

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

July 21-22, 1976

Wednesday, July 21, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner Larry Millison
Commissioner John K. Parlett
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 17-18, 1976 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

Mr. Sterling presented the encumbrance vouchers for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

DOUGLAS POINT POWER PLANT HEARINGS

The Commissioners requested the County Administrator to request Walter Raum, Environmental Committee, or his designee, to attend the Douglas Point Power Plant public hearings.

RETIREMENT STATUS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE

The County Administrator advised that after almost a year's deliberation by the State concerning the retirement status of Mary Agnes Buckler, a county employee, the State has replied that service credit under the Retirement System has been granted to Mrs. Buckler, and therefore, Mr. Cox presented Encumbrance Voucher No. 08916 payable to the State Retirement System in the amount of \$12,085 representing the County's share. Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve this voucher, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECTS

COUNTRY LAKES - VA HOUSING AVAILABILITY - The County Administrator presented the referenced Clearinghouse Project and advised that the Office of Land Use and Development forwarded comments that the project is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives, and therefore Mr. Cox recommended that this comment be forwarded to the State. The Commissioners concurred.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM - The County Administrator presented the referenced Clearinghouse Project and advised that the Commission on Aging forwarded comments that the project is not inconsistent with this agency's plans, programs or objectives, and therefore Mr. Cox recommended that this comment be forwarded to the State. The Commissioners concurred.

SPEECH THERAPIST PROGRAM - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention the fact that \$10,000 had been budgeted for FY '77 to continue the Speech Therapist Program under the auspices of the County Health Department. Authority was requested to fill the positions involved in said program. The Commissioners stated that the positions should be filled in keeping with the budgetary intent.

OVERTIME POLICY FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator presented a memorandum dated July 20, 1976 in which he set forth the recommendations of the Budget Officer, Personnel Officer and himself concerning procedures to follow for the overtime policy as requested by the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Cox advised that a three phase study is proposed; fiscal impact, legal impact and policy impact.

Commissioner McKay suggested that any conclusion arrived at for payment of overtime that the Sheriff furnish justification after the assignment of overtime prior to payment for same, on an individual basis.

The County Administrator stated that if the Commissioners are agreeable, he, the Budget Officer and Personnel Officer will meet with the Sheriff to inform him of what they intend to do.

The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The County Administrator reported to the Commissioners that Ward S. Miller has accepted the County's offer for the position of Economic Development Coordinator and will start employment July 26.

UPDATE OF ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE 21 - AIRPORT DISTRICT REGULATIONS

In view of the questions raised at the Public Hearing held July 19 regarding the proposed Article 21 in the Update of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance, Commissioner Dean made a motion to appoint a sub-committee to review and refine the proposed Article 21 of the Update of the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners and that said committee be composed of:

Dick Platt, Land Use Office or his designee
Joe Gough, Planning Commission, or his designee
Capt. Gillispie, NAS, or his designee
Tom Howard, Airport Commission
Oliver Guyther

(with the services of the County Attorney), seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to contact these individuals to determine if they would be willing to serve on this Committee, after which time letters would be prepared to these individuals for Commissioner McKay's signature.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER NO. 08912

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve Voucher No. 08912, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

BAY DISTRICT FIRE TAX

Relevant to the Budget Officer's memorandum of June 10, 1976, with the following attachments: Letter from Budget Officer to Fire Chief, Bay District Fire Department and the Fire Chief's reply dated April 8, said memorandum setting forth reimbursement of the fire tax to the Bay District Fire Department, payable on an actual collection basis, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the Budget Officer's recommendations in the June 10 memorandum, seconded by Commissioner McKay. Four Commissioners voted in favor of this motion, with Commissioner Millison voting against.

ACCEPTANCE OF ROADS - LOCKES HILL ESTATES

Inasmuch as the County Engineer and the County Attorney have recommended that the County accept certain roads in Lockes Hill Estates into the County Highway Maintenance System, Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept St. Mary's Street and that portion of Charles Street, as described in the County Attorney's letter of July 14, 1976, into the CHMS, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Sunny Schust, "
Dick Myers, WKIK
Joanne Spires, Beacon

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

METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - BONDING INSURANCE COMPANY

Pursuant to the letter dated July 20, 1976 from the Metropolitan Commission, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners approve the Continental Insurance Company as surety for the bonding specified in Section 157, Part (E) of the Public Laws of St. Mary's County, in the amount of \$25,000, to be issued to Mr. Myron G. Marlay as the duly appointed Treasurer of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, effective July 26, 1976, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve Voucher No. 08918 to the Library Board of Trustees for payroll requirements, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

TRANSCO - PROPOSED LNG PLANT

Commissioner McKay reported that he received a telephone call from Mr. Willhelm of Transco stating that his company has suspended interest in the location of an LNG Plant in St. Mary's County because of apparent approval of another location and thanked the Board of County Commissioners for the courtesy extended to them.

PATUXENT RIVER BRIDGE ACCESS ROAD

Present: David Salsberg, North Town Creek Resident
North Town Creek residents
John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Salsberg, as spokesman for the residents of the North Town Creek area, appeared before the Commissioners to express the concern of the residents over Alternate C of the State Highway Administration for the location of the Patuxent River Bridge access road.

Among some of their objections to Alternate C are the following:

1. It is the most expensive route.
2. environmental impact
3. impact on residential areas and working farms
4. It is not in conformance with the County's long-range plans.
5. Close proximity to schools
6. It does not address future access to the west and the link to St. Andrews Church Road.

The Commissioners advised that the County has not taken a position on any particular route but have indicated to the State Highway Administration their concern of the cost factor, impingement on agricultural land and the possible uprooting of families in that area.

The County Administrator advised that according to the Director of Land Use and Development that the Planning Commission will be discussing the subject and that correspondence was received from Maryland Department of Transportation indicating that there will be another public hearing process prior to which an environmental document will be make available.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Salsberg for his presentation and advised that the residents would be kept informed on this matter.

The meeting recessed at 12:35 p.m.

Thursday, July 22, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner Larry Millison
Commissioner John K. Parlett
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Present: Joe Carter, Director, Social Services
Richard Buckler, Social Services
Don Radtke, State's Attorney's Office

Mr. Carter appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Child Support Program and reviewed the Title IV-D of the Department of Human Resources and House Bill 1478 and cited a chronology of events. Mr. Carter distributed a packet of information pertaining to the Child Support Enforcement Program and expressed the desire for local administration of Title IV-D of that Program in that it would mean better services to the recipients. If local administration is adopted a financial agent and secretary would be needed which the local share for funding for one year would be approximately \$5,000. Mr. Carter stated that it had been indicated to him that there was a possibility that after one year the State would take over the entire funding; however, nothing in writing had been received.

The Commissioners advised Mr. Carter that they would review this request and make a decision at next week's meeting.

COMMISSION ON AGING - TITLE III GRANT APPLICATION

Present: Mrs. Billye McGaharn, Executive Secretary
Commission on Aging

Mrs. McGaharn appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Commission on Aging Application for Project Grant under Title III in the amount of \$43,918 for the project period July 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977.

Prior to the Commissioners making a decision on this grant application, the Commissioners requested Mrs. McGaharn to obtain a cost analysis comparing this year's project costs to last year's and to have the Application reviewed by the Budget Officer for approval.

COMMISSION ON AGING VEHICLES

Present: Mrs. Billye McGaharn, Executive Secretary
Commission on Aging

For the Commissioners' information Mrs. McGaharn presented a summary sheet of the vehicles for the Commission on Aging Program setting forth present and proposed vehicles, types, sources and maintenance.

DERELICT BOAT REMOVAL PROGRAM

Present: Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense

Mr. Wood presented the bid tally sheet for the Removal of Derelict Vessels and Debris, said bids being opened July 15, 1976. Itemized bids were received from five firms and Mr. Wood recommended awarding the contract to Annapolis Pile Drivers in the amount of \$48,785.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Mr. Wood's recommendation pending state approval and to provide a CETA employee to act as inspector for the project and that he be reimbursed for mileage, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

STATE OF MARYLAND ENERGY POLICY OFFICE

Present: Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense

Mr. Wood reported to the Commissioners that he attended the first meeting of the State of Maryland Energy Policy Office, and explained that certain guidelines concerning energy conservation have been set down and should the County wish to have input into the Plan that is to be submitted to the Federal Government by January 1, 1977, that this input be submitted to the State by September 30, 1976.

HELICOPTER PAD

Regarding the status of the helicopter pad for the hospital, Commissioner Dean reported that we are awaiting certification from the consultant that the plans meet FAA approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Joseph Ernest Bell, II, County Attorney

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to meet in Executive Session with the County Attorney to discuss a matter of litigation. The Executive Session was held from 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR UPDATE OF ZONING ORDINANCE
AND COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Commissioner Dean made a motion to set August 26, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. during a regular County Commissioner meeting for the public hearing on the Update of the St. Mary's County Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

CANCELLATION OF COMMISSIONER MEETING - MACO CONFERENCE

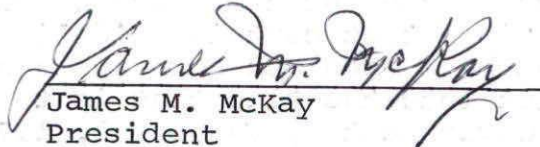
Commissioner Parlett made a motion to cancel the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners scheduled for August 19 because of the Maryland Association of Counties Conference in Ocean City, Md., seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

REPRESENTATIVE FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION MEETINGS

In response to a letter from the State Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioners agreed to select Mr. Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense, as the County's appointed representative to participate on an ad hoc committee on energy conservation in public buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by,


James M. McKay
President