

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 4, 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 9:30 a.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 27, 1974 were read and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of October 23, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Bowles and made unanimous by Commissioner Guy. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to approve the minutes of October 30-31, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Bowles and made unanimous by Commissioner Guy. Commissioner Bowles signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles, who signed same.

VOUCHERS APPROVED

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve Vouchers No. 9582 through 9932, dated October 1, 1974 through October 31, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve Vouchers No. 9933 through 10393, dated November 4, 1974 through November 27, 1974, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

Walter Wise, dated November 7, 1974 for St. Clement Shores Park Site Improvements - \$2,000;

Owens Electric Company, Work Order No. 1075, for the electrical work in connection with the shelter building at St. Clement Shores, balance of contract - \$2,211.55;

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve the above bills, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles:

CONTINUATION OF VALLEY ROAD  
ACCEPTANCE INTO COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Commissioner Aud made a motion to accept the Deed between Majack, Inc., County Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Riley Brothers for acceptance of the continuation of Valley Road, Spring Valley Subdivision, Eighth Election District into the County Road Maintenance System, seconded by Commissioner Guy and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Present: George Sanger, Sheriff-elect

Mr. Sanger came before the Commissioners to request a transfer of funds in the amount of \$7,500 from the salaries account of the Sheriff's Department Budget to the Uniform and Supplies Accounty for five deputies that Mr. Sanger intends to hire when he takes office as Sheriff. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

In addition, Mr. Sanger requested funding for the purchase of six new automobiles and equipment related thereto in an amount not exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Guy made a motion to appropriate up to \$50,000 from the Contingency Fund and may be considered a Revenue Sharing item, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

Mr. Sanger also requested approval for any prior deputies returning to the Sheriff's Department, subject to approval of the Sheriff, at the same pay scale as when previous employment was terminated. Commissioner Guy made a motion granting this approval, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE  
STATEMENT OF POLICY - DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

Present: Byron Koste (Cedar Cove Project)

Mr. Koste came before the Commissioners to inquire if a policy would be issued concerning projects having a Development Agreement and would, therefore, not be subject to the Economic Impact Fee.

After much discussion, Commissioner Guy made a motion that as a statement of policy, further defining the Economic Impact Fee, Resolution No. 74-22, that an exception to the Economic Impact Fee be allowed to developers who have entered into a written agreement with the County Commissioners subject to the following conditions: (1) at the time of recordation of subdivision plat, all agents of the County Government must certify the conditions of the agreement have been met, and (2) upon certification, the monetary value will be computed and applied against the Economic Impact Fee due on the subdivision plat from the developers. Commissioner Aud seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowles opposed.

VALLEY LEE TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT

John Norris submitted the contract between Melvin Construction Company and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the reinforced concrete wall for the Valley Lee transfer station and recommended that the Commissioners sign same.

Commissioner Aud made a motion to sign said Contract, seconded by Commissioner Bowles. Commissioner Guy abstained.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Patty Muchow, Guardian  
Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Sunny Schust, Enterprise  
Richard Polk, Enterprise  
Dick Myers, WKIK  
Randy Buehler, Beacon

Also present were: John Little, CPA, Harris Sterling, Finance Director, Don McGlade, Comptroller, Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer and Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development.

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



STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

At the Press Conference, Harris Sterling, Finance Director, distributed the Legal Notice of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as of June 30, 1974. Said Notice is to be published in the local newspapers and radio stations.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND OUTDOOR DRAMA ASSOCIATION

Present: Bernard Johnson, President, Outdoor Drama Assoc.  
Marvin Joy, Chairman, Bicentennial Commission  
C. I. Fenwick, Chairman, Recreation and Parks Board  
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller

Commissioner Guy explained that at last week's meeting, Ed Cox, Chief Clerk, had advised the Commissioners of the proposed contract and job description submitted by Bernard Johnson for the Executive Producer and Coordinator position and that the question had been raised whether the Commissioners have the authority to fund directly to the Outdoor Drama Association or channeled through another agency.

Mr. McGlade stated that both committees have agreed to appropriate up to \$30,000 to fund their needs and it would have to be determined the legal channel by which the County can provide the monies.

Mr. Fenwick, speaking for the Recreation and Parks Board, stated that the County would be better served financially if the Outdoor Drama was handled through Recreation and Parks, an already existing and staffed agency of County Government.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Outdoor Drama will be held at the Recreation and Parks amphitheater only until such time as it could be held at St. Mary's City.

Mr. Joy expressed concern that if the Producer/Coordinator was hired through Recreation and Parks would he be responsible to Recreation and Parks rather than the Bicentennial Commission or Outdoor Drama Association. There was discussion that the person hired would work in close relationship with Recreation and Parks and the Outdoor Drama and that this consideration should be kept in mind in the employment of said person.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Joy, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Fenwick to get together to try to resolve the situation and report back to the Commissioners with a decision. If they were unable to reach a satisfactory decision, it would be up to the County Commissioners to settle the matter.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Joy and Mr. Fenwick returned. Mr. Joy stated that his position is that he felt the Bicentennial Commission would like to be independent and not under Recreation and Parks and that Mr. Johnson would rather work with the Bicentennial Commission. Mr. Fenwick stated that



the position of Recreation and Parks is that the funding should be accomplished through the existing county agency, Recreation and Parks, and that the person hired would have his responsibilities spelled out so as to carry out the intention of the County Government, which would be the Bicentennial and Outdoor Drama.

The Commissioners will make a determination of this matter at next week's meeting.

(Ford Dean, Larry Millison and John Parlett entered the meeting.)

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (RESOLUTION NO. 74-47)

Present: Ed Clarke, Bonding Attorney  
Mike Marlay, Director, Metropolitan Commission  
John Fortunato, Executive Assistant  
Cato Merchant, Chairman  
Amanda Breig, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Clarke presented the Resolution signed by the Metropolitan Commission and Resolution No. 74-47 to be signed by the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners. The Resolution is to implement a transaction previously approved by the County Commissioners to borrow \$600,000 by way of Bond Anticipation Notes so that the Metropolitan Commission can proceed with certain very vital projects: (1) Peggs Lane Well Pump and Site Facilities (project 3B-W); (2) the Peggs Lane Water Mains to connect the Peggs Lane Well with the Spring Valley-Lexington Park System (Project 2A-W); and (3) a water storage tank (Project 8-10A-W), all being located in the Pine Hill Run Sanitary District of St. Mary's County. Said notes are to be sold at negotiated private sale to banks in St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 74-47 concurring in the passage and adoption of the Resolution passed by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission authorizing the issuance and sale of \$600,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes on the full faith and credit of St. Mary's County, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.



CIVIL DEFENSE - REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS

A letter dated December 3, 1974 was received from Otis Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense, requesting a transfer of \$1,082 from the Contingency Fund to Equipment Account (#53-53681). This request was necessary in order for Mr. Wood to order three radios at \$695 each totalling \$2,085 for the Third and Sixth District Resuce Squad and the Second District Fire Department. There are not sufficient funds in Mr. Wood's budget to allow him to encumber this amount. Commissioner Guy made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

OFFICE OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

CLERK STENOGRAPHER POSITION - Mr. Platt forwarded a recommendation to hire Susan Morse in the position of Clerk Stenographer, Grade 6 Base, \$6723 annually, effective November 29, 1974. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Platt's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS AND GRADES - Mr. Platt forwarded a request for approval of pay grades for the positions previously submitted and apporved at the Commissioners' meeting of November 20, 1974. The Commissioners requested Mr. Cox to review the request and report back to the Commissioners with recommendations.

INTERNAL AUDIT - BUILDING PERMITS - Mr. Platt forwarded a request for an internal audit of the Building Permit Section for the period from November 1973 through November 1974. Mr. McGlade is to ascertain from Mr. Platt the reason for this request and report to the Commissioners.

RICHARD L. PLATT - MOVING EXPENSES - Mr. Platt forwarded a request with regard to moving expenses incurred in his assuming his position with the County. Commissioner Guy made a motion that Mr. Platt be advised that the County has no funding within the budget to cover such an expense, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

HERMANVILLE ROAD - ASPHALTING OF DRIVEWAYS  
Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated he received a request from two property owners on Hermanville Road to have their driveways resurfaced back to the right-of-way line or easement line, whichever is greater due to the reconstruction of Hermanville Road at a cost of approximately \$1,100. Commissioner Guy made a



motion to authorize John Norris to expend funds from the Hermanville Road project account up to \$1,100 for the purpose of providing asphalt surfacing on the driveways involved in the Hermanville Road project to the right-of-way line or easement line, whichever is greater. Commissioner Aud <sup>ma</sup> seconded the motion and Commissioner Bowles made it unanimous.

LEASING OF PROPERTY (VALLEY LEE TRANSFER STATION)

Present: Irving Knott  
John Norris, County Engineer

(See minutes of November 27, 1974.) Commissioner Guy informed John Norris of Mr. Knott's interest in leasing the unused portion of county-owned property, located at Rte 249 and Happy Land Road, and inquired if Mr. Norris had any recommendation whether this land should be held for future development. Mr. Norris stated there would be no need for a landfill in that area if the transfer station is successful.

Commissioner Guy made a motion to declare the balance of property not used for the transfer station as excess property and that it be advertised for a public sale, seconded by Commissioner Aud. Commissioner Bowles opposed. John Norris was directed to obtain a plat delineating the property used by the transfer station and allowing for a 30-foot access easement along the west boundary line.

DUKEHART'S CREEK

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated he received a copy of the petition from the citizens in the Dukehart Creek area requesting that a jetty be constructed adjacent to the dredged channel. Mr. Norris said he was ready to advertise; however, authority has not been received from the Department of Natural Resources to proceed with the project.

PINEY POINT WHARF

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris recommended that a jibcrane be erected at the Piney Point Wharf at a cost of approximately \$445, to be funded by the Department of Natural Resources. Commissioner Guy made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Aud and made unanimous by Commissioner Bowles.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
J. Wilmer Bowles, President