

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 1974

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

(Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr., was absent due to illness.)

The meeting came to order at 9:40 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 16, 1974 were read and corrected.

COMMISSION ON AGING - HENRY FISHER

Present: Mr. Joseph D. Carter

Mr. Joseph Carter, acting Chairman of the St. Mary's Commission on the Aging, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners and presented certain information regarding the employment status of Mr. Henry Fisher, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Aging.

In brief, Mr. Carter reported that Mr. Fisher has been away without authorized leave since October 14, 1974, and has made no effort to contact any person either in his office or in County Government regarding said absence. Because of the degree of responsibility involved in Mr. Fisher's position, Mr. Carter reported that it is the recommendation of the Commission on the Aging having met in executive session on October 21, 1974, that Mr. Fisher be suspended without pay effective October 21 for a period of two (2) weeks at which time the Commission on the Aging will present a final recommendation regarding Mr. Fisher's employment status.

Mr. Carter also mentioned that there are other problems related to the Nutrition Program for which Mr. Fisher seems responsible. The Board of County Commissioners decided that for the best interest of the County they would accept the Commission on the Aging's recommendation.

The Commissioners also directed Mr. Edward Cox to notify all respective parties that effective Friday, October 25, 1974 that the Nutrition Program would be suspended until such time as an evaluation and an audit would be conducted by the State of Maryland Commission on the Aging staff. There are to be no payments of any kind rendered by the Director of Finance until further notice.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
NEED FOR OFFICE SPACE

Present: Mr. Joseph D. Carter, Director, Dept. of Social Services  
Mrs. Mary Salisbury, Department of Employment Security

Mr. Carter stated that for the past three years, they have been dealing with an office space situation that is almost at a crisis stage. They are still utilizing the basement for office space which was not designed for this. He hoped that eventually as many County departments are being moved to the newly acquired County property at Leonard Hall, that they too might utilize these facilities. They have an immediate need and are debating whether they should try to make some interim plans and possibly proceed with a move on a temporary basis.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the County has the funds to renovate Leonard Hall or to build another building. At this point, it is a question as to a changing government and whether this is something that the new Board should undertake or perhaps the Commissioners should have a joint meeting with the new Board of Commissioners to see how they want the County to proceed. Commissioner Aud added that this would be after the election is held November 5. He stated that he did not want to do anything without consulting with them first.

Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners will meet with Mr. Paul Raley, Director of Administrative and Logistic Services, to enable him to bring the Commissioners up to date on what progress has been made at Leonard Hall.

Mr. Carter inquired as to how long it might be before the space at Leonard Hall might be utilized. Commissioner Bowles stated that if it only involves a change in the floor plan, he would think it could be done in 60 to 90 days.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved for payment:

Thrift Oil Company, Inc. - for fuel, oil and tires used in the landfill operations - \$1,048.27;

Colliflower and Peterson - for the second partial payment for materials as per contract agreement for Piney Point Wharf - \$4,215.00;

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - St. Mary's County's proportionate share - \$9,000.00.



PATUXENT KNOLLS

Mr. Edward Cox presented a deed by and between Patuxent Knolls Partnership and the County Commissioners, dated August 27, 1974, for a portion of newly relocated Golden Beach Road, Mason Drive, Margaret Court, Vincent Circle and Walnut Circle. Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, has stated that the construction of these streets and roads was properly performed and he requests the County's acceptance of same into the County's Highway Maintenance System.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept these streets and roads into the County Road System, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

EOC-ON-SITE ASSISTANCE SURVEY

Present: Major Ellison  
Otis Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense

Major Ellison began by stating that the "On-Site Assistance Survey" would not cost the County any funds. He continued, stating that the representatives from Federal and State Government, Dept. of Agriculture and the Weather Service would analyze various hazards and the history of their occurrences. They would then advise the County as to what it should do. They match the resources the County has against the probability of their occurrence. The overall plan would be developed to fit St. Mary's County. After the development it would take 60 to 90 days to develop the action plan. This proposal is being presented to the Commissioners for their approval and concurrence. Major Ellison added that in essence he was asking for (1) the approval of the Commissioners that this be done, (2) direction to the County's Department heads to cooperate, and (3) that a meeting be called to enable them to explain this to the people.

Commissioner Bowles stated that he felt this was an excellent idea and thanked them for presenting the proposal to the Commissioners. Commissioner Aud agreed. The Commissioners approved the "On-Site Assistance Survey."

PURCHASE OF LEONARD HALL SCHOOL

The Commissioners were informed by Mr. John Little, CPA, that income/revenues to be acquired in FY 73-74 have exceed the estimated carry over into FY 74-75 reflected in the approved FY 75 Budget.

There are, therefore, sufficient funds to make full and final payment for the purchase of the Leonard Hall School Property from FY 73-74 funds. Subject to the concurrence of Commissioner Guy that full and final payment shall be made for the purchase of the Leonard Hall School property from FY 73-74 funds; and



subject to certification from the County Attorney that the County Commissioners have the authority to make full and final payment for the purchase of the Leonard Hall School property from FY 73-74 funds, and upon motion duly made by Commissioner Aud and duly seconded by Commissioner Bowles, full and final payment shall be made for the purchase of the Leonard Hall School property.

MANPOWER PLANNING COUNCIL FUNDS

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, stated that the Federal government has released funds into this locality. St. Mary's County is eligible for \$33,375.00 which represents the Manpower Planning Council funds. There are several documents that have to be reviewed to be eligible. He continued stating that at present, the County has on file a request to fill five positions. St. Mary's County is one of eleven Counties that are eligible for the Title II funds. According to the job descriptions, it is possible to employ a maintenance worker, two clerk typists, an assistant animal warden and a janitor. The Department of Employment Security prefers that these people be veterans and that they be from the southern end of the County. These funds would be provided for one year and although there are not any written obligations, it would appear as though they would expect the County to continue the employment of these persons after that period has expired. The Commissioners took this matter under advisement.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES  
APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, submitted the names of several youths that have been recommended by the Youth Commission to be appointed as the youth representative on the Youth Services Bureau. The Commissioners reviewed the names submitted. Commissioner Aud made a motion to appoint Miss Loretta Raney, Senior Class President at Chopticon High School to serve on this Board. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

C & P TELEPHONE COMPANY AGREEMENT  
RE: COUNTY RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CROSSOVER

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented an agreement between the County and Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc. that would enable the C & P Telephone Company to cross over the railroad right-of-way. Said Agreement is one file in the Commissioners' Office and after all signatures are affixed by all parties thereto, same will be recorded among the land records of St. Mary's County.



TRASH REMOVAL AND COMFORT STATION  
EXPENDITURES-COUNTY WHARVES AND RAMPS

Mr. H. D. McGlade, Comptroller, stated that the trash removal and comfort stations for the County's wharves and recreational areas had not been included in either the '74 or '75 budget for Recreation and Parks. Mr. McGlade was requesting the Commissioners' approval to use contingency funds to cover this amount (\$5,000.00 for each project). Mr. McGlade added that expenditures under this trash removal and comfort station portion are reimbursed by the State Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Aud made a motion to take these amounts from the contingency fund, seconded by Commissioner Bowles.

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION  
INVESTIGATION OF GEOHYDROLOGICAL POTENTIAL OF PINEY POINT AQUIFER

Present: Mr. M. G. Marlay and Mrs. Amanda Breig

Mr. Marlay stated that he had been in contact with Dr. Harry Hansen, Chief, Hydrology and Hydrogeology Program with the Maryland Geological Survey regarding the investigation of geohydrological potential of the Piney Point aquifer. He explained that this survey would encompass the Maryland, Virginia and Delaware region. The Piney Point aquifer is used extensively in Southern Maryland. He felt this particular study was quite important for the county and would tie into the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. This study can be used in administering public water policy. There are several hundred wells in the County that draw from this aquifer. They feel some controls are necessary to make sure there is no salt water intrusion. There will be observation wells throughout the County in an attempt to measure the draw down. The consulting engineer for the Metropolitan Commission, Beavin Company, has recommended that this be done. Mr. Marlay stated that at the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Commission held on October 10, 1974, the Commission members unanimously agreed to the concept and the need to participate with adjoining Counties. Since the project covers several sanitary districts and the entire County will benefit from such action, it was also determined that financing should be requested from the Commissioners and be accomplished at the County level.

Mr. Marlay stated that these charges would begin in FY '76. These funds would be matched by Federal and State funds. Mr. Marlay requested the Commissioners' approval so they can begin their planning.

Commissioner Aud made a motion that the Commissioners accept the Metropolitan Commission's proposal to enter into the study subject to the approval of these funds in the FY '76 budget. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.



METROPOLITAN COMMISSION  
LEXINGTON PARK WATER SHORTAGE

Mr. Marlay stated that he was sure the Commissioners were aware of the water shortage in Lexington Park. The Metropolitan Commission is working on a plan to gain financing to perform the necessary emergency work. This would involve approximately \$600,000.00 which would be used for an elevated water tank (300,000 gallons) costing approximately \$500,000.00. They would also propose the connection of Peggs Road well to the connecting system and to develop facilities and tie into Spring Valley which would require the remaining \$100,000.00. They are unable to obtain a proper opinion from the bonding council due to the outstanding law suit with Center Gardens. Mr. Marlay continued, stating that if the County could have resolved this suit, the Metropolitan Commission could have obtained a favorable opinion and could have marketed regular bonds. Because of this problem, Mr. Edward Clarke, the bonding Attorney, has recommended that they go to bond anticipation notes that would be paid off at such time as they were able to market bonds. They need the support of the County Commissioners in order to buy these notes. They have three banks in the area who are participating (each for the amount of \$250,000.00 at an interest rate of 6.75% for three years). The Metropolitan Commission will need to consummate these transactions prior to December 31, 1974. They will take \$50,000.00 from each of the three banks every three months as it is needed. They will not have to take all the funds and they have the right to prepay without penalty.

Commissioner Bowles inquired as to whether the Commissioners had the authority to endorse such a note. Mr. Marlay stated that their bonding counsel had quoted a law which allows County agencies to do this. Commissioner Bowles requested that Mr. Edward Clarke, bonding attorney, write a letter to the Metropolitan Commission citing the County's authority to do this with a copy to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Marlay stated that if they obtain the Commissioners' approval, they would then go back to the Commission and Mr. Clarke would draw up a resolution requesting that they be able to do this.

COMPENSATORY TIME

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, requested that Mrs. Judith Mullins be compensated for hours expended by her beyond the normal working hours (18 hours @ hourly rate \$4.51 - \$81.18). Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$81.18 to Mrs. Judith Mullins. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.



INVESTMENTS

Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, requested approval on investments made by his office on July 2, 1973, June 26, 1974 and June 27, 1974 as follows:

\$375,000 with Maryland National Bank - 90 days @ 8.21%  
\$200,000 with Maryland National Bank - 30 days @ 9.65%  
\$700,000 with First National Bank - 70 days @ 10.25%  
\$300,000 with Maryland Bank and Trust - 30 days @ 10.23%  
\$600,000 with Maryland Bank and Trust - 30 days @ 10.23%

The Commissioners approved same.

HERMANVILLE ROAD

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that he had been in contact with McGuire and Rolfe, Inc., the contractors for Hermanville Road. He was informed that if the drains are constructed at this time, the completion of the Hermanville Road project would be delayed to such an extent that the asphalt paving and surface treatment of shoulders would have to be postponed until the spring of '75. The Commissioners did not want the paving postponed until then.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to revoke the authorization for additional work to be done in connection with the contract for Hermanville Road. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion. Commissioner Aud also made a motion to rescind the drainage and slope easement dated October 16, 1974 between the County and D. Maurice Dixon and wife. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

HERMANVILLE ROAD-ST. ANDREWS CHURCH ROAD  
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Norris stated that they are now drawing to a close on the construction of St. Andrews Church Road. They had problems with additional quantities of dirt that had to be removed and top soil erosion in so far as the original estimate. There has been no change in the scope of the work. Because of unforeseen damage caused by rain storms and heavy rain it washed a lot of seed and top soil away. Consequently, the work had to be redone. Mr. Norris has made an estimate

as best as he can see it. They had made arrangements to go back and install property markers and it has to be done. He requested that the Commissioners approve the authorization of an overrun for St. Andrews Church Road in the amount of \$100,000.00 and Hermanville Road in the amount of \$20,724.00. The additional funds will be transferred from reductions of \$60,000.00 from Larredore Road and \$60,724.00 from Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road. It will mean the Commissioners will have to appropriate additional funds for Larredore Road and Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road in F.Y. '76. The St. Andrews Church Road project is Federally funded.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the request for additional funds and the transfer of funds. Commissioner Bowles seconded the motion.

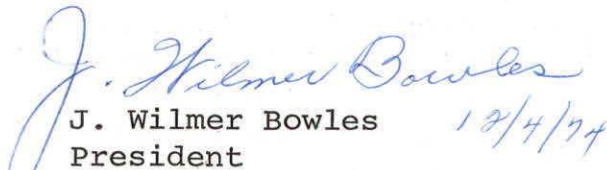
SEDIMENT CONTROL INSPECTIONS

Present: Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the County has increased the amount of time they spend on performing sediment control inspections, the inspections for the Zoning Ordinance and the inspections for roads. He has been informed by Mr. R. L. Platt, Zoning Administrator, that his office will be able to take over the plumbing inspection effective December 1, 1974 without too much difficulty. This would fit into his department should the County adopt a building code. Mr. Norris recommended that the Commissioners delete the plumbing inspection work from the Engineering Office and transfer same to the Zoning Office. Mr. Dale Cropper, the Plumbing Inspector would train one of the zoning inspectors.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation. Commissioner Bowles seconded same.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

  
J. Wilmer Bowles  
President 12/4/74