

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, January 22, 1975 and Thursday, January 23, 1975

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Commissioner President McKay.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 14, 1975 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7-8, 1975, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

Custom Metals, Inc. for St. Andrews Landfill Maintenance Storage Building Contract No. SM-74-5-2 - \$1,440.00;

Alban Tractor Company, for parts and repairs for landfill equipment - \$2,530.32;

Free State Land Planning and Surveying for inspection services for the month of December, 1974 on Hermanville Road - \$2,519.90.

GOLDEN BEACH ROAD - TITLE SEARCHES

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, County Attorney

Mr. Bell requested permission from the Commissioners to hire Michael Whitson to do title searches on 40 to 50 properties for the Golden Beach Road project. Mr. Whitson is qualified to work under an attorney's supervision and is experienced in title search work. Mr. Bell requested authorization in an amount not to exceed \$300 for this purpose. Commissioner Dean made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

NURSING HOME BIDS (FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT)

Present: Chauncey Karstens, Nursing Home Board
Virginia Thomas, Director, Nursing Home
Paul Raley, Administrative and Logistic Officer

Bids were opened for 81 items for furnishing and equipment for the Nursing Home project on January 7. Of those 81 items there were 17 that were not accepted. Mr. Raley presented the itemized list with the items recommended circled. These 64 items total \$25,547.68. The estimated cost for the additional 17 items is \$3,473. Commissioner Dean made a motion to award the bids as set forth on the bid sheet, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Mr. Karstens recommended approval of the purchase of the 17 additional items for the Nursing Home through Paul Raley's Office, and under the direction of the Nursing Home Administrator and to stay within the budget. Commissioner Dean made a motion accepting Mr. Karstens' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

PROCLAMATION NO. 75-7
"DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS" MARDIS GRAS

Present: Eloise Pickrell
Dorita Downs
Judy Caddy
Bill Weiland

The Commissioners presented Proclamation No. 75-7 "Dollars for Scholars" Mardi Gras to the above persons, encouraging the citizens of the County to participate in this campaign.

EXEMPTION TO PIGGYBACK TAX

Present: Clarence Davis

Mr. Davis came before the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of exempting serviceman, whose home of record is St. Mary's County, and are stationed out of the County, from the local "piggyback" tax as they are not deriving any benefit from the County.

Commissioner McKay stated that even though they are not deriving immediate benefits, they would be paying for local services that they would benefit from when they return.

Commissioner Dean stated that this may possibly be a state matter and perhaps he should speak to the State Delegation and request that they look into this matter on a state-wide basis.

The Commissioners also suggested he may want to attend the public hearing at the Tech Center on the Legislative Package on Saturday, January 25 where he could bring it to the legislator's attention.

RESCUE SQUAD TRUCK

Present: Otis Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense
 Freddy Burris, Leonardtown Rescue Squad
 George Duke, " " "

Mr. Wood came before the Commissioners to explain the uses of the new rescue squad truck being purchased by the Civil Defense Office and will be dispatched from the Leonardtown Fire House. He displayed pictures of the type of vehicle needed and listed the specifications. The non-useable equipment on the old truck will be declared surplus and could be placed out on bids.

MARGARET BRENT SCHOOL BUILDING

Ed Cox presented a letter from Commissioner McKay's signature stating that the Commissioners are now of the opinion that the Board of Education should delay no longer in implementing its decision to demolish and remove certain portions of the Margaret Brent School building and withdrawing the Commissioners' former request to the Board of Education to defer any action.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that this letter be forwarded to the Board of Education, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Millison voted against it as he was opposed to having the building torn down. Commissioner Dean stated the Board of Education had gone to great length to evaluate the structure and the state agency that funds school construction recommended that it be torn down.

VALLEY LEE TRANSFER STATION
(EXCESS PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, St. Mary's County owns approximately 165 1/3 acres of land, situate and lying in the Second Election District of St. Mary's County, said land obtained from deed dated May 5, 1970 from Herman W. Hewitt, Jr. and Elizabeth Regina Herbert, his wife, being recorded in DBK 159, Folio 396 on the 9th day of June, 1970;

WHEREAS, on December 4, 1974 the Board of County Commissioners declared the balance of the above-mentioned property not used for the Valley Lee Transfer Station as excess property and that it be advertised for public sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners now considers it timely, proper, and useful to reconsider the disposal of said property and to initiate a study by which possible County Government uses for said property may be found;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it moved by Commissioner Dean, seconded by Commissioner Parlett, that the decision as recorded in the minutes of December 4, 1974, be, and they hereby are rescinded, and that any and all actions to implement said decision be terminated. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

As had been requested by the Commissioners, Bob Rauch of the Water Resources Administration, forwarded materials with regard to the Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Cox recommended that as a proper course of action at this time the Office of Land Use and Development be assigned the task to coordinate the necessary information, prepare all application documents, to report no later than March 5, 1975 to the Commissioners any problem areas which need to be resolved, and to effect the application process by April 2, 1975.

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

FINANCE OFFICE PERSONNEL

Present: Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Sterling requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

After the Executive Session, Mr. Sterling recommended that Martha E. Jones be hired for the Fiscal Clerk II position in the Finance Office, Grade 7, Base, Salary - \$7,211 annually, effective February 3, 1975. Commissioner Parlett made a motion accepting Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE FOR PAROCHIAL
SCHOOL BUSES

Present: Paul Raley, Administrative and Logistic Officer

Mr. Raley informed the Commissioners that he received the Notice of Cancellation of Insurance for the 21 parochial school buses from Maryland Casualty, effective March 6, 1975. The Commissioners advised Mr. Raley that a letter was being forwarded to the State Insurance Commission requesting action on their part to keep the insurance in effect until its normal expiration date in August, 1975.

FUEL OIL AT LEONARD HALL

Present: Paul Raley, Administrative and Logistic Officer

Mr. Raley advised the Commissioners that at the time of negotiations of the purchase of Leonard Hall, 8,000 gallons of fuel oil was left in the tank at Leonard Hall. It had not been decided whether the County would purchase the oil or have it pumped out. In the meantime, during the cold weather, the fuel oil was used and Mr. Raley inquired as to how the Commissioners wanted to handle this. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to pay to Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy, Inc. .34¢ per gallon (the price the school paid for said fuel) for 8,000 gallons, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

OFFICE SPACE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Present: Joseph Carter, Director, Social Services
Mary Salisbury, Employment Security Office
Msgr. Francis J. Veith

Mr. Carter explained that the Office of Social Services has outgrown itself and the building not only has Social Services but also houses Employment Security and WIN. The lease for the building is up in June and all three agencies would be interested in moving to Leonard Hall. The State pays the rent for Social Services.

The Commissioners explained that the Leonard Hall building is under evaluation as to what renovations would be necessary and are unsure at this time when the building would be available for office use.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of purchasing bonds or a bank loan, both of which would necessitate legislative authority, in order to put the building in first-class condition. The Commissioners advised Mr. Carter that they should be able to give him an answer in two or three months.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Joseph Carter, Acting Chairman, Commission on Aging

Mr. Carter requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

After the Executive Session, Mr. Carter stated that the Commission on Aging unanimously recommended Kathleen V. Centala, from Laurel, Maryland, to be employed as Executive Secretary to the Commission on Aging, as a contractual employee, Grade 10, Base-\$8,973 annually, effective February 3, 1975. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the Commission on Aging's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Three Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioners Millison and McKay voted against.

Commissioner Millison stated that four people from St. Mary's County applied for this position and obviously needed jobs. The person recommended by the Commission on the Aging is not presently living in the County and he was of the opinion that the position should be given to someone in St. Mary's County. Commissioner Dean stated that this position had been advertised locally. The Commission on the Aging unanimously recommended this person. Commissioner Jarboe stated that the County should hire individuals that are best qualified for the job.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE (ROAD REQUIREMENTS)
TOWER HILL SUBDIVISION

Present: Col. and Mrs. Richard Ducote
Richard Platt, Land Use and Development Office Director
John Norris, County Engineer

Col. Ducote made a presentation to the Commissioners of the problems he has encountered in trying to receive approval from the

Planning Commission for the concept plan for the development and subdividing into 11 lots, approximately 40 acres of property in the Tower Hill Subdivision. He stated that the following laws are applicable: A. Regulations Relating to Control of Land Subdivision in St. Mary's County dated January 12, 1954; B. Procedures Governing the Submission and Approval of Land Subdivision Plans in St. Mary's County dated September 12, 1972; C. Building Permit Ordinance dated October 9, 1973 and D. St. Mary's Zoning Ordinance dated May, 1974.

Col. Ducote described the chronological history of events of his endeavor to obtain this approval and stated that he believed he was the first purchaser of property in Tower Hill on July 9, 1968.

In May of 1974 the County Commissioners granted him a building permit, even though it is an illegal subdivision, on the basis that he had applied for such permit prior to the November 1, 1973 Building Permit Ordinance. He stated that some property owners have been granted permits and others have been denied permits since that time.

The Planning Commission at its meeting of November 25, 1974 rejected consideration of the concept plan of the property in question for the reason that no regulations exist for the approval of subdivision that front on private roads. The proposed subdivision would be accessible to the nearest County road by an existing forty foot wide private, unpaved roadway of approximately 1.1 miles. The Planning Commission therefore, referred him to the County Commissioners to request a variance of existing laws, regulations, etc. relative to the road requirements in accordance with Section 16.3.3, subparagraph A through G of the 1974 Ordinance.

In summing up, Col. Ducote stated that on the basis that the existing private road cannot be altered by him to County standards and the Tower Hill developer was not required by the former Commissioners to bring the road to County standards or to cease sale or transfer of property in the area that he be authorized a variance and authorized to resubdivide the property owned by him and his brothers in the Tower Hill area, even though access to Route 244 is provided by a forty foot wide private road. He also requested that the width standards for the road within the proposed subdivision not exceed those of the access road, forty feet.

The Commissioners requested Col. Ducote to submit in writing a summary of his request to the Commissioners and the Commissioners will forward this information to the County Attorney for a legal determination.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Present: Don McEwen, Engineer, C & P Telephone Company, LaPlata
Robert Dixon, Field Engineer, C & P Telephone Company,
Leonardtwn

Mr. Dixon stated that the Attorney for the C & P Telephone Company has agreed to the agreement by and between the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, C & P Telephone Company and Southern Maryland Electric Coop, and requested the Commissioners' signature and approval.

After the County Attorney reviewed the Agreement, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve and authorize Commissioner McKay to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

STRAIGHTENING OF MACINTOSH ROAD
LAND O' LAKE SUBDIVISION VICINITY

Present: George Arvanites, Land Planning and Design
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Arvanites appeared before the Commissioners to request their consideration in working with his client in the straightening of some bad vertical curves on MacIntosh Road, approximately one mile in from Route 235. He stated that if the County decided to improve MacIntosh Road, his client would be prepared to deed land necessary to improve the road. He stated they would provide the engineering and grading if the County would provide the culvert material and gravel, etc.

John Norris stated that before his Department could give approval of the highway plans for Land O' Lake Subdivision there would have to be adequate site distance for vehicles entering onto the County highway from the subdivision.

The Commissioners requested John Norris to work in cooperation with the developer to evaluate the proposal, cost, etc. and report back to the Commissioners.

LEGISLATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES

Present: George Arvanites

Mr. Arvanites requested consideration by the Commissioners to include in their Legislative Package prohibition on unregistered

vehicles (junk cars) in St. Mary's County, on private property. The Commissioners advised Mr. Arvanites that they were not prepared at this time to offer legislation for this purpose.

SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Present: George Arvanites

Mr. Arvanites requested the Commissioners to designate or appoint a composite group involving the County Planner and County Engineer with a group of local planners and developers to work on a new set of subdivision regulations. Commissioner McKay advised Mr. Arvanites that at the time of developing new regulations, the County would solicit input from local developers.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Ed Cox submitted a list of holidays for 1975 for St. Mary's County for approval by the Board of Commissioners, and if the holiday falls on a Saturday, it would be celebrated on Friday and if it falls on a Sunday, would be celebrated on Monday. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the list as the official holidays for 1975 as submitted by Mr. Cox, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS INTO COUNTY
MAINTENANCE SYSTEM-MELODY ACRES

The County Engineer's Office submitted a deed for Gershwin Road, Bach Drive, Goldman Road in the Melody Acres Subdivision to be approved by the Commissioners for acceptance into the County Maintenance System. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept said roads into the System, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS INTO COUNTY
MAINTENANCE SYSTEM-HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECT

The County Engineer's Office submitted a deed for the acceptance of the streets and roads on the Norris Road Housing Authority project, parcels one, two and three, into the County's Highway Maintenance System. Said roads being: Baja Lane, Coronado Drive and Mojave Drive. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept said roads into the System, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. Four Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Jarboe abstained.

TITLE VI-COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT
TRAINING ACT (CETA)

Mr. Cox announced that additional funds to implement Title VI (emergency job program) of CETA are beginning to be disbursed, and requested authority from the Commissioners to process the application for said funds for St. Mary's County. The Commissioners gave their approval.

AIRPORT HANGAR RENTAL

Correspondence dated January 14 was received from Charles A. Norris, Attorney for Professional Flight Service, the present operator of the St. Mary's County Airport, concerning rental of the hangar at the Airport. Mr. Norris requested a meeting with the Airport Commission and the County Commissioners. Mr. Cox was directed to arrange for this meeting.

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

Mr. Cox presented an amendment to the County group health insurance policy in compliance with the earlier request of the Commissioners, whereby the County employees and their dependents who have reached the age of 65 and qualify for Medicare coverage would be provided additional coverage in the policy. Commissioner Dean made a motion that this amendment be added to the group insurance policy, effective March 1, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

PATUXENT RIVER BASIN PLAN

Correspondence was received from the Citizens Coalition announcing a meeting on January 30 at the Oakville Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. regarding the Patuxent River Basin Plan. Mr. Cox stated that the Plan will be forwarded to the Land Use Office for their recommendations and request a representative attend this meeting.

LINE ITEM TRANSFER-SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A letter dated January 1, was received from Sheriff Sanger requesting a transfer in the amount of \$500 from Account no. 51-51371-Automobile Storage Account to Account No. 51-51571-Jail Medical Expenses. Mr. McClade, Comptroller, recommended this transfer. Commissioner Millison made a motion to authorize said transfer, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANN MARIE LOWE

Ed Cox recommended that Ann Marie Lowe, Legislative Aide, be reimbursed for the hours she worked in developing the Legislative Package at \$2.50 per hour. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

The meeting recessed at 5:45 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1975

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

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 A.M.

DUKEHART CREEK JETTY

Present: Thomas E. Downs
Donald McGrath
Bob Kopel
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Downs came before the Commissioners to question the delay of the construction of the jetty at Dukehart Creek. The creek had been dredged over a year ago and was beginning to silt in again.

Mr. Norris explained that the Department of Natural Resources insisted that the County construct the recreational boat facilities, i.e., wharf, boat ramp, slip, etc. at the same time as they construct the jetty. The reason being that the Department of Natural Resources wants assurance that the funds spent would be totally for the recreational use of the boating public. He further stated that since the dredged channel is silting in, he recommended to the Department of Natural Resources that the funding for the jetty be authorized now, however, this request was not granted.

Mr. Norris stated that with the project backlog of his Office and the system of priorities, that for the Engineering Office to do the design of the boating facilities, would delay the completion of the construction of the jetty, etc. until 1976. The Commissioners discussed the backlog of the Engineer's Office and whether private consultants should be hired to work on some of these projects or increase the manpower in the Engineer's Office.

The Commissioners informed those present that they would make every effort to expedite the release of funds for the jetty project by contacting the Department of Natural Resources.

(Commissioner McKay left the meeting at this time and Commissioner Parlett presided over the meeting).

JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES

Present: Marvin Kaminetz, Juvenile Master
George Sanger, Sheriff
Dorthea Reese, Juvenile Services

The above persons came before the Commissioners to make them aware of a very serious potential problem concerning the detention of juveniles. Mr. Kaminetz stated that according to a new law, as set forth in Court and Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Sub-section 3-823, sub-paragraph C-3, juveniles that have been arrested cannot be placed, even temporarily, in the jail. If the juvenile is not released to the parents' custody, a deputy is required to stay with that juvenile in the Sheriff's Office until he appears before the Judge in Court.

Several suggestions were made for short-range and long-range solutions to the problem: the infirmary at the Control Center, voting machine room, basement of jail, Lexington Park Sheriff's Office, addition of a second story to the present Sheriff's Office, and the tri-County re-trial and post-trial facility to be constructed at Hughesville. It was also mentioned that perhaps at some later time, the Sheriff's Office could be located in the Courthouse and the present office could be converted into a detention facility. It was noted that there would have to be separate facilities for male and female juveniles.

Mr. Kaminetz inquired if legislation could be introduced at the Legislative Package hearing Saturday, January 25, to delay the effective date of this law in order to give the County and State time to make preparations to comply with the law.

Commissioner Parlett suggested writing to the Governor to make him aware of how critical this particular problem is and request that he support the legislation to extend the effective date of this law.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to forward this letter to the Governor, with copies to the legislators, MACO, Chief Judge of Circuit Court, and the Chief Judge of Court of Appeals, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to include in our Legislative Package the request to extend the effective date of sub-section 3-823, sub-paragraph C-3, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, from January 1, 1975 until such time as the County and the State could comply with the law, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor of this motion.

In closing, Commissioner Parlett stated that the Commissioners will have to investigate the situation to solve the problem on an interim basis.

(Commissioner McKay returned to the meeting).

LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE
TAX ON STORAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

Commissioner Dean stated that the item in the Legislative Package concerning tax on storage of petroleum products is being submitted by the Board of Commissioners to the Legislative Delegation, however, the County Commissioners have not done a preliminary study or assessed all the ramifications or implications of such a bill.

Commissioner Millison stated that the oil industry is not novel to St. Mary's County and has received local, state and national coverage relating to our County. The purpose of this legislation would be to raise revenue for St. Mary's County. He further stated that he hoped that the bill would be written in

such a way that would allow it to be voted on and that the residents of St. Mary's County would not suffer any financial repercussions. Commissioner Millison added that with the income that this bill would generate, it could hopefully reduce taxes in the County and he would, therefore, like to proceed with this legislation.

Commissioner Dean expressed doubt whether this legislation would go through as written and it should be thoroughly investigated. Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners withdraw the item of the Legislative Package dealing with tax on the storage of oil products, but not drop it, in order that a proper evaluation could be made, after which time the Commissioners would decide whether to submit this legislation. Commissioner Dean further moved that a committee be appointed to study this matter and that Commissioner Millison be Chairman of the Committee and be responsible for the selecting of the members with input from the other Commissioners. Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
(REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DEPUTIES)

Commissioner Dean submitted a list of six items for Plan of Action for the Sheriff's Department for the Commissioners' review and discussion.

Mr. McGlade noted that it would not appear that there would be sufficient funds in the Sheriff's budget for the hiring of additional deputies.

Commissioner Parlett said he learned at the MACO Conference that Calvert County is presently conducting a study by means of an LEAJ grant, of their overall public safety program, including Sheriff's Department, State Police, etc. Commissioner Parlett stated that St. Mary's County should look into the possibility of obtaining a similar grant for this same purpose. Mr. McGlade mentioned there was a grant available some months ago that was being conducted by the State Police upon entering the "Rent-a-Trooper" program.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that in view of the fact that there are no extra funds in the Sheriff's budget, that the County not hire additional men this fiscal year and that the

Commissioners proceed with determining the pertinent information listed as Items 1, 5 and 6 on the "Plan of Action" sheet submitted by Commissioner Dean. Commissioner Dean further moved that a committee be formed to assemble this information, which he volunteered to chair, with the assistance of Commissioner Parlett, and in addition, that an investigation be made of the possibility of obtaining an LEAJ grant to do a study of the public safety program of St. Mary's County. Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. The Commissioners directed Mr. McGlade to determine the possibility of obtaining an LEAJ grant and any implications it may have.

"WINGS OF THE MORNING"

Commissioner Jarboe summarized the discussion that took place at the special meeting Tuesday night concerning "Wings of the Morning". The meeting was attended by Dr. Weiss of the Outdoor Drama Association, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Dr. Kermit Hunter, author of "Wings of the Morning", representatives of the St. Mary's City Commission, St. Mary's College, the Outdoor Drama Association and the County Commissioners. A procedure was developed whereby the drama would be produced at St. Mary's City during the months of July and August, 1975 at the foot of the Statehouse facing the water on a barge. A budget of \$62,920 was presented, with a projected income of \$28,201.25 leaving a balance needed in the amount of \$34,638.75. Commissioner Jarboe stated that Dr. Hunter and Dr. Weiss felt that the budget was "lean but feasible". Dr. Jackson, President of St. Mary's College, and members of the St. Mary's City Commission, expressed concern over the parking facilities and crowd control.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners grant to the Bicentennial Commission for the Outdoor Drama project "Wings of the Morning", \$20,000 from the FY '75 Contingency Fund, for Fiscal Year 1975 and pledge to them that if funds are available, the Commissioners will budget \$40,000 for Fiscal 1976 with the understanding that \$20,000 would be authorized for expenditures between July 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. A decision will be made at the end of the theater season, in September, concerning further funding, specifically the second \$20,000 for the second half of Fiscal '76. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

BIDS ON ANIMAL WARDEN VEHICLE

Bids were opened on January 7 for the purchase of a van-type truck for the animal warden. Bids were as follows:

Bell Motor Company	\$4,540.00 (1974 Chev.)
McKay Implement Company	6,500.00 (1975 Intl.)
Fenwick Ford	5,490.00 (1974 Econoline Parcel Van)
Fenwick Ford	5,790.00 (1975 Boyertown)

(Bid and tally sheet are on file in Paul Raley's Office).

Bell Motor Company was the lowest bidder, and will install air-conditioning at a cost of \$600.00 making the total cost \$5,140.00. Paul Raley recommended awarding the bid to Bell Motor Company.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Approved,



James M. McKay, President