

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

November 3-4, 1976

Wednesday, November 3, 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 October 27-28, 1976 were read and corrected. Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

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 payment of the bills as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SUBSTITUTION OF COLLATERAL

Present: Harris Sterling, Director of Finance

As requested by The First National Bank of St. Mary's Mr. Sterling recommended the substitution of collateral consisting of \$360,000 to replace \$358,000 now pledged. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Mr. Sterling's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ELECTION DAY

The County Administrator presented to the Commissioners copies of legislation whereby certain counties exempted themselves from restriction of consumption of alcoholic beverages

on Election Day. St. Mary's County is one of the few counties that prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages on Election Day and Mr. Cox stated that the Supervisor of Elections had no objection that St. Mary's County be exempted. The Commissioners agreed that prior to making a recommendation for including this in their legislative package, that the legislators have an opportunity to have input in the matter and also to determine why St. Mary's County had not been exempted previously.

RETAINER AGREEMENT - TRY-ME TAVERN CASE

The County Administrator presented the Retainer Agreement by and between C. Clarke Raley and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the rendering of legal services on behalf of the Zoning Administrator in the defense of an action of appeal in the Try-Me Tavern case. Prior to the Commissioners taking action to signing said agreement, Commissioner McKay and the County Administrator will make a determination as to the estimated cost for this legal service.

TITLE V GRANT - NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD

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

Mrs. McGaharn presented the Title V Notification of Grant Award, which requires the Commissioners' approval and signature, and stated that Charlotte Hall will not be the site for the Senior Center as indicated in the grant application; and therefore, the Leonardtown Armory has been chosen as the site for this facility.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to approve the location of the Senior Center and further authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign the Notification of Grant Award, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

WALDEN DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that there are some concerned citizens regarding the location of the Walden Drug Rehabilitation Center who have requested a meeting with the County Commissioners, preferably a night meeting at which these citizens would like to be able to express their concerns. The Commissioners agreed to wait until the Judge rules on the case that is in court relative to this matter prior to arranging such a meeting.



PROPOSED DEEPWATER PORT

Present: William Buckley, applicant for project  
 Oliver Guyther, attorney for applicant  
 Robin Guyther  
 Richard Platt, TEC representative  
 Joseph Gough, Planning Commission representative  
 Ward Miller, Economic Development Coordinator  
 Mike Kilpatric, Department of Economic and Com. Dev.  
 Dr. Padraic P. Frucht, " " " " " "

Mr. Guyther stated that the purpose of this meeting was to maintain a line of communication between the applicant, the County Commissioners and county agencies with regard to the deepwater port proposal at Town Point and to discuss the required studies and information needed. There have been requests by the Technical Evaluation Committee, Planning Commission and Department of Commerce, two being of significant importance: an economic analysis study and an environmental impact study. Mr. Guyther stated that in order to develop all the necessary information, he and Mr. Buckley have contacted several consultant firms having expertise in the various fields necessary to arrive at this information and employed a team of consultants. Mr. Guyther said that he would furnish a resume of each of the consultants to the Commissioners and suggested a meeting with the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners at which time these consultants would present their findings.

Commissioner Parlett inquired if Mr. Buckley would be willing to pay for an additional consultant chosen by the County to review the team of consultants' work to determine if it is complete and accurate and safeguards the County's best interests. Mr. Guyther replied that if the State would not be in a position to do this, Mr. Buckley would be agreeable if done in a reasonable time frame.

Dr. Frucht of the Department of Economic and Community Development explained his department's interest in such a project, the questions he has with regard to this project, and that his Department would monitor the consultants' findings. In concluding his remarks, Dr. Frucht stated that the Commissioners are wise in proceeding cautiously on a project of this nature and that it be done satisfactorily to the County and to its residents.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss this matter in greater detail and get back with all parties involved.

COORDINATION OF PROPOSED DEEPWATER PORT INFORMATION

Present: Ward Miller, Economic Development Coordinator  
 Mike Kilpatrick, Department of Economic and Com. Dev.  
 Dr. Padraic Frucht, " " " " " "

In discussing the coordination of the referenced project, Mr. Kilpatrick stated that his department would assign a man who would act as monitor and periodically meet with the various consultants to discuss progress and problems. The Commissioners directed Ward Miller to put in writing the proposals, alternatives and questions raised up to this point to help clarify the decision in front of the Commissioners. Mr. Miller will coordinate this effort on the part of the County and should contact Mr. Guyther with regard to the questions that the County would like answered. The Department of Economic and Community Development will review this list of questions and add any additional questions that they feel are pertinent. Mr. Miller will return to the Commissioners with the information for the Commissioners' review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Edward Cox, County Administrator

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Session was held from 11:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
 Dick Myers, WKIK  
 Mike Klienback, Beacon  
 Patty Muchow, Guardian  
 Leslie Walker, "

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Francis Cecil, County Treasurer

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session with Mr. Cecil in order to discuss a matter of personnel. The Session was held from 1:20 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.



POSITION OF CIVIL ENGINEER - COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that Mr. Charles Cantrill, Civil Engineer in the County Engineer's Office, will be terminating his employment with the County and requested authority from the Commissioners to advertise for this position at Grade 17, Base.

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

RIDGE TRANSFER STATION - RETAINING WALL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that bids were opened November 1, 1976, on the above-referenced project, and that bids are as follows:

Ted Stroud Concrete	\$10,875.00
Southern Maryland Mechanical Contractors	\$11,223.00
Bates & Associates	\$ 7,500.00

Mr. Norris recommended awarding the bid to Bates & Associates, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$7,500.

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept Mr. Norris' recommendation and that Commissioner McKay be authorized to sign all the necessary documents, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

PROCLAMATION NO. 76-48 - YOUTH DAY

Present: Robert Wentworth, Executive Secretary  
Youth Commission

The Commissioners presented the above-referenced Proclamation proclaiming November 17, 1976 as Youth Day and urging all citizens of St. Mary's County to join in this salute to our County's youth.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDS  
OLD MILL PROJECT

Present: Robert Wentworth, Executive Secretary  
Youth Commission

Mr. Wentworth stated that the Bicentennial Commission ran a successful Olde Mill project at Cecil's Mill at Great Mills, at which Summer Youth Employment Program participants assisted and they now have plans for a Christmas Country Store at the Old Cecil Store. Mr. Wentworth stated that there are funds remaining in his Summer Youth Employment budget and requested that he be allowed to supply them again with youths for one month, which would cost \$460 for a maximum of 200 hours at \$2.30 per hour.

The Commissioners agreed that the Bicentennial Commission should submit a financial report to the Commissioners to give them more details on this project, after which time they will make a decision.

LEONARDTOWN RESCUE SQUAD VEHICLE

Present: Mike Gardner, Leonardtown Rescue Squad

Mr. Gardner stated that the Leonardtown Rescue Squad has applied for a grant for the purchase of a new rescue squad vehicle with funds from the State of Maryland. The grant requires that the funds go through the municipal government and that the title for the vehicle will be held by the County Government for a minimum period of three years. During this three year period the Rescue Squad would maintain the vehicle and supply all equipment, insurance, etc. The amount of the grant is \$7500 and the Rescue Squad has the additional \$17,500 to match these funds for a total of \$25,000, the cost of the vehicle. Mr. Gardner presented the Highway Safety Agreement which must be signed by the County and that subsequent to this Agreement there must be an Agreement between the County and Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that the County enter into this Agreement with Leonardtown Rescue Squad with the understanding that upon receipt of the vehicle, a formal agreement will be entered into between the County and Rescue Squad, and further to authorize the necessary Contingency Account transfer to set up the necessary account to accomplish this, seconded by Commissioner Millison. All Commissioners voted in favor.



REQUEST FOR USE OF CHARLOTTE HALL GYMNASIUM

Commissioner Dean stated that he received a telephone call from a gentleman, who is a manager of a men's basketball team, which is sponsored by Recreation and Parks, requesting the use of the Charlotte Hall gymnasium for practice two nights a week.

Mr. Cox, the County Administrator, stated that there has been a problem with vandalism at several of the buildings at Charlotte Hall, and they have been boarded up and winterized and it was his recommendation not to allow this use because it may open the County up for other requests for use and the fact that the buildings have been closed down.

The Commissioners concurred with the County Administrator's recommendation.

LETTER FROM CHARLOTTE HALL COMMITTEE - STATE USE OF SITE

The Commissioners discussed the letter from the Chairman of the Charlotte Hall Committee, dated October 19, in which they request that the Commissioners approach State officials regarding the State's interest in the purchase of this property. After discussion of possible interested state agencies, the Commissioners directed the County Administrator to draft a letter for the Commissioners' review proposing a meeting with Secretary Wahbe, liaison between the Governor and the County on this project, and state personnel, such as representatives from the Interagency Committee for School Construction, General Services Administration, Department of Natural Resources and Superintendent of Schools from the tri-county area, and others as determined by Mr. Wahbe. This meeting would be preceded, by a meeting between the Charlotte Hall Committee and the Board of County Commissioners at which the Commissioners would be informed as to the progress of the Charlotte Hall Committee; said meeting to take place on November 18. The meeting with Secretary Wahbe should occur in early December.

BUSHWOOD CITY ROAD

Present: Mr. Francis Rogers

Mr. Rogers appeared before the Commissioners and presented correspondence in which it was stated that the County would review the conditions of Bushwood City Road in April of 1975 and Mr. Rogers was requesting of the Commissioners a status report on the review of the road conditions. The Commissioners promised Mr. Rogers that they would review this matter as soon as possible with the County Engineer and will personally visit the location, after which Mr. Rogers will be contacted.

BURGLAR ALARM AND SMOKE DETECTOR BIDS

As has been agreed to at last week's meeting, Commissioner McKay stated that he met with Paul Raley, Director of Purchasing and Logistics, to arrive at a recommendation relative to the burglar alarm and smoke detector bids. After review of the bids, Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to award the bids as follows:

Burglar Alarm

Building No. 4, Leonard Hall - to Cox Alarm in the amount of \$706.00 for installation and \$306.00 for annual maintenance and operation cost.

Photo-Electric Smoke Detectors

Control Center - to Cox Alarm in the amount of \$950.00 and Lexington Park Library to Cox Alarm in the amount of \$1,455;

Leonard Hall Building No. 4 to Southern Maryland Alarm in the amount of \$1,744.75;

Court House - to Southern Maryland Alarm in the amount of \$4,250.75.

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

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to rescind the Commissioners' previous motion of October 20, 1976 awarding the bid to Cox Alarm for burglar alarm at Building No. 4 at Leonard Hall, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of this motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

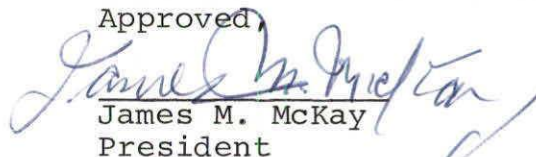
The Commissioners agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss personnel matters. The Session was held from 3:20 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

No further business was conducted and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 1976

Commissioners Jarboe and Dean held a Work Session with Dick Platt, Director of Land Use and Development on the update of the Zoning Ordinance.

Approved,

  
James M. McKay  
President