

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

March 5-6, 1975

Wednesday, March 5, 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
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 February 26-27, 1975 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

The minutes of the Special Meeting with the Airport Commission dated Feb. 28, 1975 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

STATUS REPORT ON REPORTING SYSTEM

Present: John Little, CPA, David M. Gruber & Co.
Joe O'Dell, Budget Officer
Harris Sterling, Finance Director

Mr. Little presented a report to the Commissioners giving a status report on the reporting system for the County. He stated that his company's basic services to the County were two-fold - auditing services and tax billing service and presented documents as explanation of these services.

In the course of his presentation, Mr. Little referred to his company's overall objective of providing a simple yet complete accounting-reporting system for St. Mary's County and cited several reasons for the delay in the completion of assignments. He also mentioned that contrary to the terms of the agreement the County had not reimbursed his company in a timely and proper fashion. He requested a correction of these unfortunate circumstances.

Mr. Little stated that in all prior years, this service to the county by his firm was on a very informal basis and that he agreed with the Commissioners that the arrangements should be formalized. Mr. Little further requested confirmation from the County Commissioners as to David Gruber & Company providing monitoring services for the County.

Commissioners Millison and Parlett requested Mr. Little to prepare a detailed response to several items of interest:

1. A definition of duties and services provided by his firm;
2. The advantage of the County's new reporting system;
3. The benefit of the Phase II Project;
4. The approximate cost for his services next year;
5. A clear statement as to the reasons why we should not have a cash flow procedure outlined;
6. An explanation of why the policy of grant fiscal and administration reporting;
7. A determination of whether the County has any accounts not generating income.

DESIGNATION OF HEALTH SERVICE AREAS

Present: Dr. Tiller, TCC
Dr. Richard Martin, St. Mary's Hospital
Dr. William Marek, Deputy Health Officer

Dr. Tiller made a presentation with charts showing the proposed designated health planning regions and characteristics of the various regions. Implementation of the National Health Planning and Resource Development Act, establishing health service areas will be done in two steps:

1. designation of health areas and
2. designation of agencies.

Concern has been expressed that the Tri-County area may be included in the Washington area or be divided by counties between Washington and Baltimore.

Dr. Tiller stated that Commissioner Jarboe had made a motion that was carried at the last TCC meeting on February 21 that the Tri-County Council go on record to request the Governor to appoint a sub-district within the overall health planning district so that the tri-county area can function as a unit. Dr. Marek and Dr. Martin expressed agreement to this.

Grant funds will be available during the implementation period following designation of areas up until agencies are designated through June 30, 1976.

Dr. Marek and Dr. Martin will meet with Commissioner Jarboe to formulate a position for the County to be presented at the joint meeting of the three Boards of County Commissioners on March 10.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Sunny Schust "
Janet Shaffron "
Jean Matheson "
Richard Polk "
Dick Myers, WKIK
Patty Muchow, Guardian
Cablevision media

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

BILLS APPROVED

The following bills were approved by the Commissioners:

Edwin C. Atkins, Outdoor Drama Assoc. through the Bicentennial Commission, for operating expenses and services rendered - \$1,887.00;

Whalen & Purdy, Inc., final payment - G. C. Contract Option on County Airport - \$21,523.00.

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

GRANT APPLICATION FOR LEAJ POLICE STUDY

Mr. Cox presented the above grant application for the Commissioners' approval and signature. Total amount of grant is \$13,333, of which \$866 is the local cash share. Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve said application and authorize

Commissioner McKay to sign same, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

AGREEMENT WITH SMEALLIE, ORRICK AND JANKA
(LEONARD HALL BUILDINGS)

The finalized agreement for the overall study at Leonard Hall was presented for the Commissioners' approval and signature in triplicate, of which the fee is in the amount of \$6,375. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Paul Raley, Administrative and Logistic Officer, Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve said agreement and authorize Commissioner McKay to sign same, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Ed Cox presented Judge Mattingly's request for the purchase of certain materials for the county law library in the amount of \$479.25. The Commissioners had previously requested Mrs. Kitty Hurrey to explore various fund resources to cover this expense. Mrs. Hurrey telephoned to say she was unable to locate any funding resources for the county law library and recommended on a long-range basis that we inquire of the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice possible funding resources.

Mr. Cox then presented the Budget Officer's recommendation that the above-referred expenses be charged in toto to the law library expenses account (#20-23351) established in the amount of \$2,000 in FY '75.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the Budget Officer's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

NEWTON NECK (CHANGE IN COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN)

Correspondence was presented for the Commissioners' signature in response to a request for a change in the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan from Mr. C. Dennis Webster, Caledon Development Corporation, developer of the Newtown Neck Project. The letter advises Mr. Webster that changes of this importance are not made without careful consideration and set forth the various study plans and agreement required before a recommendation is made for the proposed change to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan.

The Commissioners will review this correspondence prior to making a decision to sign.

ROAD RESOLUTION NO. R-75-9
SPEED LIMIT ON LINCOLN AVENUE

The County Engineer's Office submitted a Road Resolution setting the maximum speed limit on one-half a mile of Lincoln Avenue at 25 miles per hour, supported by a letter from the Maryland State Police. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said road resolution, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT

The County has a very clear stated equal employment opportunity program which prohibits any and all discrimination. Mr. Cox requested authority from the Commissioners to pursue the possibility of obtaining grant funds for the purpose of the establishment and implementation of an affirmative action program.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion granting approval to apply for this grant, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

CONTROL CENTER - COMMUNICATIONS CLERKS

Correspondence was received from Otis Wood, Acting Director, Civil Defense regarding his reclassification request for the Communications Clerks at the Control Center. Mr. Cox recommended that the Commissioners approve the request to reclassify the Communications Clerks from Grade 7 to Grade 8 effective July 1, 1975 and bringing them into the County Merit System and making them a part of the County Personnel System.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the reclassification of the Communications Clerks from Grade 7 to Grade 8, subject to the budget review process, effective July 1, 1975 and to bring them into the County Merit System, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-19
CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER (GENERAL)

Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 75-19 authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners to transfer, convert, endorse, sell, assign, set over and deliver 32 shares of Union Trust Bancorp Stock and to make, execute and deliver, under the corporate seal of the County or otherwise, and all written instruments of assignment and transfer

necessary or proper to effecuate the authority hereby conferred, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

AMENDMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, County Attorney

Mr. Cox stated he is in receipt of an amendment to the County's Group Health Insurance Policy stating how the rates were derived on the ages of the county employees and requested Commissioner McKay's signature. The County Attorney will review the entire file on the health insurance prior to the Commissioners' making a decision.

MAINTENANCE STORAGE FACILITY - ST. ANDREWS LANDFILL

The contract for this project was not signed until July and therefore the auditors did not allow this item as an Accounts Payable. This would necessitate a transfer in the amount of \$20,350 from the Contingency Fund to be placed in a new account entitled "Maintenance and Storage Facility". Commissioner Jarboe made a motion authorizing this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

REQUEST TO APPLY FOR GRANT TO REGISTER HISTORICAL SITES

A request was received from Michael Humphries to apply for a \$7,000 grant to register historic sites in St. Mary's County. The grant would be on a 50-50 basis between the County and State. Mr. Cox was requested to contact Mr. Humphries to determine other sources of funding for this project and return with further information for the Commissioners' consideration at which time the Commissioners will render a decision on the grant request.

INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW HANGAR BUILDING

The bid for the above project was awarded to Bates and Associates on January 29, 1975, in the amount of \$12,268.30. All documents are in order and the contract has been prepared for Commissioner McKay's signature. Commissioner McKay signed said contract.

RC & D PROJECT

Present: John Hall
George Wheeler, Southern Md. RC & D Project
Arnold Gardner, State Roads District Engineer

Mr. Wheeler presented the summary of the "Draft Proposal of the RC & D Measure St. Mary's County Roadside Critical Area Treatment Measure Plan." The summary defined the erosion and sediment problems in the county and recommended treatment and listed objectives of the RC & D Measure.

Mr. Wheeler explained that funds will be derived from three sources; county, state and RC & D funds and that the programming and installation of the project could be done over a three or five year period. An Agreement must be entered into by the County State Highway Administration and the Soil Conservation Service and when this Agreement is reached from the funding standpoint, the project should begin in the Spring of 1976 in St. Mary's County.

Commissioner Dean suggested that this project be included in the County Engineer's budget to be submitted to the Commissioners for consideration at budget time.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the concept of the RC & D plan on a three-year basis and that it be subject to budgetary consideration, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

STATE AVIATION SYSTEM

Present: David Rubin, Aviation Planner, Md. Dept. of Transportation
John F. R. Scott, Jr., Deputy Administrator, St. Aviation Admin.
Robert Gabrelcik, Airport Commission

Mr. Rubin gave a slide presentation and explained the need for and location of aviation facilities in the State of Maryland for the next 20 years. The Aviation System Plan is a two-year project and they are at the stage of developing alternatives to be evaluated. The slide presentation showed the various airports in the area, activity survey, commuter forecast, forecast of general aviation and safety equipment and materials being provided to the airports. Mr. Rubin stated that the St. Mary's County Airport may become the most important public airport in southern Maryland, especially with the new Patuxent River Bridge making it more accessible. Mr. Rubin discussed the possibility of commuter service between Norfolk and Baltimore-Washington International.

There was discussion as to the obtaining of grant funds for the St. Mary's County Airport and the procedure to apply for these funds. Mr. Rubin and Mr. Scott recommended that Mr. Gabrelcik develop a list of needs for the Airport and submit them to the Federal Aviation Administration for consideration for grant approval.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION CENTER

Present: Clark Gravelle, Criminal Justice Planner, TCC
Paul Showell, Director, Community Corrections Task Force
George Sanger, Sheriff
Judge Sterling, District Court

Mr. Gravelle and Mr. Showell came before the Commissioners to obtain the President of the Commissioners' signature on the LEAJ Grant Application for the Community Correction Center at Hughesville. By signing this application, the County would be committed only in participation of the use of the pre-trial facility.

The Commissioners discussed their concern of the need for a juvenile detention facility and if it could be located at the Hughesville site in a separate building. Mr. Showell explained that there is a sufficient amount of land at Hughesville and it is state land and would come under the purview of the State Department of Juvenile Services.

The Commissioners then discussed a time limit for their commitment in the use of the facility and the length of time they would be tied to the per diem cost. Mr. Gravelle stated that any conditions placed on the grant would be reviewed by the Region II Board for acceptance.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign the grant application, contingent upon the following conditions being inserted as part of the grant text:

1. That the per diem cost incurred by St. Mary's County will not exceed at any time the per diem cost of other state penal facilities;
2. That the commitment of useage by St. Mary's County will not exceed seven years.

Commissioner Millison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Present: Robert Rauch, Water Resources Admins.
Richard Platt, Director, Land Use and Development
Dr. Marek, Deputy Health Officer
John Fortunato, Metropolitan Commission
John Hall, Soil Conservation Service

Mr. Platt advised the Commissioners that by the regulations the County has adopted, ie, Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance and related maps, the County meets the minimum requirements for participation in the Flood Insurance Program. Upon passage of two Resolutions (Resolution No. 75-17 "Relation of the Building Permit Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance to the Federally Subsidized Flood Insurance Program" and Resolution No. 75-18 "Request for Federal Subsidized Flood Insurance") and submission of formal application and related documents to be forwarded to HUD, Mr. Rauch will recommend that St. Mary's County be accepted in the Program. Mr. Rauch stated that St. Mary's County is further along in flood plain recommendations and controls than other areas and he was therefore going to give St. Mary's County the highest priority.

In response to a question from Commissioner Dean, Mr. Rauch explained that an individual building on a flood plain area would not have to obtain flood insurance if he could get financing through a lending agency not bound by this program. In order for a builder in a flood plain area to obtain a mortgage through a federal funding agency, flood insurance would have to be obtained; however, anyone can apply for this flood insurance.

John Fortunato of the Metropolitan Commission made suggestions as to changes in the afore-mentioned Resolutions. The Resolutions were amended to incorporate these changes.

Commissioner Millison inquired of Mr. Platt if participation in this program would necessitate the hiring of an additional employee in his office to which Mr. Platt replied it would not unless there was a great increase in development which would increase the quantity of permits issued, which he could not forecast.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve adoption of Resolution No. 75-17 "Relation of the Building Permit Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance to the Federally Subsidized Flood Insurance Program", seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve adoption of Resolution No. 75-18 "Request for Federal Subsidized Flood Insurance", seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

GRANTING OF CONDITIONAL USE BY PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, County Attorney

Mr. Bell informed the Commissioners that suit has been filed by Waring Associates on the authority of the Planning Commission to grant conditional uses, and he has joined in as County Attorney. The County has been made a party to the suit.

The meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 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
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS' ADVISOR TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Commissioner Dean made a motion to appoint Thomas Howard as the Commissioners' advisor to the Airport Commission, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ROBERT C. WILLARD'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mr. Willard's contract is due to expire on May 13, 1975, and according the contract each party has to give notice within 60 days; therefore, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that Mr. Willard be informed that the Commissioners do not intend to renew his contract as it expires, and that a letter be prepared for all Commissioners' signatures, advising Mr. Willard of this action, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Jarboe made the following statement in response to comments made in a local newspaper: "(1) With regard to the Executive Session at which Mr. Willard was present, it was instigated by the Board of Commissioners and not Mr. Willard, (2) the comment that was attributed to me may have been made but not by me, (3) Comment was made publicly that none of the Commissioners had talked to Mr. Willard. We have all talked to him individually, (4) The comment in the paper that Mr. Willard had been offered bribes - 'Anyone in my position has been, But I've never taken any' should be

investigated. If he has been offered bribes, it would be important that the State's Attorney look into the matter and determine who indeed did offer him bribes."

The Commissioners were in agreement to bring this matter to the State's Attorney's attention for investigation. A memorandum, is to be forwarded to Mr. Willard asking if he did make these statements and if they are true to cooperate with the State's Attorney.

NURSING HOME PROJECT BILL - MERVELL M. DEAN, INC.

Since funds have not been released from HUD for the Nursing Home Project, Mr. Sterling recommended transferring \$50,638.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Nursing Home Project Account No. 90-90102 in order to make payment to Mervell M. Dean, Inc.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Commissioner Parlett stated that he received a telephone call from Jeff Mitchell, Md. State Division of Medical Services, who has been in contact with Dr. Martin, Dr. Marek, rescue squads in the area and they have given Mr. Mitchell a list of priorities. The most important recommendation for the County is the "911" dialing system, which Mr. Otis Wood will include in his budget. Mr. Mitchell will be trying to obtain funds from the state and federal government for this system. Commissioner Parlett mentioned funds for other projects that Mr. Mitchell will try to obtain for the County.

USE OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Commissioner Parlett stated that Mr. Gilbert Bowling of Hughesvill would like to know the County's position in allowing him to use the railroad right-of-way as a road. If use is granted, he would like to build a ramp in the back of his tobacco warehouse and use the right-of-way as a road to the ramp. Mr. Parlett expressed concern of the railroad right-of-way being used by children as a minibike path. The County Attorney is to be contacted to determine the county's liability and to determine the useage of the railroad right-of-way under the terms of the Agreement with SMECO.

MATERNITY LEAVE FOR SECRETARY TO JUDGE MATTINGLY

A letter was received from Judge Mattingly requesting that his secretary, Mrs. Judity Bowles be allowed to use the four weeks of sick leave she has accumulated for maternity leave. The Commissioners tabled this matter until further review.

COMMISSIONER MEMBERS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the following Commissioners be named as liaison to the Boards and Commissions as noted:

Bicentennial Commission	J. Patrick Jarboe
Board of Education	Larry Millison
Commission on Aging	John K. Parlett
Governor's Commission LEAJ	James M. McKay
Region II Board	
Housing Authority	J. Patrick Jarboe

Commissioner Parlett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion that Commissioner Dean be named the liaison member to the Nursing Home Board, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR COURTHOUSE WHEN CLOSED

Commissioner Dean suggested that the County put in a telephone service notifying the public when they call that the Courthouse is closed and when it will be opened. Mr. Cox is to request a representative from the C & P Telephone Company to appear before the Commissioners and make an overall evaluation of our system and make recommendations for increased efficiency.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION REGARDING METROPOLITAN COMMISSION
Section 650 (b) (17) Article 43

In response to a letter from Senator Simpson regarding the above bill, the Metropolitan Commission forwarded a letter dated February 26, 1975 to the Commissioners supporting this amendment.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to forward the Metropolitan Commission's letter to Senator Simpson in that it tends to state the Commissioners' general feeling about the matter, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ECONOMIC IMPACT FEE

Commissioner Dean made a motion that a copy of the Economic Impact Fee Resolution adopted by the Commissioners be forwarded to Oliver Guyther and inform him that the Commissioners intend to abide by this Resolution and if it is so judged at a future date, the fee would be reduced for all applicable cases. Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REZONING CASE NO. 74-15 DECISION
DOROTHY C. WILLIAMS

A public hearing was held on February 13, 1975 on the rezoning application by Dorothy C. Williams for property consisting of 22.7 acres, situated on Rte 235, approximately 200 feet south of Rte 472 (Sandgates Road), Sixth Election District, from R-1 to C-2 category.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the rezoning request be denied for the following reasons:

1. That there has been no significant population change in the area since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance;
2. The recommendation of the Planning Commission to disapprove the application;
3. That commercial development of the property would be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. Four Commissioners voted in favor of this motion. Commissioner Parlett abstained from voting due to the fact that he has relatives who own adjacent property to the property in question.

REZONING CASE NO. 74-18 DECISION
HAL EDWIN COLE

A public hearing was held February 13, 1975 on the rezoning application by Hal Edwin Cole for property consisting of 2.3 acres, situated on the south side of Rte 5, approximately 100 feet from the intersection of Rte 5 and Rte 246, Eighth Election District, from AR-2 to C-1 category.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant this rezoning request for the following reasons:

1. It is exactly adjacent to urban development as outlined in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan;
2. Approval was recommended by the Planning Commission;
3. It is projected that the population of the general area will increase to support this type of commercial venture;
4. The proposed use is compatible with the existing and proposed development for the area;
5. The present traffic pattern is already high for this area;
6. That commercial development will not alter the present or future traffic pattern and as was pointed out in the Planning Commission's recommendation ranks fifth of the highest traveled intersection in the County.
7. And that is not in a residential area.

Commissioner Millison seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

REZONING CASE NO. 74-19

J. WHITSON ROGERS

A public hearing was held February 13, 1975 on the rezoning application by J. Whitson Rogers for property consisting of 1.5 acres, located on County Oak Road in the Golden Beach Subdivision, approximately 140 feet east of Sky View Drive, Fifth Election District, (Lots no. 955, 956, 957, and 958) from R-1 to C-1 Category.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to deny this rezoning request for the following reasons:

1. Dissapproval was recommended by the Planning Commission;
2. C-1 classification would allow certain commercial establishments which are not compatible with the residential development in the area such as Golden Beach;
3. To grant this application would establish an unwise precedent of putting commercial development in the heart of a residential area for which it was not designed;
4. That the Deputy Health Officer recognized a potential sewage problem in that area;

5. Since the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance it has not been demonstrated that a change in the neighborhood has occurred.

Commissioner Parlett seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

Commissioner Millison commented that he was opposed to restrictive measures such as this; however, in a case like this one where the vast majority of the property owners in the area are so opposed to granting this request, that the County has a responsibility to the wishes of the people.

COUNTY PLANNER

Commissioner Jarboe raised the question of possible employment of a County Planner. After some discussion the Commissioners tabled the matter until a later meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER AND SEWER PLAN UPDATE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
John Fortunato, Metropolitan Commission

Because of a State Health Department Regulation not allowing interim approval for water and sewer permit in an S or W-3 category, Mr. Norris and Mr. Fortunato made the following recommendations for changes in the Water and Sewer Maps:

1. An area south on Willows Road from W and S 3 to W and S 5;
2. An area south of Lexington Park along Bay Interceptor from S-3 to S-4;
3. A portion of the Town Creek/Esperanza Farms area;
4. An area north of Lexington Park at the Airport Industrial site from S-3 to S-4.

Mr. Fortunato explained that development cannot occur in these areas unless these changes are made.

The Commissioners were of the opinion that these changes were warranted and requested John Norris to submit them to the Planning Commission for their comments.

In closing John Fortunato mentioned problems encountered with the State Health Department Regulations as they are applied to St. Mary's County. He stated he has outlined them to the County Engineer and would like the Commissioners at some time

to formulate them and forward them to the State Health Department as improvements to the Plan. The County Engineer concurred with this.

MORGANZA LAUREL GROVE ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Dean brought to Mr. Norris' attention the poor sight distance on the ten foot gravel road known as Morganza-Laurel Grove Road. He stated complaints have been received from residents and school bus drivers about this problem. The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to evaluate the situation. Commissioner Dean will accompany John Norris to look at the road to determine the scope of the problem.

SAFETY CONDITIONS AT ST. MARY'S AIRPORT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

A letter was received from John F. R. Scott, Deputy Administrator State Aviation Administration, setting forth conditions at the Airport which are unsatisfactory from a safety point of view.

1. Mr. Norris stated he requested Paul Raley to have the necessary maintenance performed on the Runway Lights;
2. The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to obtain proposals for the cost of the runway end identifier lights;
3. John Norris recommended placing the Rotating Beacon Light on top of the Airport Hangar. The Commissioners agreed to this with funds to come from budgeted FY '76 funds.

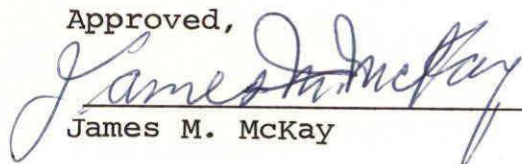
PATUXENT RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

A letter was received from the Patuxent River Citizens Association expressing concern over the dangerous conditions existing at the bridge construction site. Mr. Norris said a copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. Arnold Gardner, District Engineer, State Highway Administration. Mr. Norris is to prepare a reply to the Citizens Association for the Commissioners' signature with a copy to Mr. Gardner.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay