

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 1974

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles  
Commissioner George R. Aud  
Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller  
Cecelia B. Adams, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 10:00 A.M.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of Tuesday, October 1, 1974 and Wednesday, October 2, 1974 were read and corrected.

CHANGE OF MEETING DAY

It was unanimously agreed by the Board of County Commissioners that the meetings for October and November, 1974 would be held on Wednesdays. Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, will prepare a press release to that effect.

At this time, Mr. John K. Parlett entered the meeting.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the County Commissioners:

Whalen and Purdy, Inc. - Application and Certificate for Payment for construction of a metal maintenance building at the St. Mary's County Airport in the amount of \$2,875.00.

Whalen and Purdy, Inc. - Application and Certificate for payment for foundations and portions of general contract work for maintenance hangar building at the St. Mary's County Airport in the amount of \$16,574.00.

Keuffel and Esser Company - For drafting supplies for the County Engineer's Office - \$34.80.

J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc. - For print of Patuxent Knolls and 25 prints of the maintenance hangar building - \$27.25.

Associated Equipment Distributors - To order one copy of "Equipment Rental Compilation" for the County Engineer's Office - \$10.00.

Leonardtwn Supermarket - For conference room supplies - \$16.36.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve all bills submitted, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles who signed same.

PROCLAMATION - 4-H WEEK

Present: Mr. John Lancaster and Miss Sandy Smith, County Extension Agents; Mr. Barton Hewitt, Miss Adelle DeLozier, Miss Donna Dean, Mr. Jimmy Swecker, Miss Carmen Somerville, County 4-H'ers; and Mrs. Dean and Mrs. DeLozier, parents

Miss Smith introduced the County 4-H'ers as they presented the Commissioners with various samples of their prize winning County Fair exhibits in recognition of 4-H Week in St. Mary's County. Mr. Jimmy Swecker gave a summary to the Commissioners of this year's 4-H program. He began by stating that St. Mary's County's 4-H program is a youth serving program sponsored by the University of Maryland, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the St. Mary's County government. Last year the program served 1,677 boys and girls ages 9 to 19. The 38 organized clubs were assisted by 103 adult leaders and 117 junior and teen leaders who volunteered their time, talent and resources as organization project and special interest leaders. 150 other adult volunteers assisted in various capacities.

At the 1974 County Fair 4-H youth displayed 2,251 exhibits and were awarded \$5,500.00 in premiums and ribbons.

Commissioner Bowles presented a Proclamation "4-H Week - October 6th - 12th, 1974", calling upon all citizens to give the 4-H members their continued support, interest and cooperation so that increasing numbers of girls and boys may benefit from the splendid program of training in citizenship which the 4-H organization offers.

Commissioner Aud commented that this was a worthwhile organization and he would like to see more participation.

PERSONNEL - FINANCE OFFICE

Present: Mr. B. Harris Sterling

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, made a presentation to the Commissioners in which he requested the



approval of a new position in his office. Said position would be classified as Account Clerk B, Grade 6. Approval was given for same as well as approval for a temporary employee in that position until such time as appropriate personnel procedures are implemented.

Approval was also given to Mr. Sterling's request for re-classification of Mrs. Mary Lou Norris from Account Clerk D, Grade 8, Step 6, to Accountant Associate III, pending the completion of the appropriate personnel procedures.

Approval was also given for the filling of the position of Internal Auditor, as previously planned in FY 75 budget negotiations.

#### ST. MARY'S CABLEVISION

Present: Mrs. Judy Ward and Mr. Chris Mickey, Technician

Mrs. Ward explained that the main reason she was appearing before the Board of County Commissioners was to inform them of the problems that she has encountered in the quality of the broadcasts they have made. They have been receiving numerous complaints for the past four or five months regarding the poor broadcasts. She felt that the County was very fortunate to have local television which responds to local events such as "The Blessing of the Fleet". They are having tremendous financial problems now, caused by the cancellation of advertisers. She feels the poor transmission is putting them out of business. She has attempted to contact the heads of both cable systems and has found that they are in the area for a day at a time and, consequently, the repair work is being ignored.

Mr. Mickey stated that when they transmit from the studio it appears to be a good picture, but when they amplify this and tie into the cable network it becomes fuzzy and distorted.

Commissioner Guy stated that perhaps this might be an area in which the new Tri-County Consumer Protection Agency might help, since it deals with consumer protection issues. He continued, stating that the Commissioners' position is limited in many ways, depending on whether they have the legislative authority to intervene.

Mrs. Ward stated that they have received little or no cooperation from the news media in the County other than Radio Station WPTX. She stated that if so many people were complaining and no one is doing anything to remedy the situation, someone should investigate. Commissioner Guy stated that cable television is a relative newcomer to the business. It has just been regulated by the State within the last legislative session. The Commissioners have the authority to tax it, but they do not have the authority to control or regulate it.



Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners will do what they can and hopefully, through this effort, they can help.

EOC - CITIZENS BAND TRANSMITTER RECEIVER, ETC.

Mr. Cox stated that in June the Commissioners had awarded the bid for the ten-channel scanner and citizens band transmitter receiver, antenna, transmission lines and mounting of antenna to the lone bidder, F and F Electronics for the amount of \$722.00. Due to inflation, an additional cost of \$33.20 has been incurred beyond the original bid amount. Mr. Otis Wood recommended that the Commissioners approve payment of this amount. He also wanted the Commissioners to be aware that the original 80 foot height for mounting the antenna had been changed to 50 feet. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve same, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

SCOTCH POINT SUBDIVISION

Mr. Cox presented a deed for the streets in the Scotch Point Subdivision. The construction was properly performed and the County Engineer requested the County's acceptance of these streets and roads (Mariner Road, Mallard Court, Flintlock Court and Daniels Road) into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Commissioner Bowles signed the deed.

RESURFACING OF COUNTY OAK ROAD

Mr. Cox presented a contract for the resurfacing of County Oak Road to Arundel Asphalt in the amount of \$24,024. This contract had been previously signed by the County Attorney, Mr. Joseph Weiner, as to its legal sufficiency. Commissioner Aud made a motion that Commissioner Bowles sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles signing same.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES - APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Cox informed the Commissioners that the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau has requested appointments to their Board of Directors because of resignations and transfers and such. Their new by-laws specify that the Commissioners will appoint four of the Bureau directors. They recommended appointment as follows:

Dr. Frank van Aalst - 1 year term  
 Mr. Joseph Garner - 2 year term  
 Dr. James McLeaf - 1 year term  
 Dr. William Marek - 2 year term



Commissioner Aud made a motion that the Commissioners accept the recommendations of the Tri-County Youth Services Bureau, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Mr. Cox recommended that Mr. Dan Raley, Executive Secretary of the Youth Commission, be requested to submit to the Commissioners names of youths willing to serve as representatives of the Board. The Commissioners were in agreement that this be done.

#### ST. ANDREWS LANDFILL

Mr. Cox presented a project proposal from B & J Nursery for the seeding of the St. Andrews Landfill in the amount of \$1,500.00. This seeding is required by the Department of State Health. Commissioner Aud made a motion that the Commissioners accept Mr. Norris' recommendation to accept this proposal, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

#### BILL APPROVALS

Mr. Cox presented a memo recommending that other than approval authority issued to Mr. Paul Raley, all other approval for bills up to \$1,000.00 upset be designated to the Chief Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners under the following conditions:

- (1) Bill must represent an approved budget item and must be certificated by a department manager that it is within that department's budget and is an appropriate charge.
- (2) The purchasing and contracting represented by a bill must be in accord with the authority of Mr. Paul Raley, Purchasing and Contracting Officer, or as decentralized by him to a specific department head.
- (3) Services or goods received must be certificated by a separate individual. This can be a person mentioned in condition number (1) if contract is by Paul Raley. If contract is by person mentioned in condition number (1), then a separate individual must certify as to services or goods received, and the Purchasing and Contracting Officer would recommend payment.

The purpose of this recommendation is to expedite bill payment in a timely fashion and to eliminate the appearance before the Board of County Commissioners of many routine bills which do not need other than ordinary scrutiny. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation regarding approval of bills up to \$1,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINEE

Mr. Cox stated that he had received a recommendation as to the hiring of an Equipment Operator Trainee (Grade 5 minimum salary) from the County Engineer. Commissioner Guy stated that with the possibility of the trainee learning his trade and then leaving, he wondered if the Commissioners could hire both the applicants. The matter was tabled until Mr. Norris' afternoon appointment.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Vouchers #8715 to 9166, dated August 1 to August 30, 1974, and Vouchers #9167 to 9581, dated September 3 to September 27, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

ERTS-1 PRESENTATION (EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE-1)

Present: Dr. William Marek; Mr. Dallam and Dr. Robert Breall, representatives from Goddard Space Center and General Electric; Dr. Tiller, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Robert Willard, Mr. Jack Kershaw

Dr. Marek thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to make this short presentation to them. By way of history, he first became involved in this about a year ago. The Health Department was trying to sight a way of detecting pollution in an easier manner. There was great potential using this infra-red photography and in the process he became involved with the Goddard Space Center and General Electric. After looking into the situation, it became evident that the potential was even greater in the limited area of health and pollution by using ERTS-1 launched by NASA. He continued, stating that the Goddard people have done quite a lot of work on the Patuxent River. From his point of view, in the health sector, there was great potential and great dollar and manpower savings. Dr. Marek then introduced Messrs. Dallam and Breall. Dr. Breall stated that in July of 1972 NASA set up ERTS-1. The prime contractor to build that satellite was General Electric. They receive data every 18 days. He then showed slides taken by the ERTS-1 satellite and added this was achieved by viewing material at a distance through a sensor (earth resources sensing).

At this point, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Dallam. Mr. Dallam explained that the slides he was showing were originally done for a study conducted for a land use map of the Patuxent River Watershed. This aroused the interest of the Tri-County Council and the local Health Department. He explained that the slides and charts show colorings of water but they can also show classes of water. They can do temporal changes and show the flow patterns as they change from time to



time. As part of General Electric's support to Goddard Space Center, they help screen and monitor over 300 investigations associated with the ERTS-1 program (many of which are associated with water quality). The cost is about \$5.00 per square mile.

Dr. Marek stated that they can send a man in to do particular field work rather than to do shore line survey with infra-red film. Through the satellite flying over every 18 days, it is also possible to monitor developments. It is obviously of great use to planning facilities. Dr. Marek stated that he felt other County agencies would profit by talking with these people. He has found in his trips to Goddard and General Electric that both agencies are very interested in working with local government, sharing information they have already collected.

The Commissioners thanked the gentlemen for meeting with them.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Guy. Commissioner Bowles was not present for the September 17th meeting.

Commissioner Guy was not present for the remainder of the day.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

#### ST. GEORGE'S ISLAND

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, presented a contract for the resurfacing of various roads on St. George's Island by Dean Construction Company in the amount of \$36,375. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

#### BARTON-ASCHMAN - GOLDEN BEACH

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, presented a standard form of agreement on Golden Beach Road from Barton-Aschman Associates Inc. This contract had been previously approved and was presented to Commissioner President Bowles for his signature. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

#### PINEY POINT WHARF - RECREATION AREA

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, stated that the County had approved the \$25,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the Piney Point project. He presented a request for partial payment to Colliflower & Peterson, Inc.,



in the amount of \$16,860. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve same. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion and signed same.

BREEZY KNOLLS SUBDIVISION - CURTIS BROTHERS

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, stated that he had been working with Curtis Brothers, Inc. trying to get them to correct the sub-standard conditions existing in Breezy Knolls Subdivision. He recommended to the Commissioners that they call the bond and try to get the work done with the \$1,000. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. Norris recommendation to call their bond. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION - RILEY BROTHERS

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, stated that there are serious drainage problems existing in the Spring Valley Subdivision. The bond is dated 1969 in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Norris stated that it will not take care of the entire amount of work that needs to be done. He recommended that the County call the bond and apply monies to the correction of some of the conditions. Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendations and Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, informed the Commissioners that the water and sewer plan, with a few minor corrections, is essentially in final form. If the Commissioners do not have any additional comments, he felt it would be in order to have the plan forwarded to the State Department of Health. The Commissioners were in agreement that the plan be sent.

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINEE

After discussion, Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, recommended the hiring of Mr. Stephen Gibson to fill the position of equipment operator trainee effective immediately. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve Mr. Norris' recommendation and Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR TIEDOWN SPACE

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from the St. Mary's County Airport Committee. They recommended that immediate steps be taken to increase the number of tie-down spaces with preference to paved parking if possible. Rapid and continued increases in aviation activity have resulted in a significant



increase in the number of aircraft being based there. The recently begun construction of the hangar and office building have decreased a suitable area available for aircraft parking. The Committee felt that the elimination of the main automobile parking lot would have a minimal impact on automobile parking, since most of the visitors have been utilizing the parking area adjacent to the office trailer. They recommended that the County Engineer be asked to arrange for the removal and storage of the chain link fence separating the aircraft and automobile parking area and that tie-down points be installed in the paved automobile parking area to allow the parked aircraft to be tied down.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Cox to write a letter to the Airport Committee requesting additional details on same.

#### NURSING HOME ADDITION

Mr. B. Harris Sterling presented a billing from Cross and Adreon in the amount of \$1,054.08 for professional services rendered. Said billing was certified to be true and correct by John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, project representative. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve same for payment. Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

Mr. B. Harris Sterling presented a request for payment #4 from Cross and Adreon in the amount of \$41,670, certified to be true and correct by John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, project representative. Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve same for payment. Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

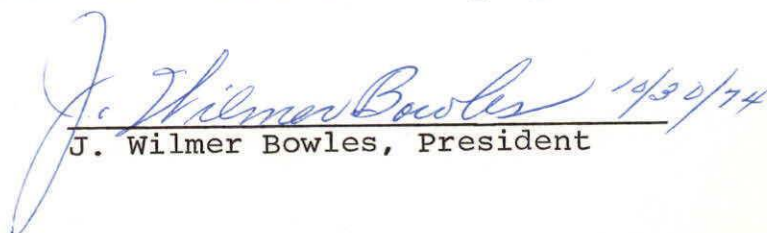
The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

#### MEETING RECONVENED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1974

All Commissioners present  
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller  
Joseph P. O'Dell

#### BUDGET OFFICER

Commissioner Aud made a motion that Mr. Joseph P. O'Dell be employed for the position of Budget Officer at an annual rate of \$17,000, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles. Mr. O'Dell will be a contractual employee for a term of one year or until such time as the Board of County Commissioners make a decision that said position should be placed under the Merit System or continue as a contractual employee.

 10/30/74  
J. Wilmer Bowles, President