

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 6, 1974

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller  
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

(Commissioners Aud and Guy were absent due to illness.)

The meeting came to order at 10:00 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 16, 1974 were read and reviewed. Corrections could not be made due to the absence of Commissioners Aud and Guy.

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE  
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN - LOWER POTOMAC BASIN

Ed Cox advised the Commissioners that Nick Smith and James A. Beaven accepted to serve as members of the Public Advisory Council, and Joseph E. Bean and James T. Tennyson accepted to serve as members of the Government Policy Group. Commissioner Bowles advised Mr. Cox to submit these four names to the State and inform them that two additional names will be submitted at the earliest possible time.

PUBLIC WHARVES

John Norris, County Engineer, is to be requested to provide Mr. McGlade, Comptroller, with a list of public wharves needing repairs during FY 75 and the estimated cost of said repairs.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Ed Cox stated that Mr. Platt, Zoning Administrator, requested guidance from the Commissioners concerning the development of a Historic District Commission as set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Cox is to request more-detailed information from Mr. Platt as to membership on the Commission.

Commissioner Bowles suggested that a member of the Planning Commission should be on the Historic District Commission, perhaps as a liaison.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Commissioners awarded seventeen scholarships for the academic year 1974-75. Commissioner Bowles presented Certificates



of Scholarship Awards to five of those who were able to receive them in person. The remainder will be mailed to the other recipients.

#### PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
 Sunny Schust, "  
 Richard Polk, "  
 Randy Buehler, Beacon  
 Dick Myers, WKIK  
 Dave Fox, Guardian Review  
 Dave Densford, Cablevision

The regular monthly Press Conference was held at this time. A tape of the Conference is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

#### FEDDERS' PROPERTY - ST. JEROME'S CREEK

Present: Andrew Greenwald, Attorney  
 Marvin Kaminetz, Attorney  
 Joseph Weiner, County Attorney

Mr. Greenwald explained the history of the flooding problem of the Fedders' property located at St. Jerome's Creek. He stated that Mr. Fedders is not seeking for anything other than the right to use his property in the condition as it had been when purchased as a summer home to enjoy St. Mary's County, and this had been curtailed because of the flooding on the property. Mr. Greenwald stated that he thought the problem had been resolved in that Mr. Fedders was willing to accept the initial offer of \$10,000, but this offer was rescinded by the County after an appraisal was made. Mr. Greenwald stated that an appraisal was made in 1973 for his clients and damages were estimated at \$9,900. In concluding his statement, Mr. Greenwald stated that a suit has been filed in this case because Mr. Fedders cannot use his property, and all that he is asking is that the property be put into condition for it to be used and that Mr. Fedders be compensated for these damages. Mr. Greenwald presented photographs of the property showing the flooding and a copy of the appraisal dated December 31, 1974 indicating the cost for correcting the situation to be \$9,900.

Commissioner Bowles said he would make this information available to Commissioners Aud and Guy and the matter would be discussed at the County Commissioners' meeting next Tuesday. (A tape of the proceedings is on file in the Commissioners' Office.)

#### NON-PROVISIONAL TEACHERS

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent, Board of Education  
 James Raley, Board of Education

Dr. King advised the Commissioners that the State gave non-provisional teachers a one-year's extension to become certified.



FENCE FOR CARVER SCHOOL

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent, Board of Education  
James Raley, Board of Education

Dr. King stated that one of the concerns of the Patuxent Parents whose children will be transported to Carver School from Greenview Knolls was that there should be a protective fence installed along the school property on Three Notch Road. The 535 linear feet of four foot fence would cost approximately \$1,500 to \$2,000. Dr. King inquired if the County would be able to help in the cost of this fence.

Mr. McGlade discussed the Board of Education's budgeting for this item and suggested that perhaps their maintenance program priorities could be re-evaluated.

Commissioner Bowles said that this matter will be discussed next week upon the return of Commissioners Aud and Guy.

GEORGE E. HUNT IV PROPERTY  
(PRIVATE SUBDIVISION)

Present: Sue Burgemeister, Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill  
Robert Willard, Planning Director

Sue Burgemeister presented a plat for the George E. Hunt IV property, consisting of 3.9 acres located in the Sixth Election District. She stated that Mr. Focer of Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill brought this matter before the Commissioners at their June 25 meeting; however, it was the Commissioners' opinion at that time that it was not a matter for the Commissioners and, therefore, was not made a part of their record. Mrs. Burgemeister further stated that the Planning Commission would make no decision on the plat until a recommendation was received from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to exactly what was needed from the Commissioners, to which Mrs. Burgemeister stated that she needed the Commissioners to approve this single lot minor subdivision fronting on a private road. Commissioner Bowles requested Bob Willard to have the Planning Commission submit in writing and make recommendations to the Commissioners to be discussed upon the return of Commissioners Aud and Guy.

TRI-COUNTY GROUP HOME BOARD

Present: Margaret Flannigan  
Doris Bracken  
Janice Williams  
Richard Williams  
Dan Raley, Executive Secretary, Youth Commission

Mrs. Bracken introduced the new teaching parents of the Tri-County Group Home, Janice and Richard Williams. Mr. and Mrs.



Williams mentioned the good relationship between the boys at the Home and the parents, and said they were looking forward to working with them. Mrs. Bracken expressed a desire that the Board would like to get more coverage from the Press and she discussed the fund raising plans being developed prior to the expiration of the grant.

#### YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Present: Dan Raley, Executive Secretary, Youth Commission  
Steve Spedden, Project Director  
James Hickey, Assistant to Chief Clerk

Dan Raley presented a progress report to Commissioner Bowles on the Youth Summer Employment Program. Mr. Raley was encouraged with the progress of the Program. The report included projects completed, one of which Mr. Raley believed to be the most important, the Lexington Park Health Department building (cutting grass, trimming bushes, picking up trash, etc.).

Dan Raley said that Aldrich Ford donated the use of a nine-passenger van and a pickup truck to help get the program underway.

Mr. Raley suggested that at the end of the Program comparisons be made of costs involved in using the youths for the projects as opposed to hiring someone to do these jobs.

Commissioner Bowles mentioned the fence that needed to be installed by the Board of Education at Carver School and if it was possible for the youths to do the installation. Dan Raley will contact James Raley of the Board of Education concerning this.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris presented amendments to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan as revised to July 1, 1973 for Mt. Pleasant Water Company (to be changed from W-5 to W-2) and Town Creek Water Company, to serve the additional section of Esperanza Farms (to be changed from W-4 to W-2).

No action could be taken on these amendments due to the absence of Commissioners Aud and Guy.

#### POTENTIAL ROAD PROBLEMS IN SUBDIVISIONS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

John Norris discussed potential problems pertaining to a number of subdivision streets, the bonding amount and expiration date of said bonds. Mr. Norris will present these matters at the next County Commissioner meeting.



DEMETRIOU CONTRACT AND BILLING

Mr. McGlade and Mr. Cox reviewed the Demetriou Contract and billing with Commissioner Bowles.

NURSING HOME PROJECT

The Nursing Home Project was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

*J. Wilmer Bowles 8-20-74*  
J. Wilmer Bowles, President