

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 13-14, 1976

Wednesday, October 13, 1976

Present: Commissioner John K. Parlett, Vice-President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary
(Commissioners McKay and Millison were not present.)

The meeting came to order at 8:30 a.m.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 6-7, 1976 were read and corrected. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

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

OVERTIME POLICY

Present: Edward Cox, County Administrator
Nace Fresco, Personnel Officer

Mr. Cox and Mr. Fresco reviewed with the Commissioners a revised draft of the Overtime Policy and stated that all comments by affected departments have been considered. After the review of the Policy, the Commissioners agreed to discuss the matter in more detail upon the return of Commissioners McKay and Millison.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY OLDER WORKERS MAINSTREAM PROGRAM - CETA

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that due to monetary constraints, CETA will not be able to fund the above-referenced Program and have therefore turned down the County's application for additional CETA employees.

RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Present: Craig Colton, University of Md. Dept. of Recreation
John Baggett, Director, Recreation and Parks
Marvin Joy, Bicentennial Commission
Ruby Beaman, " "
John Norris, County Engineer
Charles Wible, SMECO

Mr. Colton began by giving a description of the existing condition of the railroad right-of-way and presented a Summary of Recommendations for the St. Mary's County Railroad Right-of-Way. Mr. Colton also presented a Summary of the Results of a Telephone Survey of St. Mary's County Residents regarding the right-of-way and discussed both documents with the Commissioners. During the discussion, it was learned that not all property owners adjacent to the railroad right-of-way had been contacted and the County Engineer indicated the importance of obtaining the input of the majority of the adjacent property owners.

In conclusion, it was agreed that the Commissioners would await the official report from the Right-of-Way Study Committee, which Mr. Baggett stated that the Recreation and Parks Board should also review and further that a follow-up on the survey was needed in order to obtain input from the adjacent property owners. In addition, Commissioner Parlett requested that the County's liability regarding use of the right-of-way be looked into with the assistance of the County Attorney.

PROCLAMATION NO. 76-42
NATIONAL BUSINESSWOMEN'S WEEK

Present: Dorita Down
Wanda Denton
Jean Garner
Pam Mangle
Tina Lancaster
Dorothy Barclift
Doris Bracken
Valerie VonAllman
Millie Cipolloni
Jesse Norman

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming October 17 through October 23, 1976 as National Business Women's Week.

PROCLAMATION NO. 76-43
UNICEF DAY

Present: Paul Brown, on behalf of Rev. George A. Blankner, UNICEF DAY Chairman for St. Mary's County

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, October 31, 1976 as "UNICEF DAY" in St. Mary's County.

PROCLAMATION NO. 76-45
TRICK OR TREAT DAY

The Commissioners issued the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming Saturday, October 30, 1976 as the eve of Hallowe'en as the County's official "Trick or Treat Day".

The meeting recessed at 11:35 a.m.

Thursday, October 14, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner John K. Parlett
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Mullins, Recording Secretary
(Commissioner Millison was not present.)

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

COMMISSION ON AGING - TITLE V GRANT

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

Mrs. McGaharn brought to the Commissioners' attention the fact that the State has suggested that public school facilities be looked into for senior activities centers and that she was investigating several possibilities in this area. Therefore, Mrs. McGaharn stated she would wait for a decision from the Commissioners on the Title V Grant Application until she returns with a feasible plan.

COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE QUARTERLY REPORT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented to the Commissioners a quarterly status report for FY '77 of various projects in the County Engineer's Office listed under three categories: Engineering, Marine, and Solid Waste.

In addition, Mr. Norris displayed a chart for the period from FY '73 to FY '77 depicting budgetary allocations, number of projects and number of personnel to carry out projects.

The Commissioners reviewed the status report with Mr. Norris and gave input and suggestions to certain of the projects.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHER

RECONSTRUCTION OF CHAPTICO-MECHANICSVILLE ROAD

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented billing in the amount of \$27,609.35, payable to Benjamin Asher for the reconstruction of Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve partial payment Voucher No. 8029 in the amount of \$27,609.35 for the reconstruction of Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

CHAPTICO-MECHANICSVILLE ROAD - DEED FOR COUNTISS PROPERTY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer presented a Deed dated September 4, 1976, by and between Harold Countiss and Teresa Countiss, Katherine T. Butler, Harold M. Countiss, Jr., Eva E. Whalen, Mary A. Countiss Allen, and the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for a portion of property necessary for the reconstruction of Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept said Deed, and further that the Treasurer's Office be notified that the Deed can be recorded even if taxes have not been satisfied, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners present voted in favor.

HOURS AT VALLEY LEE TRANSFER STATION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Dean reported that he had received a complaint from a resident in the Valley Lee area concerning the change of hours at the Valley Lee Transfer Station from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and that the County Engineer had explained to Commissioner Dean that the reason for the change in hours was in order to give time for the transfer trailer to be picked up and hauled. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the opening hour should remain at 9:30 a.m.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Present: George Sparling, State's Attorney
Lt. Muchow, Maryland State Police
Lt. Gene Pellillo, Sheriff's Department

The above persons appeared before the Commissioners to explain the proposed Criminal Investigation Division, as recommended in the Police Service Study, which would be comprised of criminal investigators from the Maryland State Police and Sheriff's Department into a single investigative unit. The advantages of such a unit were explained in that it would create a rapid flow of information and utilize resources of both departments, and the unit would work in coordination with the State's Attorney.

Also discussed was the possibility of using the Grand Jury Room for this unit, which had been agreed to by Judge Mattingly.

Lt. Pellillo advised the Commissioners that even though he was in favor of this proposal, he was not the officially appointed acting Sheriff and does not have the authority to commit the Sheriff's Department to this agreement. He felt that the new Sheriff should have the opportunity to review and make comment on the agreement.

The Commissioners thanked the above-referenced individuals for their presentation, commended them on their spirit of cooperation and pledged their assistance in whatever way possible to implement the administrative changes necessary for the establishment of the combined Criminal Investigative Division.

ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

Present: General Robert Hogaboom, Chairman

In response to a letter dated September 15 from the Board of County Commissioners, General Hogaboom appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the development plan and budget of the St. Mary's City Commission and the fact that St. Mary's City has the potential of becoming an important tourist attraction for St. Mary's County.

General Hogaboom explained the future development plans of St. Mary's City by way of a map and picture and discussed the various budgetary sources and that most of the funds received are planning monies. Discussion ensued concerning the difficulty in acquisition of land at St. Mary's City and the slow pace at which this is moving.

General Hogaboom presented a draft of a letter to the Governor and Members of the General Assembly stating that the St. Mary's City Commission has proposed the execution of a balanced development program to be completed by 1984, and further stating that the capital budget of the Department of Economic and Community Development for FY '78 includes funds for St. Mary's City which will start the 1984 program and recommended this program to the Governor.

The Commissioners requested the development of a 1984 plan for their review and also that General Hogaboom obtain the exact figures submitted to the State for the FY '78 budget. The Commissioners will redraft the letter to the Governor adding more stress to the importance of St. Mary's City to the economics of St. Mary's County.

BUILDING NO. 1 LEONARD HALL GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX

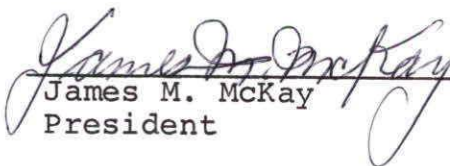
Commissioner Parlett advised the Commissioners that the Leonard Hall Building Committee met this past week and that it appears that the renovation of Building No. 1 at Leonard Hall will be advertised in mid-November and bid opening should be held around December 7.

1977 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

At this time, the County Administrator reviewed with the Commissioners the items in the 1977 Legislative Package to be presented at the public meeting October 18.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Approved by,


James M. McKay
President