

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 1974

Present: Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles, President  
Commissioner George R. Aud  
Commissioner J. S. Guy, Jr.  
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk  
Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer  
Cecelia B. Adams, Recording Secretary

Also attending the meeting were:

Patty Muchow, Guardian Review  
Sunny Schust, Enterprise  
James M. McKay  
John K. Parlett  
Dr. J. Patrick Jarboe  
Ford Dean

The meeting convened at 10:05 A.M.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of Wednesday, November 6, 1974 were read and corrected.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved for payment:

Colliflower and Peterson, Inc. - Partial payment #3, for piles driven and sills attached for Piney Point Wharf, Contract #SM74-3-1 - \$4,215.00.

Whalen and Purdy, Inc. - Estimate #2, Franchised Builder Contract Option, Construction of metal maintenance hanger building - \$41,211.00.

Whalen and Purdy, Inc. - Estimate #2, General Contractor Option, Construction of foundations of maintenance hanger building at the Airport - \$35,473.00.

Free State Surveying and Land Planning - Inspection services for month of October, 1974, for Hermanville Road, #SM352-1 - \$4,179.35. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the above bills, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

LICENSING OF SHERIFF'S RADIOS

Present: Otis F. Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense  
George Sanger, Sheriff Elect

Mr. Wood stated that the Sheriff's Department has been operating under the Maryland State Police's license for some time. In June, Sheriff Williams wrote a letter to the radio division of the Maryland State Police, requesting that he be given permission to operate additional radios. This request was denied. Mr. Wood then wrote to Col. Thomas Smith, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police, requesting secondary operation on the Maryland State Police frequency of 39.100 MHz in 35 units of the County's Sheriff's Department. This request was approved for use in an emergency only. The normal operation for the County was to be on the primary frequency of 39.120 MHz. Permission was granted to operate temporarily utilizing 39.140 MHz as their primary with the stipulation that within eight months after receipt of the FCC license covering the new frequency, the County must operate on the primary frequency of 39.120 MHz and discontinue the use of 39.140 MHz. It is the aim of the State Police, and other police agencies to establish statewide or nationwide frequencies with a complete and separate radio net to be known as MASPERN (Maryland Associated Statewide Police Emergency Radio Net) in Maryland. Mr. Wood stated that this will require additional funds to operate the base station. The estimated cost is \$60.00 per radio and approximately \$3,000.00 to \$3,200.00 for the base station (not including the installation). Mr. Wood stated that they were talking about at least 12 to 14 weeks waiting period after the order was placed. Mr. Sanger stated that some of the older Motorola radios will have to be replaced.

Commissioner Guy stated that in order to take these additional funds from the contingency account, it must be of an emergency nature. Commissioner Bowles stated that at this point, with what knowledge the Commissioners have been given, they would need an actual breakdown of the expenditures necessary.

Mr. Sanger stated that in Charles County, the Sheriff has two frequencies that monitor all State Police calls and vice versa. The only time that they turn work over to the State Police is when the Sheriff's Department becomes overloaded. This is how they obtain large Federal grants.



Commissioner Bowles requested that Mr. Wood gather the necessary information and meet with the Commissioners next week. In the meantime, the Commissioners will have the Finance Office review the Sheriff's budget to see what funds might be available.

#### MARYLAND TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICE

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a letter to the Maryland Technical Advisory Service, Bureau of Governmental Research, for the Commissioners' signatures. This letter stated that it is the wish of the County Commissioners that the Maryland Technical Advisory Service provide technical assistance in the establishment of a merit system for the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department. Such technical assistance will involve a study of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to provide: (1) A personnel system for the Sheriff's Office to include a personnel ordinance and a manual of personnel policies and (2) A classification plan to include sections on Class Title; Nature of work; Examples on Duties; Essential Knowledges; Skills and Abilities; Minimum Training and Experience; and Classification of Positions.

Mr. Sanger recommended the above and commented that this study will not require any funding from the County other than the printing costs.

Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners sign this letter and accept the recommendations of Mr. Sanger. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. The Commissioners signed same.

#### FINAL SETTLEMENT-FEDDERS CASE

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a request for final settlement of the Fedders case, \$10,000.00, from the attorney for Mr. Fedders, Mr. Marvin Kaminetz, (upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, Mr. Weiner, that it would be in the best interest of the County to settle the Fedders case out of court in this amount). Commissioner Guy made a motion to take \$10,000.00 from the contingency fund in order to settle the Fedders case. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Commissioner Bowles commented that before the check is released the Commissioners would review the release documents.

PROPOSED PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR  
CIRCUIT COURT EMPLOYEES

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a summary of the proposal for the tentative personnel system for the Circuit Court employees. Basicly, this proposal would grant benefits of the Merit System but would not have the same controls. Mr. Cox stated that the Judges in the Southern Maryland area (Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties) are negotiating this proposal. Commissioner Guy made a motion that the item be tabled by this Board of County Commissioners and referred to the new Board for their consideration. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

AIRCRAFT IMPACT DISTRICTS

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented County Resolution #74-43 entitled "Aircraft Impact Districts" for the Commissioners' signatures. A public hearing on same has been held on July 22, 1974. Commissioner Guy made a motion that the Commissioners approve the resolution upon the signature of the County Attorney on the resolution signifying that it is in legal form. After the signature of Mr. Weiner, the Commissioners will sign same. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE OF FEDERAL AID FUNDS

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a release agreement between the Department of Transportation and the St. Mary's County Commissioners, for the 1975 Federal Aid apportionment of funds in the amount of \$74,327.00 for use on the State Federal Aid Secondary Highway System. These funds will be replaced to the County by State Aid funds. Commissioner Guy made a motion that Commissioner Bowles sign same, seconded by Commissioner Aud. Commissioner Bowles signed same to be returned to the Department of Transportation.

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS FOR REPAIR  
OF LEAKS IN EOC

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented an engineering analysis for repairing leaks in the Emergency Operation Center. Prior to submitting a project application to the Federal Office of Civil Defense, Mr. Otis Wood, Acting Director of Civil Defense, needs an authorization from the



County Commissioners for 50% of the cost of this work. Commissioner Guy stated that he felt that because of the danger of equipment being damaged by water, this was an emergency problem. The Commissioners reviewed the alternative submitted. The Commissioners did not foresee any immediate plans to construct an above-ground structure over the Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept the first alternative as presented which includes excavation, insulation board, foundation drains, backfilling sides, covering the top, finish grading (including lime and fertilizer) and the construction of a butylmembrane. The total amount of the project including redesign, supervision and inspection totals \$28,980.00. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. Mr. Wood was requested to proceed with the submission of the project application to the Federal Office of Civil Defense in order to obtain funds from the Federal government.

#### YOUNG CAREER WOMEN'S DAY PROGRAM

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a letter from the Margaret Brent Business and Professional Women's Club. Their club is sponsoring a "Young Career Women's Day" program on December 7, 1974 at Placid Harbor and the Commissioners have been invited to sponsor a young career woman of their choice to attend this program. Mr. Cox stated that he felt the Commissioners should participate.

The Commissioners approved participation and requested Mr. Cox to make a selection for same.

#### RESCUE TRUCK FOR CIVIL DEFENSE

Mr. Edward Cox, Chief Clerk, presented a letter from the Leonardtown Fire Department requesting replacement of the Civil Defense Rescue Unit. Mr. Fred Burris who is with the Department stated that the present vehicle is twenty years old and was originally obtained as surplus. The vehicle can no longer do the job it was designed for. Mr. Cox stated that Mr. Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer, Mr. Otis Wood and himself had met with Mr. Burris of the Leonardtown Fire Dept. Mr. Burris has supplied them with supporting documents as to the importance of this item. Mr. Burris felt that it cannot wait until F.Y. '76. It is estimated that this vehicle would be used twice a week. Mr. Cox added that Mr. Wood was in favor of purchasing this item. Mr. Cox commented that neither he nor Mr. O'Dell were satisfied with the cost breakdown they had been



shown. It is estimated that the unit would cost approximately \$30,000.00 and the Federal government would fund 50% of the amount. They have estimated that delivery could be made within an eight to twelve week period after the order was placed.

The Commissioners agreed to table the matter and to refer it to the new Board of Commissioners. At that time, they can decide whether it is an emergency or not.

#### LEONARD HALL PURCHASE

Commissioner Aud made a motion to have Mr. Joseph Weiner, County Attorney, confer with the attorney for Leonard Hall in an attempt to negotiate the amount to be paid in full for the purchase of the Leonard Hall school property. Commissioner Guy seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

#### REZONING REQUEST "COUNTRY LAKES"

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the request for rezoning of "Country Lakes" located in the fourth election district, for Benjamin H. Burroughs, Jr., Benjamin F. Asher and F. Elliott Burch, Jr., to rezone 1,530.02 acres from AR2 to PDR-1.5 and to rezone 9.5 acres from AR2 to PD-SC as indicated on the development plan. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous. The development plan also shows a 55 acre site to be dedicated to the County for a recreational area and a 15 acre site to be dedicated to the County for a potential school site.

#### CHAPTICO-MECHANICSVILLE ROAD

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, presented a plat of the Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road proposed horizontal alignment. He requested the Commissioners' approval for same. Mr. Norris stated that after this approval is obtained, they can begin preparing deeds and acquiring the necessary right-of-way. The project has been budgeted for this year. Primarily it is a resurfacing project and addition of shoulders. There are a few areas that will need total construction. The total distance is 1.2 miles long and essentially it takes off where the new road ends up to old Route 5.

Commissioner Bowles stated that he felt the property owners should be made aware of the proposal and should be contacted prior to preparing the deeds.

#### HERMANVILLE ROAD

Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, stated that the surfacing of Hermanville Road was completed. The items remaining include guard rails, surface treatment of shoulders and minor seeding. Mr. Norris continued stating that if weather permits, they will open the road in December. It is being held up because the guard rails are not up and they would like to get the surface treatment done first.

Commissioner Aud stated that even if the surface treatment does not get done, he would like to see the road opened up. Mr. Norris agreed that this would be done.

#### LEONARD HALL-WIRING AND ROOF REPAIR

Mr. Paul Raley, Director of Administrative and Logistic Services, stated that he had requested Tom's Electric Company to provide an estimate of the cost for additional light fixtures and recepticals in the main building at Leonard Hall. It was found that the building did not have a service of its own. The electrical inspector will not pass any work until the service is installed. At the present time, the existing wires are being fed through one of the steam pipe tunnels. Mr. Raley was instructed to obtain competitive bids for electrical work and to get additional bids on the necessary roof repairs.

#### LEONARD HALL RENOVATIONS

Mr. Paul Raley, Director of Administrative and Logistic Services, reported that work was progressing very well with the renovations to the main building at Leonard Hall. The new Commissioners in attendance had expressed a desire to meet with Mr. Raley and Mr. John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer, to view same. A meeting was set up for November 15, 1974 at 3:30 P.M. in order that they might view the existing floor plan.

#### NEW COMMISSIONERS-ORIENTATION

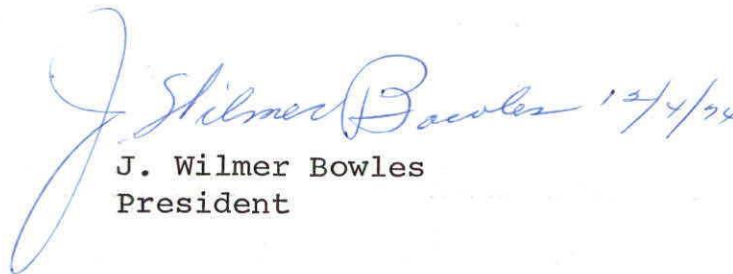
Mr. James M. McKay, newly-elected Commissioner President, inquired as to whether any arrangements have been made to hold an orientation session for the newly-elected Commissioners. Commissioner Bowles stated that the Commissioners will proceed with whatever the new Commissioners would desire. Dr. Jarboe suggested that perhaps a work session could be held with the



department heads.

Commissioner Bowles requested Mr. McKay to provide the present Board of County Commissioners with a program that the new Commissioners would desire and a timetable.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

 J. Wilmer Bowles 12/4/74

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President