

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 1975

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner J. Laurence Millison
Commissioner John K. Parlett
H. D. McGlade, Comptroller
Edward V. Cox, Chief Clerk
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner President McKay at 1:30 p.m.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 7-8, 1975 were read and corrected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 1975, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. The Commissioners unanimously approved this motion.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Present: Dr. William Marek, County Health Officer
Dr. Martin Levy, Regional Medical Program
Mr. Jeff Hockman, Touche-Ross and Company
Mr. Jeff Mitchell, Md. State Division of Medical Services

Mr. Mitchell gave a history of the emergency medical services in the State of Maryland. Maryland has been divided into five regions, St. Mary's County being in Region Five, of which Mr. Mitchell is the Coordinator. Region Five is comprised of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties, and Washington D. C. and Northern Virginia. In 1973 the Federal Government made funding available for emergency medical services and funds must be applied for by regions. The local jurisdiction is required to determine the best way to approach emergency medical services and propose a plan that suits their area. The Metropolitan Washington Regional Medical Program will be assisting local jurisdictions in developing detailed emergency medical service implementation plans and enable them to receive funds under the EMS Act of 1973 under Section 1202 which is for planning and Section 1203 which would be the implementation of the Plan. Soft and hard match will be required but not in the immediate future. A letter of intent would be required by the Commissioners stating that the County would maintain any improvements, if improvements are made.

Dr. Levy suggested a meeting with appropriate agency representatives (fire departments, rescue squads, hospital, educational, etc.) to discuss in detail the objectives of the State. Dr. Marek will forward letters to the appropriate agencies regarding this meeting.

Mr. Mitchell requested an endorsement from the Commissioners on the planning effort for the Emergency Medical Service.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to endorse this planning effort, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION NO. 75-5
PLANNING AND ZONING AND PLUMBING FEES

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to rescind Resolution No. 75-5 - Planning and Zoning and Plumbing Fees, because of certain typographical errors, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTED RESOLUTION NO. 75-5

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve Resolution No. 75-5 - Planning and Zoning and Plumbing Fees, as retyped, and effective date for collection of fees will be January 16, 1975, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

Walter Wise, dated January 8, 1975, for Town Creek Tennis Court, furnishing and applying plexipave system and lines - \$2,327.15.

Jr. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc. for engineering design and surveying (Larredore Road cross-sections and centerline determination) - \$3,660.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve payment of the above bills, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

DEPARTMENT BUDGETS - NOVEMBER 1974

Ed Cox distributed a report on the budget of all Departments through the month of November 1974.

RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCES

Ed Cox distributed copies of a study by the Maryland Technical Advisory Service, University of Maryland, on the difference between Resolution and Ordinance. The County Attorney is making a brief study with regard to this and will submit recommendations for procedures by the Board of Commissioners.

BOND FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER - METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Mr. Cox advised the Commissioners that Amanda Breig has resigned as Secretary/Treasurer for the Metropolitan Commission; therefore, John Fortunato has been appointed temporarily to that position. The Metropolitan Commission recommended approval of said Bond in the amount of \$25,000 by the Commissioners. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve this Bond, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

JOHNSONGRASS AGREEMENT

The Department of Agriculture submitted an Agreement between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and St. Mary's County for the Control and Eradication of Johnsongrass in the amount of \$3,500 which represents the State's share of 50% of the Johnsongrass Program. Mr. Cox stated that the Department of Agriculture has promised they will reimburse the County for 50% of those costs which exceed the present agreement.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

CETA POSITIONS

Ed Cox submitted a list of positions that would be funded by the CETA Program. All Departments have been notified that these positions are effective until July 1, 1975 and not to be interpreted as a future permanent position.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve this list, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION

Correspondence was received from Floyd A. Raley submitting his resignation as Supervisor to the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation, effective January 2, 1975, due to his recent election as Judge of the Orphans Court.

BIDS ON INVESTMENTS

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling stated he requested bids from three banks in the County for the investment of \$3,800. Bids were as follows:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>First Nat'l</u>	<u>Md. Nat'l</u>	<u>Md. Bank & Trust</u>
\$ 500,000	30 days	7.35%	7.166%	7.41%
\$1,000,000	30 days	7.375%	7.166%	7.41%
\$ 500,000	60 days	7.30%	7.166%	7.376%
\$1,000,000	60 days	7.50%	7.166%	7.376%
\$ 800,000	60 days	7.40%	7.166%	7.376%

Mr. Sterling recommended awarding the investments to the highest bidders as follows:

- \$500,000 for 30 days to Md. Bank and Trust at 7.41%;
- \$1,000,000 for 30 days to Md. Bank and Trust at 7.41%;
- \$500,000 for 60 days to Md. Bank and Trust at 7.376%;
- \$1,000,000 for 60 days to First National Bank at 7.50%;
- \$800,000 for 60 days to First National Bank at 7.376%.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

INSURANCE FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL BUSES

Present: Paul Raley, Administrative and Logistic Officer

Mr. Raley advised the Commissioners that presently the County has 21 parochial school buses insured with Maryland Casualty and they have been insured for approximately 20 years. In the last year there were two serious insurance claims and the insurance company intends to cancel the insurance because of these claims. There will be a 45-day notice to the drivers and Mr. Raley was of the opinion that the drivers would have a difficult time obtaining insurance for the remainder of the school year. He stated he would contact the Maryland State Insurance Commission and request that they advise Maryland Casualty not to cancel this insurance at this time. This would give the drivers an opportunity to obtain new insurance during the summer months. All Commissioners agreed that Mr. Raley should contact the State Insurance Commission.

There was discussion as to whether the County's name should appear on the new policy and, therefore, making the County liable on any suit. Commissioner Millison was of the opinion that it would not make us liable and would also protect us.

Mr. Raley is to contact the County Attorney and request a legal determination as to whether the County's name should appear on the policy.

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Present: Ann Marie Lowe

Ed Cox and Ann Marie Lowe presented the preliminary Legislative Package. The Commissioners will review the Package, Monday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER
BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Present: Elliott Burch, St., Bicentennial Commission
Marvin Joy, Chairman, Bicentennial Commission

Mr. Burch stated the Bicentennial Commission was going to proceed to acquire the location for the Tourist Information Center at Rte 6 and Rte 5, south of Charlotte Hall. The Center would be a small building with restroom facilities and would have information on fishing locations, motels and restaurants, etc.

Mr. Joy inquired whether the Commissioners were in agreement that they should proceed with this project. Commissioner McKay stated it should be determined whether any federal or state grants would be available for promoting the Bicentennial. Commissioner Dean said the Commissioners are in agreement with the concept of the Center, but before they could make a specific commitment they would need to know how much money is involved.

Mr. Burch inquired as to what funds are available for bills incurred by the Bicentennial Commission. The Commissioners informed them that the \$10,000 that was allocated by the past Board of Commissioners on December 10, 1974 was for this purpose.

In closing, Mr. Burch stated that approximately six years ago, State Highway Administration had promised to correct the hazardous condition existing at Rte 236 and Route 5 in New Market, and nothing has been done to date. Commissioner Parlett said that it had been included in the SHA's package last year and it had been cancelled out of this year's program. Commissioner McKay stated that personnel from SHA would be meeting with the Commissioners in the near future to discuss the primary road program and this matter would be discussed.

PROCLAMATION NO. 75-6
PRIDE IN AMERICA MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Present: Ken Rossignol, President, Lexington Park Jaycees
Alfred Abell " " "
Billy Rogers " " "
Fred Sypher " " "
Jim Howe, President, St. Mary's County Jaycees
Herman Riffe, " " "

The Commissioners presented Proclamation No. 75-6 "Pride in America Membership Month" to the above persons, urging all citizens of our community to give full regard to the past services of the Lexington Park and St. Mary's County Jaycees.

The Lexington Park Jaycees presented a letter to the Commissioners to join them in a "Las Vegas" Night on the evenings of February 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Captain Tom's Oar House.

RECREATION AND PARK'S SUPERVISOR

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett informed the Commissioners that the position of Recreation and Parks Supervisor had been advertised, test given and interviews held. The interviews, conducted by Mr. Baggett, and Mr. Fenwick and Judy Roa of the Recreation and Parks Board, have been completed and it was their recommendation that Connie Mae Schiver be selected for the position of Recreation and Park's Supervisor.

Commissioner Millison stated for the record that in light of the high rate of unemployment in St. Mary's County that the Commissioners not award this job to anyone other than someone other than someone presently living in St. Mary's County and that an expenditure of this type should not be made to someone not living in our community.

At this time Commissioner Jarboe requested an Executive Session.

After the Executive Session, Mr. Baggett recommended that the Commissioners employ Miss Schiver in the position of Recreation Supervisor, to be assigned at the southern end of the County, at Grade 12, Base, \$10,467 annually. Effective date has not yet been determined. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept Mr. Baggett's recommendation, seconded by Commission Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Millison voted against.

Commissioner Dean stated for the record that this position was advertised locally and that county residents were given every opportunity to apply for this position but that no one with necessary qualifications did apply and also, that not only Mr. Baggett recommended this individual but two members of the Recreation and Parks Board also recommended this individual.

OPENNESS IN MEETINGS

Inasmuch as the present County Commissioners of St. Mary's are dedicated to the concept of openness in government, and inasmuch as all committees and Commissions appointed by the County Commissioners reflect on the leadership of the Commissioners' Office, and inasmuch as all of these Committees and Commissions are conducting the business of the Citizenry of St. Mary's, therefore, Commissioner Jarboe moved that the County Commissioners urge all committees and commissions of St. Mary's County to conduct all their business in a public form, except personnel matters or other rate items where potential injury or loss to an individual outweighs the benefit to the public, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Notification of this policy should be sent to all Boards, Commissions and Committees.

COMPUTERIZED CAR POOL SYSTEM

Correspondence dated January 13 was received from Otis Wood, Energy Coordinator, stating he was unable to locate a source for the \$400 for forms and postage for the computerized car pool system and, therefore, requested a transfer of \$400 from the Contingency Fund to Civil Defense - Office Expense Account \$53-53221. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

BASIC DATA ON RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris distributed various documents pertaining to the county-owned railraod right-of-way and its replacement because of the dualization of Md. Rte 235.

Mr. Norris stated that his report entitled "Basic Data for the Establishment and Acquisition of a Replacement Corridor for the Existing Transportation and Utility Right-of-Way - Laurel Grove to Hillville" is an initial step prior to the preparation of an Agreement with State Highway Administration and Southern Maryland Electric Co-op.

Commissioner Millison expressed concern about taking additional land off the tax rolls by relocating the railroad right-of-way and suggested that SMECO could use roadside footage for power lines.

After some discussion Mr. Norris was directed to proceed with planning to relocate the railroad right-of-way with certain points in mind:

1. The Commissioners are in general agreement that a railroad right-of-way corridor be maintained;
2. The Commissioners are in general agreement with the schedule as presented in Mr. Norris's report;
3. The Commissioners are in agreement that we should work in cooperation with SMECO in the relocation of the railroad right-of-way;
4. The Commissioners retain final approval authority for any agreement and will be kept informed by Mr. Norris.

PLUMBING FEES

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris raised the question concerning Resolution No. 75-5 "Planning and Zoning and Plumbing Fees" in that he did not think there was sufficient time to notify the Plumbing Board and plumbers of the changes in the fee schedule. Mr. Norris said he would do his best to inform everyone concerned and requested that in the future he be notified concerning resolutions affecting his office.

VALLEY LEE TRANSFER STATION

Ed Cox stated that he checked with the County Attorney and was advised that it would be perfectly legitimate to rescind the motion of December 4, 1974 by the past Board of Commissioners declaring the balance of the property not used for the transfer station as excess property as long as no action had been taken to have it advertised for a public sale. The Commissioners can rescind that motion for the purpose of further consideration and investigation. The Commissioners directed Mr. Cox to develop a formal motion and present it to the Commissioners at next week's meeting.

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

Present: Dick Myers, WKIK

Dick Myers requested that the Commissioners make known the contents of the Legislative Package as far in advance

as possible of the public hearing on same in order that the public can be made aware of its contents. The Commissioners advised Mr. Myers that as soon as they had a chance to review the package, they would make every effort to grant this request.

RADIO PUBLICITY FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERSHIPS

Present: Dick Myers, WKIK

Dick Myers suggested that each Commissioner tape a personalized announcement to the public requesting volunteers to serve on the various Boards and Commissions in the County. The Commissioners were in agreement to this.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

The Commissioners announced that beginning next week the Commissioners' meeting schedule will be as follows:

- Wednesday - All day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday - Beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending no later than 12:00 Noon.

ELECTRICAL EXAMINER'S BOARD

Commissioner Dean stated that according to the County Code pertaining to the Electrical Examiner's Board, the County Commissioners are to appoint the Chairman of that Board and the Electrical Board would appoint the treasurer from among its members; therefore, Commissioner Dean moved that the Commissioners appoint Kirk Sterling as Chairman of the Electrical Examiner's Board, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

In addition, Commissioner Dean stated that according to the County Code, the County Commissioners are to set the amount of the Bond for the treasurer of the Electrical Examiner's Board and the Electrical Board would pay for the cost of the Bond; therefore, Commissioner Dean moved that the Commissioners set the Bond for the Treasurer of the Electrical Examiners Board at \$3,000, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay, President