

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

September 1-2, 1976

Wednesday, September 1, 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 was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 25-26, 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 Dean made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor

LODESTAR PROGRAM - LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The County Administrator presented a request from the Board of Library Trustees for consideration for reinstatement of the Lodestar Program. The Commissioners suggested that the Budget Officer review this request and return to the Commissioners with a recommendation.

POTOMAC RIVER TRIP NO. II

The County Administrator stated that Mrs. Mary Jansson has requested that the Commissioners be advised of the upcoming Potomac River Trip II with several state and federal representatives and invited the Commissioners to a dinner at the State House in St. Mary's City on September 17 at 6:00 p.m.

SEWAGE PROBLEM AT PINEY POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The County Administrator presented correspondence from the Board of Education regarding the sewage problem at Piney Point Elementary School and that at the formal bid opening held August 25 for the installation of a sewage disposal treatment plant, the lowest responsible bid came in at \$117,290, \$17,290 higher than the budgeted amount. The Board of Education requested: (1) authority to proceed with the project and accept the lowest responsible bid, and (2) that Mr. O'Dell, Budget Officer, be appointed to work with the finance people of the Board of Education to work out additional details of the funding.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the lowest responsible bid and that Mr. O'Dell should work with the Board of Education to determine source of funding, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

ABATEMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Correspondence was received from the First Baptist Church requesting abatement of their building permit fee for the construction of a church building on its property on Peggs Road in Lexington Park and will be under the name of Calvary Baptist Church. In view of the fact that the church meets the requirements of the County's Resolution No. 75-53, "Abatement of Building Permit Fees", the County Administrator recommended granting said abatement. Commissioner Dean made a motion to abate the building permit fee for the First Baptist Church, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

DERELICT BOAT REMOVAL PROGRAM

The County Administrator presented the Agreement and Supplemental Agreement by and between St. Mary's County and Annapolis Pile Drivers, Inc., for the Derelict Boat Removal Program in the amount of \$45,000 for the Commissioners' review and approval. Said Agreements were approved as to legal sufficiency by the County Attorney and recommended for approval by Mr. Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Agreements, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT - ST. MARY'S INDUSTRIAL PARK, INC.

The County Administrator presented the proposed Railroad Right-of-Way Agreement by and between the County Commissioners and St. Mary's Industrial Park, Inc., for use of the railroad right-of-way, for the Commissioners' review and approval. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

OYSTER FESTIVAL PROMOTION

The Commissioners reviewed the supporting documents submitted by the Director of Economic Development Commission pertaining to the \$2,500 request for the Oyster Festival promotion. (See minutes of August 25, 1976.)

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the allocation of \$2,500 for the purpose of public relations in conjunction with the Oyster Festival, funds to be taken from the Contingency Account, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COURSE ON TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

The County Engineer submitted a request for a member of his department to attend a short course on traffic engineering at the University of Maryland for a period of five days. There will be no expenses other than loss of employee's time and travel expenses.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to grant this request, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

FACILITIES PLAN FOR PINEY POINT SANITARY DISTRICT

Correspondence dated August 16, 1976, was received from the Metropolitan Commission requesting an advance of \$25,000 from the County for the preparation of the Piney Point Sanitary District Facilities Plan.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to advance \$25,000 to the Metropolitan Commission for the additional studies in Piney Point Sanitary District for the purpose of exploring spray irrigation and other additional studies, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 - ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT RC&D PROJECT

Correspondence dated August 18, 1976, was received from Soil Conservation Service regarding readjustment of funds for the St. Mary's County Airport Contract for the RC&D Project. Since in the interest of releasing fundings for other purposes, SCS reduced the anticipated cost of construction for this project. Therefore the amendment to the contract is submitted for the Commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to authorize Commissioner McKay to sign said amendment to the Project Agreement for the Airport RC&D Project, which lowers the total project amount, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PIPE FOR LAND O' LAKE SUBDIVISION

Correspondence was received from Oliver Guyther's office regarding the pipe being used for the Land O'Lake Subdivision. The County Administrator stated that in light of the discussion at last week's meeting with the County Engineer and the County Commissioners, that it would be his recommendation that the County follow State Highway's specifications for pipes.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Guyther requesting that he follow the specifications that St. Mary's County uses which are the SHA's specifications, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner McKay abstaining.

PROPOSED DREDGING PROJECT FOR STEUART INVESTMENT COMPANY

Correspondence was received from the Environmental Committee stating that the above-referenced matter has been reviewed by the Committee and it was their recommendation that the proposed dredging permit for the Piney Point Creek be issued but that the ten-year maintenance dredging allowance be excluded. The County Administrator recommended that the Environmental Committee's comments be forwarded to the State. The Commissioners concurred.

ROAD RESOLUTION - R 77-5

The County Engineer's Office submitted the above-referenced Road Resolution designating the following intersections located in St. Mary's County as Stop Streets:

1. Stop Sign on Half Pone Point at its intersection with Steerhorn Neck Road;
2. Stop Sign on Noland Road, at its intersection with Steerhorn Neck Road;
3. Stop Sign on St. Cuthbert Farm Road at its intersection with Steerhorn Neck Road;
4. Stop Sign on Smith Nursery Road at its intersection with Steerhorn Neck Road;
5. Stop Sign on Flora Corner Road at its intersection with Old Route 5;
6. Stop Sign on Reeves Road at its intersection with Old Route 5;

7. Stop Sign on Dobry Road at its intersection with Mt. Zion Church Road;
8. Stop Sign on Queen Tree Road at its intersection with Albert Wood Road;
9. Stop Sign on Hayden Road at its intersection with Miss Abell Road;
10. Stop Sign on Potter Drive at its intersection with St. Nicholas Bridge Road;
11. Stop Sign on Potter Drive at its intersection with Pine Court;
12. Stop Sign on Oak Drive at its intersection with Pine Court;
13. Stop Sign on Mrs. Graves Road at its intersection with Morganza Turner Road;
14. Stop Sign on Mill Road at its intersection with Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road;
15. Stop Sign on Big Chestnut Road at its intersection with Bayside Road;
16. Stop Sign on Morris Point Road at its intersection with Abell Road;
17. Stop Sign on Hatchet Thicket Road at its intersection with Abell Road.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the above-mentioned Road Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

POLICE SERVICES STUDY

The County Administrator requested from the Commissioners confirmation of a meeting date on September 22 at 1:30 p.m. for discussion of the above-referenced study. Attendees at the meeting will be Col. Smith of the Maryland State Police, Joseph Laseau of Cresap, McCormick and Paget, State's Attorney and the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to schedule said meeting on September 22 at 1:30 p.m. and that in attendance will be the State's Attorney, Col. Smith, Joseph Laseau and the Board of County Commissioners to merely carry forth procedures which the Commissioners discussed with the Sheriff and Lt. Muchow at previous meetings, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison voting against, stating it was his feeling that the Sheriff and Lt. Muchow should be present at this meeting.

RELOCATION OF EDC OFFICE

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention that the EDC Office and the Office of Economic Development Coordinator have been successfully moved to the Leonardtown Elementary School with the same phone number (475-2411) and Court House extensions (61-62).

RAMP FOR FRONT OF COURT HOUSE

The County Administrator stated that it has been proposed that there be located in front of the Court House a ramp that would assist handicapped individuals upon entrance to the Court House and to assist deliveries to the Court House. Mr. Cox recommended that the Director of Purchasing and Logistics Services develop a proposal for the type of work to be done. The Commissioners agreed to look at the front of the Court House to see what needs to be done.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

Present: Nick Smith, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Smith appeared before the Commissioners to request that the Tourist Information Center remain open for the two weekends following the Oyster Festival, which is October 9-10, 1976, and in addition recommended that there be one hostess at the Center during the weekdays after Labor Day instead of two.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to allow the Center to remain open on two weekends after the Oyster Festival and to reduce the number of hostesses to one during the weekdays after Labor Day, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEONARD HALL BUILDING PLANS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
John Orrick, Smeallie, Orrick and Janka
Ron Jackson, Structural Engineer
Edward Mentalik, Mechanical Engineer
Chris Hansen, Consultant

The above-named representatives of Smeallie, Orrick and Janka presented to the Board of County Commissioners the site improvement plans and space allocation plans for the renovation of the Leonard Hall facility. Presentations were made regarding the structural soundness, electrical and mechanical proposals for Building No. 1 at Leonard Hall and site improvement plans for traffic pattern, water and sewage lines and central electrical service.

Decisions were requested from the Commissioners regarding approval of the site development plans so that construction documents could be prepared for bid. Also, approval was requested for the preliminary space allocations design for Building No. 1 so that more specific engineering details could be developed. The Commissioners agreed to make an early response to these requests to allow the work to proceed in a timely manner.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise
Sunny Schust, Enterprise
Patty Muchow, Guardian
Leslie Walker, Guardian
Dick Myers, WKIK
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.

(Commissioner Millison left the meeting at this time as he did not wish to participate in the rezoning hearing because of possible conflict.)

REZONING HEARING

CASE NO. 75-17 - CHARLES F. PAINTER

Present: Joseph Weiner, Attorney for Applicant
Charles F. Painter, Applicant
Andy Bailey, Attorney
Mr. Winston

Application was made by Charles F. Painter to have a parcel of land containing approximately 2.04 acres located on the west side of Maryland Route 235 adjacent to National Mobile Home Sales in the Eighth Election District rezoned from R-2, Residential, to C-2, highway commercial.

The secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing. Mr. Weiner, representing Mr. Painter, gave a presentation explaining the reason for the rezoning request and submitted the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1 - Return Receipts of Certified letters to property owners within 200 feet.

Exhibit 2 - Survey plat of subject property.

Mr. Bailey, representing M's. Barnes and M's. Cutchember, spoke in opposition to the rezoning.

Mr. Winston also expressed opposition to the rezoning request.

The secretary read the Planning Commission's recommendation which was denial of this rezoning case for the following reasons: (1) The applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated a need for change or that a mistake was made in the original zoning of the property, and (2) would impact unfavorably on adjacent residential area.

Commissioner McKay inquired if anyone else present wished to speak for or against this application; hearing none, the rezoning hearing was closed.

A tape of the hearing is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Thursday, September 2, 1976

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

SALE OF CONFISCATED VEHICLES

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

Mr. Raley informed the Commissioners of the results of the bid sale of two confiscated vehicles.

1972 Volkswagon	-	\$650.00
1959 Ford Pickup Truck	-	85.00

Both vehicles were sold as is and cash was received from both parties at time of sale.

PURCHASE OF PICKUP TRUCK

Present: Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics

Mr. Raley requested the Commissioners' approval for the purchase of a pickup truck for the maintenance force of the County. The Commissioners agreed to review the matter and make an early decision.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - WATERPROOFING

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense

Mr. Norris presented to the Commissioners the results of the bids for the waterproofing project at the Emergency Operations Center and explained the details of the project. Bids were as follows:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Spartan Waterproofing, Inc.	\$40,000.00
The Culbertson Company	37,475.00
Linkous Contracting Corp.	29,000.00

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the lowest bidder, Linkous Contracting Corp., seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

INSPECTION SERVICES FOR WATERPROOFING OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Otis Wood, Director, Civil Defense

Mr. Norris recommended that the Commissioners approve the hiring of an inspector for the above-referenced project at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, .12¢ per mile.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner McKay voting against, stating that he did not believe this inspection was necessary and also that he had doubts as to the satisfactory solution of the leakage problem.

LINCOLN AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Charles Cantrill, Civil Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the plans for the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Cantrill explained that it will be necessary to obtain construction and slope easements from approximately four or five people. Mr. Norris stated that the plans are ready to be finalized and requested permission from the Commissioners to proceed with the advertisement of bids for the project. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM
PROJECT NO. SM 77-7-1

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Bids were received from the following firms for the re-surfacing of 9 1/2 miles of County roads:

B. F. Asher	\$226,684.50
Arundel Asphalt	241,676.16
Bates Paving	256,456.90

Mr. Norris recommended awarding the project to B. F. Asher, the lowest bidder, and that the President of the Board be authorized to sign appropriate contract documents. In addition, Mr. Norris stated that various firms were contacted for proposals for inspection services for this project and that John E. Harms was the most economical bidder in providing this service at \$13.75 per hour at regular time. The County Engineer added that this firm may also be requested to supply plant inspection services as well as field inspection if SHA does not provide a man at the plant for this service.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to award the contract to B. F. Asher, the lowest bidder, and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign appropriate documents and further to award the inspection services contract to John E. Harms Associates, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

INSPECTION SERVICES

Commissioner Dean requested Mr. Norris to provide the Commissioners with a breakdown of what the County has spent on inspection services this year since January 1976.

CENTERLINE STAKEOUT - LARREDORE ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer recommended awarding the centerline stakeout contract for Larredore Road to J. R. McCrone in the amount of \$2,461.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

STATUS OF ROAD BONDING IN SUBDIVISIONS IN THE COUNTY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris distributed an information paper regarding the above-referenced matter for discussion at next week's meeting.

KINGSTON AND LITTLE KINGSTON CREEK

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented the plans for the Kingston and Little Kingston Creek jetty and maintenance dredging project. This project is funded by Department of Natural Resources and has received DNR approval. Mr. Norris stated that the project will be bid the week of September 27 and that the permit limitations on the Wetlands License requires that the work not begin before the first of October and that it be completed by December. Inspection services must be provided by the County.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the plans, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PINEY POINT BOAT RAMP
PROJECT NO. SM 76-3-4

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that bids were received as follows for the above-referenced project:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>CONTINGENCY</u> <u>ITEM NO. 1</u>	<u>CONTINGENCY</u> <u>ITEM NO. 2</u>
Ted Stroud Concrete	\$ 7,835.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 25.00
Regal Const. Co.	17,065.00	114.00	156.00

Mr. Norris stated that a \$25,000 grant has been received from the Department of Natural Resources and that approximately \$17,000 had already been expended for the construction of a public wharf at Piney Point, and therefore \$400 to \$500 County funds would be required, depending on the need for the contingency items.

Mr. Norris requested the following:

1. That the Commissioners approve awarding the contract to Ted Stroud, the lowest bidder;
2. That the Commissioners authorize the County Engineer's Office to use his discretion in handling the contingency items; and
3. That the Commissioners authorize the Budget Officer to handle the necessary account transfers for funding.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Commissioner McKay requested the County Engineer to report back to the Commissioners on any expenditures from the Contingency Account.

LEWIS CREEK DREDGING

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated two bids were received on the above-referenced project as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Southern Maryland Dredging	\$13,750.00
Chesapeake Dredging, Inc.	13,800.00

Mr. Norris recommended awarding the project to Southern Maryland Dredging, the lowest bidder, and that Commissioner McKay be authorized to sign necessary documents. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CETA SUB-GRANT FOR THE ELDERLY

Present: Nace Fresco, Personnel Officer

Mr. Fresco advised the Commissioners that the State will entertain a request from the County involving 25 jobs worth approximately \$54,000 under the CETA Sub-Grant for the Elderly, which is a 100% grant and includes administrative costs. This matter has been referred to Mrs. McGaharn, Executive Secretary, Commission on Aging, and she has listed 25 potential jobs that would be available for the elderly. Some of these jobs would be to fill vacancies that had been established through the Youth Summer Employment Program. Mr. Fresco requested authority to proceed with the application. Commissioner Dean made a motion to submit the application for the Grant, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEXINGTON PARK SCHOOL PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated that two proposals were received for Phase 2 of the Lexington Park School Park project. Proposals were as follows:

James A. Bean & Son	\$33,342.00
Raymond Woodburn	32,450.00

Mr. Baggett recommended awarding the contract to Raymond Woodburn, the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Millison made a motion to accept the lowest bidder for Phase 2 of the Lexington Park School Park project, and authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign contract, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

(Commissioner Millison left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. in order to make a presentation to the Charlotte Hall School Committee.)

QUIT-CLAIM DEED - PROPERTY AT ST. INIGOES

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented the above-referenced Quit-Claim Deed which deeds to the County the federal government surplus property at St. Inigoes. Mr. Baggett requested permission to apply for a \$25,000 grant from Waterway Improvements for the development of boat launching ramp and parking lot.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to sign and accept the Quit-Claim Deed and authorize Mr. Baggett to apply for the grant and the appropriate permits from the Corps of Engineers, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

STATUS OF RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY COMMITTEE

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett brought the Commissioners up to date regarding the status of the railroad right-of-way committee, stating that a survey had been made of every property owner along the right-of-way and also a random sample of homes in the County regarding the use of the railroad right-of-way. Mr. Baggett said that the results of the survey will be forthcoming soon and he would be making a full report back to the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested that this report address the safety aspects of this matter.

STATUS REPORT ON COAST GUARD STATION AT PINEY POINT

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett informed the Commissioners that he had been advised by the Director of Real Property, GSA, that the Coast Guard has filed the above-referenced property as surplus; however, an error had been made in the report and as soon as the report is received, the County will be contacted.

STATUS REPORT - FIRST DISTRICT PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett informed the Commissioners that he had been in contact with Father Cooney regarding the property at St. Michael's and stated that the County will not be able to acquire this property at this time because the cost is prohibitive in that Father Cooney was not willing to sell it for less than \$10,000 an acre. Mr. Baggett recommended that alternative would be to upgrade the property at Spring Ridge School. Commissioner Jarboe suggested that a public meeting be held in that area to obtain citizen input to this alternative.

RENAMING OF GREAT MILLS PARK

Present: John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett advised the Commissioners that Mr. Jim Henderson, the first Chairman of the St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks Board, was retiring and leaving the County, and it was the recommendation of the majority of the Recreation and Parks Board that a park be named after Mr. Henderson in light of his efforts for recreation in the County.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to rename Great Mills Park to be known as the James W. Henderson Park, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Commissioner Jarboe stated that many inquiries have been received as to the procedures and policies of the Assessment Office and that it was his recommendation that a meeting be scheduled with the State and local Assessment Office representatives to describe these procedures and policies. The Commissioners concurred and directed the County Administrator to establish such a meeting.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REQUESTS
(PERSONNEL AND ELECTRICAL FIXTURES)

Commissioner Dean inquired as to the status of the two requests from the Sheriff's Department regarding personnel and also the electrical fixtures in his department.

The County Administrator stated that Paul Raley, Director, Purchasing and Logistics, is in the process of making an analysis of the repairs that are necessary, and the Sheriff will address both these requests upon completion of Mr. Raley's report.

CHARLOTTE HALL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Commissioners discussed two recently received pieces of correspondence from the Charlotte Hall Committee regarding interim uses and structural/mechanical analysis of the School. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to forward to the Charlotte Hall Committee a memorandum which would state the following:

1. Interim Uses - The Commissioners do not expect the Committee to review, comment, and approve on proposed interim uses. The Commissioners will reserve that responsibility to themselves. However, the Commissioners will forward for informational purposes all interim proposals to the Committee.

2. Structural/Mechanical Analysis - The Commissioners do not feel that extensive evaluation and analysis is necessary until such time as concrete uses are identified for the facilities at Charlotte Hall. Meanwhile, the Commissioners will direct that, as necessary, the County Engineers Office will perform evaluations for interim uses. The Committee should proceed with its task of examining possible uses for the property with the understanding that an eventual thorough evaluation and analysis will be made if the County decides to purchase the property.

(Commissioner Millison returned to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

NAMING OF LOWER PATUXENT RIVER BRIDGE

In response to correspondence from the Maryland Transportation Commission regarding the above-referenced matter, Commissioner McKay suggested that the name of the bridge be "Leonard Calvert Bridge", to which the Commissioners concurred. The County Administrator was requested to contact Calvert County Commissioners to determine if this name would be agreeable to them.

REQUIREMENT OF TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS

Commissioner Dean brought to the Commissioners' attention the requirement by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for a topographical map, showing contours at two-foot intervals for each and every residential lot proposed, unless the parcel of land consists of three or more acres and is for agricultural purposes. Commissioner Dean stated it was his opinion that this requirement creates a hardship on certain residents and therefore submitted a letter for the Commissioners' signatures, addressed to Mr. Donald Noren, Director, Environmental Health Administration, requesting discretionary latitude regarding this requirement.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners forward said letter to Mr. Noren requesting that Regulation 10.03.28.02D be amended by the addition to that section of the following sentence: "The topographical requirement in the case of minor subdivisions (five or fewer lots) may be waived by the Approving Authority when the general contours of the land are such as to make the depicting of same unnecessary for the installation of a safe water supply and onsite sewerage disposal system." Commissioner Jarboe seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

UPDATE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AND LAND USE PLAN

The Commissioners scheduled September 8, 1976, at 1:00 p.m. for a work session on the update of the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

Commissioner Parlett advised that at the last Executive Committee meeting of the Tri-County Council, it was decided that a representative from each county and the Director of the Tri-County Council should attend the National Association of Regional Councils Conference in Dallas on October 28 and 29.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that Commissioner Parlett be sent to this conference as St. Mary's County's representative, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with Commissioner Parlett abstaining.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve Voucher No. 09312 for travel expenses for a deputy to attend Crime Lab School, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.

TRIP TO GALWAY, IRELAND

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that Mr. Buckley, proposer of the Deep Water Port, has invited one of the Commissioners or their designee to go to Ireland to view the deep water port facility there. The Commissioners requested the County Administrator to determine if the Chairman of the Environmental Committee could attend as their representative.

POTOMAC RIVER TRIP II

Present: Jack Witten

Mr. Witten advised the Commissioners of the upcoming Potomac River Trip II on September 17 and 18, which is a follow-up of Congressman Gude's trip last year, and requested a representative of the County Commissioners to attend.

STEUART TANK EXPANSION SUIT

Present: Jack Witten

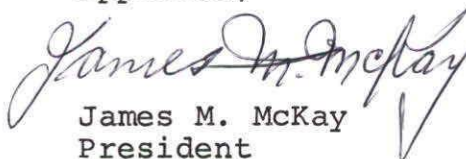
Mr. Witten appeared before the Commissioners to propose that the Potomac River Association's attorney, Mr. Vance, work with the County Attorney in preparing the brief for the upcoming court case involving tank expansion by the Steuart Investment Company as he was of the opinion that the County Attorney will be confronted with five very competent lawyers and that the scope and intensity of the case is going to place great demands on Mr. Bell.

Mr. Witten stated that if the Commissioners were not in agreement as to the appropriateness of using Mr. Vance, that the Commissioners give some consideration to providing the County Attorney with some assistance.

The Commissioners said that this would be taken under advisement and will respond to this request at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved,


James M. McKay
President