlade, Comptroller were furnished copies of the report in order to work with Mr. Cox to provide any recommendations to the Commissioners.



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PATUXENT PARK PARENTS OF CONCERN  
TRANSPORTATING OF CHILDREN FROM GREENVIEW KNOLLS TO CARVER

Present: Patricia Kobleur, Patuxent Parents of Concern  
 Roy Hart, Jr. " " " "  
 Carol Burd " " " "  
 Louis Weinstein " " " "  
 Jerry Diamond " " " "  
 Elaine Davis, Esperanza Middle School area  
 Chris Boyer, Esperanza MMiddle School area and  
 Greenview Knolls  
 Don Beck, Esperanza Farms/Millstone Rd. (concerned parents)  
 Dr. Robert King, Superintendent, Board of Education  
 James D. Adams, Board of Education  
 James Forrest, " " "  
 Clarence Davis, " " "  
 Stan Schrader, " " "  
 James Ogden, " " "  
 Delegate John Hanson Briscoe  
 William Miles, Aid to Delegate Briscoe  
 Delegate James Manning McKay  
 Ted Newkirk, NAACP

A meeting was called by the Patuxent Parents of Concern and the Delegates at the Tech Center to discuss the opposition by the Patuxent Park parents concerning the transporting of their children from Greenview Knolls Elementary to Carver Elementary as proposed by the Board of Education in order to abide by the HEW guidelines in order to obtain racial balance in the schools in the County.

Mr. Weinstein read a statement requesting the elected officials' support and presented statistics for the period of 1965-66 through 1973-74 setting forth the changes of schools of the children from Patuxent Park.

The parents discussed the effects the moving has had on their children and how they felt that Patuxent Park has been treated unfairly and they were of the opinion that children from other areas that have never been transported to other schools be transported this time.

Mr. Beck, resident of Esperanza area, spoke out in objection to this counterproposal.

Mrs. Kobleur and other parents of Patuxent Park listed several problems they felt needed correcting at Carver School, ie, broken glass, bees' nests in windows, boarding up of annex building, etc. Dr. King said some work was being done this summer to correct some of the problems; however, major items would be done in a year's time.



Mrs. Barnes explained that St. Mary's County had to comply with HEW guidelines as had been ordered by Judge Pratt. Mrs. Barnes further stated that the proposal from Patuxent Parents, and letters from individual parents and other suggestions made at the public hearings will be considered before the Plan is adopted. She stated that she will ask the Board that if this Plan is adopted that there be some guarantee to the parents of Patuxent Park that their children be allowed to stay in Carver School in order to give them assurance of stability.

Mrs. Kobleur requested Dr. King to have the Board's objections to their proposal put in writing in order that they may have a chance for rebuttal.

In conclusion, Mr. Hart stated that elected officials were asked to this meeting because the parents felt that Patuxent Park was being discriminated against and asked for their support.

#### BID OPENING - LANDFILL COMPACTOR

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

One sealed bid was received for the furnishing and delivering for one-year rental with option to purchase a sanitary landfill compactor with attachments. The bid was as follows: Alban Tractor Company - \$12,000 for one-year rental and \$42,633 purchase price at the end of one year.

John Norris recommended that the bid be awarded to Alban Tractor. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### LEASE AGREEMENT - LEONARD HALL JAMES B. RUSSELL, JR.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners enter into the Lease Agreement on the Leonard Hall property with James B. Russell, Jr. to lease 40 acres of tillable land for a term of one year for an annual rental of \$400 commencing July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1975, and continuing from term to term after the expiration of the above term provided that, however, either party terminate the lease at the end of the term by giving 60 days notice. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### AIR CONDITIONER - DISTRICT COURT

Commissioner Guy made a motion that in the event the air conditioning for the Courthouse is not repaired that the Commissioners authorize the purchase of an air conditioner for District Court, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



1974 YOUTH SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Present: Dan Raley, Executive Secretary, Youth Commission  
Mrs. Robert Rhoades and family

The Commissioners, on behalf of the Youth Commission, presented a plaque for 1974 Youth Service Recognition which was awarded posthumously to Robert Rhoades to Mrs. Rhoades.

LARREDORE ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated he received two proposals for engineering work on Larredore Road and recommended that the Commissioners accept the proposal from J. R. McCrone in the amount of \$18,500 to do engineering, design and plans and specifications for reconstruction of Larredore Road. This engineering will be completed in February 1975 and bids on reconstruction will be advertised in March or April 1975. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

OVERLAY (ASPHALTING) PROGRAM

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the State is preparing specifications for bids for three jobs: Willows Road, Shangri-La Drive and Essex Drive. The State estimates the cost to be \$110,166 and the County budgeted \$78,733 for these projects; however, Mr. Norris stated that a more accurate figure will be obtained when bids are received. These projects are to go out on bids the latter part of August.

Other projects in the Overlay Program are the road to Carver Heights and Golden Beach Road.

ATTENDANT FOR RIDGE DISPOSAL AREA

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the attendant for the Ridge Disposal Area resigned and recommended that the County hire James E. Evans, Lexington Park, as a replacement at a salary of \$1.90 per hour, effective July 16, 1974. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



SMECO - RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

John Norris stated that SMECO is in accord with the alignment as proposed by Barton-Aschman, Consultants, and now would be an opportune time for the County to have a meeting to discuss how to acquire the rights-of-way. Mr. Norris will coordinate the meeting with Dick McCoy, Chief Engineer, SMECO, to discuss apportionate sharing of the cost.

COUNTRY LAKES SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

Mr. Norris stated that the above subdivision of 1200 acres consisting of approximately 400 lots is being proposed and the developer, Ben Burroughs, Jr. is requesting specific information concerning alignment of roads and because some of the dams of the lakes are going to be the road beds, he is requesting information as to standards for inspection criteria, type of materials, emergency overflow. Mr. Burroughs would like this information on or before August 5. Mr. Norris stated that with his office's present work schedule, there was no way he could comply with this request. Mr. Norris suggested that a consultant be hired for three or four days to gather this information at a cost of approximately \$500 to \$600.

Commissioner Bowles stated that if this information is requested by the developer within a specified period of time perhaps this cost should be borne by the developer. John Norris will discuss this with Mr. Burroughs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET APPROVAL

Present: Henry Kanowicz, Board of Education  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners approve and sign the Board of Education Budget for 1974-75, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

SIGNATURE CARDS

Commissioner Guy made a motion to authorize the signing of the signature cards from First National Bank subject to verification as to whose name goes on the cards, seconded by Commissioner Aud, and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



COMMISSION ON AGING - TITLE III GRANT

The Commission on Aging applied for and approval was received for a Title III grant involving the purchase of mini-busses and hiring of full-time and part-time personnel and does not require the Commissioners' approval; however, Ed Cox suggested that all grants should have a procedure of going through proper channels. The Commissioners were in agreement with Mr. Cox that this be done. This grant is for approximately \$46,000 and is a three-year grant, renewable each year.

ANIMAL WARDEN

Ed Cox stated that according to the Tri-County Animal Shelter, they are dispatcher and overall organizer of Charles County Animal Warden and Mr. Cox requested permission to pursue the possibility whether or not the Tri-County Shelter could act as dispatcher of the St. Mary's County Animal Warden. The Commissioners gave Mr. Cox approval for this.

Mr. Cox recommended that a part-time animal warden be hired for the summer which would require a truck and equipment. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. This item will come from the Contingency Fund.

AMENDMENTS TO PLUMBING CODE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, as presented at the Public Hearing at the County Commissioners' meeting of June 25, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-28  
PLUMBING PERMIT ORDINANCE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the adoption of and sign the Plumbing Permit Ordinance No. 74-28, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

LIGHTS AT PINEY POINT PIER

The Commissioners instructed John Norris to have another light installed at the County pier and recreational area at Piney Point.

REPAIR OF PIER AT ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND

The Commissioners instructed John Norris to have the pier at St. George's Island repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*J. Wilmer Bowles* 8/13/74  
J. Wilmer Bowles, President