

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

August 4-5, 1976

Wednesday, August 4, 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 9:40 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 28-29, 1976 were read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

SPRAY IRRIGATION SEMINAR

The County Administrator discussed the proposed Spray Irrigation Seminar to be sponsored by the County Commissioners and arranged by the Environmental Committee to be held at St. Mary's College. Walter Raum, Chairman of the Environmental Committee, recommended that certain agency representatives outside of the County should be invited to participate in the Seminar. Mr. Cox advised that the total cost, which would include lodging for out-of-county participants, would be approximately \$750.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that if there is no other method of funding, such as the State Health Department, the County support the Spray Irrigation Seminar at a maximum cost of \$750, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

INFORMATION CENTER

Correspondence was received from the Executive Director of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce requesting the Commissioners' concurrence with the closing date of the County Information Center of October 9-10, which is the weekend of the Oyster Festival. The Commissioners gave their concurrence with this suggested closing date.

VISIT TO CHARLOTTE HALL SCHOOL

With regard to the Charlotte Hall School, the County Administrator suggested that the Commissioners as a group visit the school, because there are some issues that have to be decided by the Commissioners during the course of the option period. The Commissioners agreed to meet at Charlotte Hall tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m.

RETIREMENT PAYMENT FOR MRS. MARY AGNES BUCKLER

The County Administrator presented a memorandum from the Budget Officer relative to the Commissioners' approval of the County's share of the Retirement System payment for Mrs. Buckler and therefore requested approval by the Commissioners for the following transfer: Increase Account No. 2410-2021 by \$12,085 and Decrease Account No. 2410-2081 by \$12,085. Commissioner Millison made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REQUEST FOR TRAINING FOR DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND LOGISTICS

The Personnel Officer submitted a memorandum recommending that Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics, attend a course of instruction conducted by the Civil Service Commission during the period of September 13-15, entitled "Simplified Procurement Methods and Techniques". Estimated total cost is \$325.00. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ANSWERING SERVICE AT LEXINGTON PARK SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Sheriff submitted a request for the installation of an answering service at the Lexington Park Sheriff's Office, for after hour calls to be relayed to the Control Center. Cost of system is \$21.75 per month and installation cost is \$47.50. The Commissioners directed that the C & P Telephone Company be contacted to determine the possibility of an automatic switchover.



COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that Mr. Platt, Director, Land Use and Development, is preparing a report on the status of the Coastal Zone Management Plan as it affects the County and the related decisions that are pending. Mr. Platt will deliver his report in the near future.

STORM DRAINAGE AT LEXINGTON PARK

Present: Joseph P. O'Dell, Budget Officer

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that \$40,000 had been budgeted for Fiscal '77 for the design and easements with regard to the Lexington Park storm drainage problems. Mr. O'Dell explained that he has determined that a federal grant for this project is non-existent and recommended a general meeting with the business people in Lexington Park to determine their interest in long-range improvements.

The Commissioners concurred with this suggestion and directed the Budget Officer to pursue the availability of loans from the federal government, percentage rate and length of payback and further to proceed to set up a date, time and place for a meeting in Lexington Park for the public meeting.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARLOTTE HALL COMMITTEE

The Commissioners discussed the goals and objectives of the Charlotte Hall School Committee relative to the recently executed Option to purchase said property. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the general categories of duties will be as follows:

- I. Ownership/Title Search
- II. Uses
- III. Property Evaluation
- IV. Recommendations/Justifications/Public Input

The Commissioners agreed to meet with the Charlotte Hall Committee after the members are appointed to go over in detail the goals and objectives of the Committee.



TRY-ME TAVERN PROPERTY - BUILDING PERMIT

Commissioner Dean reported that the Planning Commission considered the building permit issuance for the Try-Me Tavern property at its meeting of August 2, 1976 and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that the appropriate body to review the Zoning Administrator's decision is the Board of Appeals. In light of this recommendation, which will be submitted in writing, Commissioner Dean recommended that the entire matter with all supporting documents be submitted to the County Attorney. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation and the County Administrator was directed to gather all appropriate documents and provide same to the County Attorney. The Commissioners will then review the recommendation of the County Attorney and take further action if any is deemed appropriate. At any rate, determination of this matter will be made prior to the building permit appeal period deadline of August 18, 1976.

STUDY OF WATER QUALITY IN PATUXENT RIVER

Commissioner Jarboe referred to correspondence from Walter Raum of the Health Department expressing the need for continuation of the graphing and mapping of water quality in the Patuxent River that had been done by the Tri-County Council. Commissioner Jarboe requested that this matter be referred to the Tri-County Council to inquire if this study will be an ongoing project of the Council.

CHERRY COVE

The Commissioners discussed recent correspondence and petition received from citizens living in the area of Cherry Cove requesting dredging of the entrance to Cherry Cove from Breton Bay. Commissioner Parlett informed the Commissioners that he had met with the author of the petition and the County Engineer to discuss this issue and had directed the County Engineer to contact Captain Hutchins of the Department of Natural Resources, who is investigating the matter. The County Administrator was directed to determine the current status of this project.

DUKEHART'S CREEK

The Commissioners discussed correspondence from Russel D. Maske and William C. Mitchell, Trustees of the Waterloo Farm, relative to the previous dredging of Dukehart's Creek and the disposal of waste materials. The Commissioners directed that the County Engineer should appear before them to report on the questions raised in said correspondence.

RETURNING OF LAND TO DEVELOPER OF GILLENS GROVE

The Commissioners discussed the recommendation of the Planning Commission in which it was their opinion that the land donated to the County for a future road should or should not be returned to the developer at the discretion of the Commissioners; however, it was the recommendation of the County Engineer that it should be returned.



The County Administrator was directed to contact the State Highway Administration to request their recommendations on the situation.

CIRCUIT COURT ROOM RENOVATIONS

In view of the fact that proposals received for the Circuit Court Room renovations were considerably higher than the budgeted amount, the Commissioners requested that the County Engineer's Office and the consultant engineering firm to renegotiate the project to revise the scope of work so that expenditures would be confined to the budgeted amount. It was suggested that the project be limited to such items as: placing vinyl on the walls, improving the lighting around the Judge's area, replacing carpet, installing a new public address system.

ORDINANCE FOR THE SETTING UP OF TAXING DISTRICTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD ROADS

The County Administrator reported that the County Attorney and County Engineer have been working on a proposed Ordinance relative to the recently passed legislation by the Md. General Assembly which allows the County to set up taxing districts to bring substandard roads up to standard. The Commissioners requested a progress report on this matter.

CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN

The County Commissioners inquired as to the progress of proposals for a County Cash Flow Management Plan. The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that the Director of Finance had been given this assignment and would be contacted as to the current status.

BIDS ON WELL INSTALLATION AT FAIRGROUNDS

The County Administrator presented bids for the above-referenced project and noted that the County Engineer recommended the awarding of the bid to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Millison raised the question as to why the hook-up to the school well was not effected and the Commissioners withheld any action on the bid proposal until such time as this issue was clarified.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
Sunny Schust, "  
Richard Polk, "  
Patty Muchow, Guardian  
Brian Murphy, "  
Dick Myers, WKIK  
Eric Bromley, WPTX  
Mike Klienback, Beacon

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

The meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward Cox, County Administrator

At this time the Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Session was conducted from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

FIFTH DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Present: Dr. Robert King, Superintendent of School  
James M. Raley, Board of Education  
James Forrest)  
Norma Dawson ) Board of Education members  
Bill Wagoner )  
Ed Cole )

Members of the Board of Education apprised the Commissioners of the chain of events that are required to secure the remainder of the planning funds and then to submit a request for construction funds from the Interagency Committee for School Construction. It is hoped that site selection and preliminary design could be accomplished so that construction funds could be solicited in the FY '78 budget from the State. In light of this the Commissioners gave approval to the Board of Education to proceed in two directions as far as site selection is concerned:

1. Board of Education was requested to thoroughly examine the possibility of use of existing Charlotte Hall facilities or to locate a satisfactory site on the Charlotte Hall School property;

2. The Board of Education was requested to investigate the entire Fifth District area to locate alternate sites that would best serve the population. At the end of these investigations, the Board of Education will return to the Commissioners with various alternatives and recommendations.



YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM - MID-TERM REPORT

Present: Robert Wentworth, Executive Secretary, Youth Commission  
Charles Walsh, Director, Summer Youth Employment Program  
John Preston Legrant, Instructor

The above persons appeared before the Commissioners to give a mid-term report on the progress of the Youth Summer Employment Program and presented a written report to each of the Commissioners.

A brief overview of the Program, including funding, employees, project accomplishments, upcoming projects and general working relationship with the youths was discussed.

After completion of the presentation, the Commissioners commended them for a fine job.

APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT  
RECONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTICO-MECHANICSVILLE ROAD

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve partial payment (Estimate No. 1) for the reconstruction of Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road, in the amount of \$20,689.49 payable to B. F. Asher, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

APPOINTMENTS TO CHARLOTTE HALL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Charlotte Hall School Committee with terms to run concurrent with the term of the Option: Helen Anthony, Dr. Leon Berube, Robert Dean, James Forrest, Stu Geisbert, and J. Claude Jarboe. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate the following individuals to this Committee: James Dobry, Charles Donaldson, Ralph Chesser, Jackson Raley, Alex Schust, seconded by Commissioner McKay.

In view of the fact that there has been not enough time to consider these nominations, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to table any further nominations until a later time, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The session was held from 12:20 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

CHARLOTTE HALL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to withdraw his motion to table any further nominations for appointments to the Charlotte Hall Committee.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate Alex Schust to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKay. The vote was two to three, with Commissioners Dean, Jarboe and Parlett voting against.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate Ralph Chesser to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKay. The vote was one to four, with Commissioners McKay, Dean, Jarboe and Parlett voting against.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate Charles Donaldson to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKay. The vote was two to three with Commissioners Dean, Jarboe and Parlett voting against.

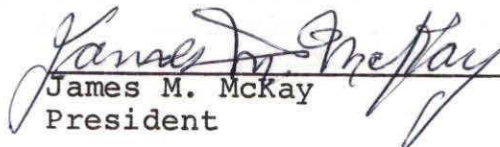
Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate James Dobry to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKay. The vote was one to four, with Commissioners McKay, Dean, Jarboe and Parlett voting against.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to nominate Jackson Raley to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner McKay. The vote was one to four, with Commissioners McKay, Dean, Jarboe and Parlett voting against.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to nominate Joseph O'Dell to this Committee, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. The vote was three to two, with Commissioners McKay and Millison voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Approved by,

  
James M. McKay  
President