

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, November 24, 1976

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

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHERS

Present: Harris B. 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, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HIRING OF COUNTY PLANNER

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to hire Mr. Frank J. Gerred as County Planner, effective December 1, 1976, at Grade 17 Step 2 (\$17,843.00), seconded by Commissioner Parlett. Discussion was had, regarding same. Commissioner Dean voted in favor of the motion while Commissioners McKay and Millison voted against.

MASTER PLAN FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT

Present: Mr. Thomas B. Bourne, IV, P.E. of Bourne-Gibson-Shama Associates

Mr. Thomas Bourne stated that he has appeared before Federal Aviation Administration officials regarding the proposed Master Planning Study for the St. Mary's County Airport. Their proposal was reviewed by FAA and they were told to proceed with the submission of the application for federal assistance for same. Mr. Bourne informed the Commissioners that there has been a decrease in the local spending money. The new breakdown is as follows: Federal 90% - \$23,400.00, State 5% - \$1,300.00, and Local 5% - \$1,300.00 for a total of \$26,000.00. Mr. Bourne stated that the timetable for the master plan will be approximately 18 months considering the necessary reviews and such.



Mr. Bourne requested the signature of the President of the Board of County Commissioners on the application for federal assistance and the Standard DOT Title VI Assurances. Commissioner McKay was authorized to sign same.

WINGS OF THE MORNING-FIVE YEAR PLAN

Present: Bernard Johnson, President, Board of Directors  
 Ed Atkins, Managing Producer  
 Delegate Roy Dyson  
 Don Adams  
 Virginia Meads  
 Mike Kilpatrick, From State Economic and Community Development

Mr. Bernard Johnson, President of the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association, distributed copies of the Five-Year Plan for "Wings of the Morning". Mr. Ed Atkins, Managing Producer, stated that this production has grown in three years, from being produced at a local Recreation and Parks facility, with a cast of amateurs and volunteers, and an attendance of 1,389, to a well-received professional production with potential for national acclaim and an attendance of 7,565. This represents an attendance growth of 445%. Mr. Atkins reviewed the Five-Year Plan with the Commissioners. Mr. Atkins stated that they would like to have the support of the Commissioners in obtaining increased funding from the State.

(Commissioner McKay left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. for the remainder of the day)

Mr. Atkins stated that some decision would have to be reached as to the plans for the present site at St. Mary's City. Mr. Bernard Johnson stated that this plan has been forwarded to the State Dept. of Economic and Community Development. Mr. Mike Kilpatrick of that Department stated that it would seem to him that if there was a strong voice of support from the Commissioners that this would go a long way in trying to resolve some of the issues. He stated that one area of possible funding would be the "room tax" bill sponsored by his Department. If this bill passes, a large amount of revenue would be generated toward tourism and development and they would be looking toward outstanding tourist attractions to fund. Mr. Atkins stated that auditions will begin in February, therefore, time was of the essence and it has come to the point that certain decisions must be made. Commissioner Parlett stated that a meeting should be set up with all parties concerned (St. Mary's City Commission, St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association, State Department of Economic and Community Development and the County Commissioners).



METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - BOND ISSUE  
RESOLUTION NO. 76-52

Present: Mike Marlay, Metropolitan Commission  
 Harry Knight, Metropolitan Commission  
 Charles Mander, Attorney, Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Marlay presented a Resolution for the Commissioners' signatures. This Resolution read by Mr. Marlay, states that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland approve passage and adoption of a Resolution adopted on November 18, 1976 by the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, which authorizes and provides for the issuance and sale of \$1,700,000.00 "St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission Bonds, third issue". Mr. Marlay stated that the sale date of same has been set for December 14, and the closing date has been set for January 6, 1977. Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners adopt this Resolution permitting the Metropolitan Commission to go to bond sale, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor. The Commissioners signed same.

DEVELOPMENT OF SEWERAGE SYSTEM-TOWN CREEK

Present: Robert E. Waxman  
 Mike Marlay  
 Harry Knight  
 Charles Mander  
 John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Robert E. Waxman appeared before the Commissioners to protest the development of a sewerage system in the Town Creek area. Mr. Waxman stated that he did not feel that the proposed sewerage system had been voted upon by the residents of Town Creek, who are now expected to pay for the system. Mr. Marlay stated that several meetings concerning the proposed project had been held which were open to the public. Commissioner Parlett stated these hearings were held in 1969 and 1970 but due to delays in the granting of easements along this line, this delayed getting in the sewer lines. Mr. Mander, Attorney for the Metropolitan Commission, explained the basis for the connection charges. Mr. Waxman questioned the contracts being distributed to the property owners for their signatures. Commissioner Parlett stated that the purpose of these contracts was to protect unsuspecting buyers of the property who would be unaware of the sewer lines underground. Commissioner Parlett stated that he felt that the Metropolitan Commission has tried in every way to ease the burden and to give ample notices to the property owners in Town Creek. He stated that he felt the Commission had given the residents an extension which is longer than usual to pay the connection charges. Mr. Waxman discussed the road problems the residents have encountered since construction of the project had begun. Mr. Marlay stated that they have had problems with the inspector for the project, inclement weather and also the contractor. They have tried to address the situations to alleviate the problems. They are now in the process of recompacting and re-surfacing the road to get it back in serviceable condition. Mr. John Norris, County Engineer, suggested that the Metropolitan Commission



give the road contractor a deadline for completing the road work, and if the work was not performed by the specified date, the contractor would be charged for the delay. Mr. Marlay stated that there is a penalty clause in the contract.

PLANNING COMMISSION-ROUTES 2 AND 4 EXTENDED

Present: Richard L. Platt, Director, Land Use and Development  
Joseph M. Gough  
Bradford Reeves  
John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer  
Walter Raum  
Joseph Garner, Chairman, Planning Commission

Mr. Joseph M. Gough, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that it was the consensus of opinion of the Planning Commission that Alternate E be chosen, with the stipulation that the designed route be modified to reduce the adverse impact on the property owners and to reduce the amount of agricultural land required. In a letter dated November 22, 1976 addressed to the Planning Commission, Mr. Richard L. Platt, Director of Land Use and Development, stated that he felt Alternate E was the only alternative that is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan for St. Mary's County, providing for a linkup with St. Andrews Church Road at its intersection with Route 235 and would provide for an apparently sound transportation scheme. (Letter is on file in the Commissioners' Office). Mr. Bradford Reeves stated that there were members of the Planning Commission, other than himself, who were in favor of Alternate C. He stated that two of the benefits derived from this route were the cost of approximately \$6,000,000 as compared to \$10,000,000 and the direct route to Route 235 which would result in a savings of mileage and travel time. Mr. Platt recommended inviting the design expert from the State Highway Administration and the Department of Transportation to attend a meeting at a later date. It is incumbent upon the Commissioners to convey to the State Highway Administration and Department of Transportation some of the concerns and discussions they have had.

DEVELOPMENT FILM

At this time a film was shown on land development which was brought back from Georgia by Commissioner Jarboe on a recent trip there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR-UPDATE OF  
FORMALIZATION OF QUESTIONS RE: DEEP WATER PORT

Present: Ward Miller  
Richard L. Platt  
Joseph M. Gough  
Walter Raum  
Mike Kilpatrick, State EDC



Mr. Miller stated that at the meeting of the Commissioners on November 3, it was decided that he would arrange for a meeting with the Buckley study team to compile a list of questions. They were going to use as a point of departure, Mr. Platt's letter to Mr. Buckley. He continued stating that they had compiled these questions and had met with officials of the State Economic and Community Development in Annapolis on November 17. Mr. Walter Raum had accompanied him. The questions were reviewed at that time. They feel that they can come up with a logical analysis which will be as close as anyone can get to giving the Commissioners an answer. Mr. Raum stated that as he saw it, if they felt that could do this with the facts they have in hand, the entire thing lies with the consultant. Commissioner Dean stated that there were other groups that he felt should review the list of questions, in addition to the Planning Commission, Technical Evaluation Committee and the Environmental Committee. They were the St. Mary's Watermens Association, State Watermens Association, Potomac River Association, Patuxent River Association, Patuxent Beach Citizens Association and the Drumcliffs Association. Commissioner Dean stated that they should be given this list of questions and asked if they have additional items that should be addressed. Mr. Gough stated that this should be a factual review by qualified people.

Mr. Miller stated that he has several names presented to him who are imminently qualified to act as the County's consultant. He felt that they needed a broader base of persons for selection and requested the Commissioners' guidance on same. After discussion, Commissioner Parlett stated that they needed to inform Mr. Guyther and Mr. Buckley that these questions will be passed onto other agencies and the consultant and that the cost of the consultant, when he is chosen, will be passed onto him. Mr. Platt was requested to circulate these questions among the group identified. It was requested that this additional questioning be brought back to the Commissioners by December 15.

#### SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR THE BUCKLEY RE-ZONING APPLICATION

Present: Joseph M. Gough,  
Richard L. Platt

Mr. Joseph M. Gough, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated that they would like to present to the applicant, Mr. Buckley, a broad outline as to the sequence of events for the re-zoning application, assuming that each step is completed. Mr. Gough distributed copies of same to the Commissioners listing six steps. (A copy is on file in the Commissioners' Office). Mr. Gough stated that the Planning Commission would send this to the applicant with the comment that it is hoped that the County would have its consultant at the earliest possible date so he would know as much as possible about this subject. The Commissioners were in agreement that this be done.



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Joseph E. Bell, II, County Attorney  
John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer  
Joseph Densford, Attorney

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners go into Executive Session to discuss matters of potential litigation, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ESSEX SOUTH SUBDIVISION, SECTION III-STREET PROBLEMS

After discussion in Executive Session, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, retain the services of Mr. Joseph Densford, to represent the County in the matter pursuing the street problem in the Essex South Subdivision, Section III, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

AIRPORT CLEARING

Present: John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Norris reported that there are approximately four acres of clearing to be done at the County Airport. He has obtained several proposals from local contractors to perform the work, the lowest bid being from Mr. Francis Woodburn in the amount of \$3,000.00. Mr. Norris stated that this project will require a transfer of funds.

STATE SURFACE MINE LAW EXEMPTION

Present: John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Norris referred to a letter dated October 21, 1976 from Michael A. Ports, Chief, Watershed Permits Section of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the State Surface Mine law for borrow pits which are utilized for the construction or maintenance of public roads. Mr. Norris stated that the County would not develop any regulations for the few operations they have. He felt the County should respond informing them that we have no borrow pits or surface mines that are applicable under the law. The Commissioners agreed and requested Mr. Norris to respond to same.



SURFACE TREATMENT PROGRAM

Present: John B. Norris, Jr., County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the surface treatment program for F.Y. '78 will cost approximately \$230,000.00. This figure is derived from resurfacing to be done on shoulders of certain subdivisions the County has accepted - \$20,000.00, resurfacing of certain County roads - \$150,000.00 and tar and chipping of certain gravel roads - \$60,000.00. Mr. Norris stated that this would cover six or seven miles of the twenty miles of gravel roads left in the system. There were some gravel roads that he proposes to make some significant improvements on. Mr. Norris will provide the Commissioners with a list of the roads at a later date. Mr. Norris stated that they would like to do some of the preparation work this winter. The monies for same would be taken from the Highway Maintenance Account. In order for him to implement this phase of highway maintenance, he requested the approval from the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Norris stated that if this work was performed it would become necessary for the State Highway Administration to prepare certain quantities of materials. This would insure the best price for same through buying in major quantities. The Commissioners concurred with Mr. Norris' recommendations.

RECREATION AND PARKS-ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION

Present: John V. Baggett, Director., Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett presented the Program Open Space Annual Program for Development and Acquisition for F.Y. 1978 which must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources before December 1. Mr. Baggett reviewed same with the Commissioners. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners approve the submission to the State of Program Open Space Annual Program for Development and Acquisition for F.Y. 1978, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ST. INIGOES SURPLUS PROPERTY

Present: John V. Baggett, Director., Recreation and Parks

Mr. Baggett stated that at the time the Commissioners viewed the above property with him, it was felt that his Department should apply for this property and all design work would be done by the County Engineer's Office. Mr. Baggett continued stating that Mr. Norris has informed him that it is impossible for them to perform the necessary work within the time frame necessary. Mr. Baggett requested approval from the Commissioners to utilize certain funds from the contingency account in order to get the first drawings done for the necessary permits. This would enable him to secure a consultant to perform the necessary drawings for the parking lot, necessary bulkheading, access road and boat launching ramp. Discussion followed. Commissioner Jarboe stated that he would speak with Mr. Norris, County Engineer, to request his Department's assistance in Recreation and Parks' projects.



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL-BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented a letter from St. Mary's Hospital requesting appointment to the Board of Directors since the Commissioner member's term has expired. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to reappoint Commissioner James M. McKay, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ROAD RESOLUTION - NO. 77-13

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented Resolution No. 77-13 which designates the intersection located on County Route 3240, Old Breton Beach Road as a Stop Street as it intersects with County Route 3237, Breton Beach Road. A letter of recommendation of the Maryland State Police dated November 1, 1976 accompanied same. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion that the Commissioners adopt said Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor. Commissioner Parlett signed same.

MCEA-ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented a letter from Mr. Edward T. Kreiner, Executive Director of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, Inc., requesting two days administrative leave be granted to Chapter President in order that they might attend the two-day meeting and orientation program scheduled for December 9 and 10. The Commissioners granted the County Administrator authority to grant such leave if requested by the local MCEA representatives.

TASK FORCE FOR CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented correspondence from the Task Force for the Care of the Elderly stating progress for that group to the present time in which was a request of two forms of support. The County Administrator recommended that the Commissioners grant the request for clerical assistance and assign the County Administrator the task of providing said assistance on an as-needed basis. Also, the County Administrator recommended that the Commissioners formally request the assistance of Dr. Tiller. Mr. Cox advised that he would prepare a letter of request for the Commissioners' review at their meeting of December 1. The Commissioners concurred with the County Administrator's recommendations and directed him to implement same.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE-PROPOSED TAXIWAY

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention a memorandum from the Chairman of the St. Mary's County Airport Committee regarding a request for assistance from the County Engineer for preliminary plans and cost estimates for the proposed taxiway at the St. Mary's County Airport. The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to obtain comments from the County Engineer as to his ability to comply with this request, after which the Commissioners would respond to the Airport Committee.



GENERAL REVENUE SHARING SURVEY

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented the General Revenue Sharing survey prepared by Wooden and Benson, requiring the signature of the President of the County Commissioners. Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners authorize the signing of the General Revenue Sharing survey dated June 30, 1976, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CONTRACT-RELOCATION OF CHIMNEY AT PENERINE

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented a contract between Robert H. Lococo and the County Commissioners, for the removal of the 19th century chimney and fireplace from the present site of "Penerine" located in Bushwood, Maryland and to reconstruct said chimney and fireplace at the new location at Abell's Wharf, Lecnardtown, Maryland under the direction of the St. Clement's Island and Potomac River Museum, for the amount of \$1,000.00. Commissioner Dean made a motion that the Commissioners enter into a contract with Robert H. Lococo for the removal of the 19th century chimney to Abell's Wharf, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT-REQUEST FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented a letter from Richard L. Platt, Director of Land Use and Development, requesting legal assistance in resolving approximately ten cases of zoning violations, in which all administrative remedies by their office have been exhausted. Mr. Platt stated that Mr. Joseph Densford, Attorney to the Planning Commission, was available and agreeable to providing legal assistance for an amount of \$25.00 per hour. Mr. Platt has estimated that an average of eight hours for each of the ten cases will be required for a cost totalling \$2,000.00. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to accept the recommendations of Mr. Platt, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

MINI-MODULE BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM-EOC

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented a bid tally sheet for the supplying and installing of a mini-module burglar alarm system in the communication room of the Emergency Operation Center. The low bidder was Southern Maryland Alarm Company, Inc., in the amount of \$1,065.00. Mr. Wood, Director, recommended approval of the low bid, Southern Maryland Alarm Company, Inc. Commissioner Dean made a motion to accept the recommendations of Mr. Wood and to approve the low bid for supplying and installing the mini-module burglar alarm system for the Emergency Operations Center, in the amount of \$1,065.00 from Southern Maryland Alarm Company, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.



JOHNSONGRASS AGREEMENT

Mr. Edward V. Cox, County Administrator, presented an agreement between the Maryland Department of Agriculture and St. Mary's County for the control and eradication of Johnsongrass which required the signature of the President of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Millison made a motion that the Commissioners enter into this agreement with the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the eradication of Johnsongrass, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

RESIDENTIAL CENTER

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention, the fact that representatives of the group of citizens concerned about the location of the proposed Drug Abuse Residential Center on St. Andrew's Church Road, have stated that the Commissioners' position not to hold a public hearing on this matter has caused various misinterpretations in the community. The County Administrator suggested that the Commissioners state their position either by means of a press release or by direct correspondence to representatives of the group of concerned citizens. The statement of position would clearly indicate that Commissioners are not conducting a public hearing at this time because the matter is under litigation and that the Commissioners prefer to wait until such time as the legal aspects are decided. However, the Commissioners are quite willing to meet with representatives of the group. Commissioner Dean suggested that correspondence be drafted for the Commissioners' review stating the Commissioners' position and the various details surrounding this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Dean made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. The session lasted from 5:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

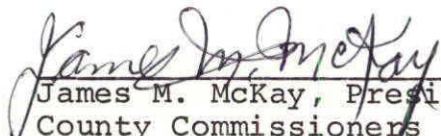
(Commissioner Millison left the meeting at this time)

TRAINING-COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Mr. Walter Wise and Mr. Michael Mattingly of the County Engineer's Office to attend a conference on construction inspection in Baltimore, Maryland, at no cost to the County other than loss of time and travel expenses, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY,

  
James M. McKay, President  
County Commissioners



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Wednesday, December 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

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

HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT - AMBULANCE FOR LEONARDTOWN RESCUE SQUAD

Present: Mike Gardner, Leonardtown Rescue Squad

Mr. Gardner appeared before the Commissioners to present the revised Grant Agreement from the Department of Transportation which provides for an additional \$1500 to the Grant, bringing the grant total up to \$9,000.

In addition, Mr. Gardner presented the Disposition of Grant Items and the Agreement by and between Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County regarding the purchase of the new rescue ambulance.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Disposition of Grant Items and the Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.



ROAD RESOLUTION NO. 77-14

On behalf of the County Engineer's Office, the County Administrator presented Road Resolution No. 77-14 designating the following intersections located in the Sixth Election District as stop streets where appropriate:

1. Stop Sign on Abbott Street at its intersection with State Route 472;
2. Stop Sign on Valley Drive at its intersection with Woodland Drive.

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

RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT CENTER - LETTER TO WALTER SAWYER

The County Administrator presented a letter for the Commissioners' review and signature regarding the status of the Southern Maryland Drug Abuse Program Resident Treatment Center; said letter addressed to Mr. Walter Sawyer as representative of a group of citizens who are opposed to the "utilization of County funds for the construction and operation of the new proposal of the Southern Maryland Drug Abuse Center and/or Walden Counseling Center." The Commissioners agreed to sign said letter.

LETTER TO SECRETARY ANASTASI, DEPT. OF ECD  
MANAGEMENT STUDY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The County Administrator presented a letter addressed to Secretary Anastasi of the Department of Economic and Community Development requesting the Department's assistance in the execution of a management study of county government for St. Mary's County, and the exploring of a possibility of a grant for this purpose.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to forward said letter, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LIST OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1977

The County Administrator presented the list of legal holidays for 1977 for County employees. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to adopt said list, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.



PATUXENT RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The County Administrator advised the Commissioners that there will be a public hearing on December 22 at 8:00 p.m. in Prince George's County regarding the Patuxent River Basin Water Quality Management Plan and on December 8 there will be a preliminary meeting in Upper Marlboro. Mr. Cox stated he would request the members of the Governmental Policy Group of this Management Plan to attend these meetings.

SOUTHERN MARYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BUILDINGS NO. 1 and 5 at LEONARD HALL

The County Administrator presented the Agreement with the Southern Maryland Electric Co-op for electrical service at Buildings No. 1 and 5 at Leonard Hall. Commissioner Dean made a motion to authorize Commissioner President McKay to sign said Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION - MILESTONE OAK TREE

The Commissioners considered the request for endorsement from the Bicentennial Commission regarding the project to care for the historical Milestone Oak. The Commissioners endorsed this project of the Bicentennial Commission on the conditions that the County is held harmless, that the property owners are willing to grant easement, that the work is supervised by the Maryland Forestry Service and that expenses for said care is raised from community endeavors.

WORK SESSION - SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The Commissioners scheduled December 8, at 1:00 p.m. for a work session on the Subdivision Regulations.

OVERTIME - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Administrator brought to the Commissioners' attention the request from the Sheriff's Department regarding the use of overtime. Lt. Pellillo has indicated verbally that there is an immediate need for overtime during the holidays due to the increased commercial business demands arising in the number of criminal complaints. The Commissioners indicated that they would favorably consider a request for overtime during the holiday season if it were put in specific terms.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners directed the County Administrator to forward correspondence to Chief Deputy Pellillo to advise him to proceed with the filling of the vacancy of the position of deputy and to implement the joint Criminal Investigation Division operation.



EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE FOR LEONARD HALL PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris advised the Commissioners that the contract for the completion of the Leonard Hall project is going to be extended from July 31 to September 30 in order to provide for a more uniform bid, a more realistic construction timetable and therefore a more economical bid.

MATTAPANY ROAD - SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Mike Marlay, Director, Metropolitan Commission  
Harry Knight, Metropolitan Commission

The above persons appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the construction of the sewer line from St. Mary's City as a force main to within one half mile of the intersection of Mattapany Road and Route 235, and the construction of the gravity sewer from that point to the termination of the existing gravity which is just south of Forest Pine Subdivision.

There was discussion of the location of the force main and portion of the gravity sewer adjacent or within the Mattapany Road.

It was agreed that there be an attempt:

1. To expedite the project and reduce the cost of obtaining easements;
2. To make significant improvements to Mattapany Road and that the construction be entirely located within the existing Mattapany Road.
3. To minimize impact on the people in the area;

Mr. Norris, Mr. Marlay, and Mr. Knight are to meet to discuss the particulars so far as funding and the preparation of plans and specifications and other incidentals of the project and report back to the County Commissioners for their final concurrence.

HIGHWAY SAFETY EVALUATION STUDY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer  
Dr. Jerry Hall, University of Maryland

Mr. Norris and Dr. Hall appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the completed Highway Safety Evaluation Study and reviewed same with the Commissioners. Dr. Hall stated that St. Mary's County roads were placed in three categories, primary, secondary, and local and two characteristics were taken into consideration; deficiencies of the roads and service rating (traffic flow, number of driveways, intersections, etc.). This study aided in the development of a list of priorities for construction or improvements of a selected 80 miles of county road.



PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Jack Kershaw, Enterprise  
 Rick Boyd, Enterprise  
 Richard Polk, Enterprise  
 Dick Myers, WKIK  
 Leslie Walker, Guardian  
 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.

PLUMBING ORDINANCE NO. 76-53

Present: Dan Raley, Chief, Permits and Inspection  
 Office of Land Use and Development

A public hearing was held on November 31, 1976, concerning the adoption of a revised Plumbing Ordinance.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt the proposed revised Plumbing Ordinance No. 76-53 as presented at the public hearing on November 3, 1976, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR RESCUE SQUADS

Commissioner Dean presented a letter for the Commissioners' signatures regarding the formula for the annual allocation to the volunteer rescue squad associations. The Commissioners agreed to sign same.

ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHER NO. 10617

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of Encumbrance Voucher No. 10716 payable to the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. for the advance concerning the acquisition of a rescue vehicle pursuant to Maryland Department of Transportation Safety Grant EM-77-181-5-104, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor.

ASSIGNMENT OF PRIORITIES - COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented to the Commissioners the assignment of priorities list of the County Engineer's Office as had been agreed to by the Commissioners at a meeting on November 23, 1976.



ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT TAXIWAY

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

In response to a request from the Airport Committee that the County Engineer assist the Committee in the preparation of the preliminary plans and cost estimates for the proposed taxiway at the County Airport, Mr. Norris advised that funding was not available until completion of the Master Plan, which should be the first phase. He stated that there will be a meeting later this month which should resolve some of the questions regarding the various federal funding aspects and that representatives of the Airport Committee will be present. Commissioner McKay advised that he would contact the Chairman of the Airport Committee with this information.

GILLENS GROVE SUBDIVISION - RETURNING OF LAND TO DEVELOPER

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

In response to correspondence from the County Administrator, in which questions were raised regarding the request by the developer for the returning of certain land in Gillens Grove to the developer of that subdivision, Mr. Norris stated that the land was donated to the County in the first place in order to seek relief from the 20 lot moratorium which had been established by the previous Commissioners several years ago. The developer would like the land returned in order to recoup some of his investments.

The Commissioners directed that the County Engineer contact the County Attorney to prepare a Deed of Conveyance in this matter and that there be a stipulation that there would be no through road constructed between the existing Cloverhill-MacIntosh Road and Maryland Route 235.

CIRCUIT COURT RENOVATIONS

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

The County Engineer requested authorization to employ Mr. George Raley as inspector for the Circuit Court renovation project at \$8.00 per hour, .12¢ per mile, for allowable mileage, effective at the commencement of the project.

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



ENCUMBRANCE VOUCHER NO. 10506

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of Encumbrance Voucher No. 10506 payable to the State Highway Administration in the amount of \$10,000 for drainage improvements, widening and base preparation for asphaltting on Hermanville Road, seconded by Commissioner Dean. Four Commissioners voted in favor with Commissioner Millison abstaining, because of possible conflict of interest.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY AIRPORT - RC & D PROJECT

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented Amendment No. 2 for the St. Mary's County Airport Contract No. STMAP-1-77 Project Agreement reducing funding audit quantities. Commissioner McKay signed same.

UPDATE OF FIELD SERVICE COSTS - COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris presented to the Commissioners an update from January 1, 1976 through November 30, 1976 of the costs the County has incurred in consultant, inspection and right-of-way acquisition.

LOWER PATUXENT RIVER BRIDGE ACCESS ROAD

Commissioner Dean presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signatures addressed to Mr. Hajzyk of the Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration, submitting recommendations for the State Highway Administration's consideration in the determination of the location and design of the access road from Maryland Route 235 to the Lower Patuxent River Bridge.

After review of said letter and several recommended changes, the Commissioners agreed to reconsider the redrafted letter at next week's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to meet in Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel. The Session was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY,

  
James M. McKay, President  
County Commissioners