

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGDecember 15, 1976Wednesday, December 15, 1976

Present: Commissioner James M. McKay, President
Commissioner Ford L. Dean
Commissioner J. Patrick Jarboe
Commissioner Larry Millison
Commissioner John K. Parlett, Vice-President
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Alice V. Baily, Recorder

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 8, 1976 were read and approved as read. Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Parlett. 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 Jarboe made a motion to approve payment of the bills, as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor.

INSURANCE BUYERS' COUNCIL

Present: John Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter appeared before the Commissioners to give his presentation as to the insurance coverage of the Metropolitan Commission, Board of Education and St. Mary's County. He explained that there has been some difficulty in obtaining certain areas of coverage, i. e. increased cost and withdrawal of certain coverage. He stated that he would appear before the Commissioners within the next month with some proposals as to expense, coverage, company and terms for the Commissioners review.

FIVE YEAR HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS:

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
Richard Platt, Director, Land Use & Development
Frank Gerred, County Planner

Mr. Platt stated that by telephone conversation with Mr. Arnold Gardner of the Maryland Department of Transportation the amount of One and One-Half Million dollars is to be expended for the asphalt overlay program this year in St. Mary's County, but this was only a conversation and was not definite. He stated that he would not be able to give the five year information by next week, but would only have the information for one year.

John Norris stated that the State's Primary Highway Program for 1978-1982 is exactly as was shown in last year with the exception of Maryland 5 (Waldorf) Item 6 is added, other than that the project remains the same and the dollar figures have changed and that the Commissioners will find from the preliminary report from last year that the amount available for '77 is down.

Mr. Norris stated as to the Secondary Highway Program 1978-1982 is basically the same as last year and since the State combined and started the Department of Transportation you really do not know where the money is going.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Norris to contact the Department of Transportation and obtain the following information:

1. Request an indication as to the amount of money each mode of the Department of Transportation is expending.
2. What is the St. Mary's County share for the last five years on the Secondary and Primary, as well as for the next five years?
3. Request a comparison of St. Mary's County funding with the other counties in the state for the last five years.

Commissioner Jarboe stated that at the December 22nd meeting the situation of Patuxent Beach road should be discussed, and for Mr. Norris to find out what the state is going to allocate.

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS - 1976

Present: Richard L. Platt, Director of Land Use & Development

Mr. Platt presented the agenda for the Public Hearing to be held on December 15, 1976 and stated that he would make a brief opening overview. Mr. Dean stated that he would chair the meeting and that public comments would be directed to the appropriate persons.

DEEP WATER PORT

Present: Richard L. Platt, Land Use & Development

Mr. Platt stated that he has only received 3 replies to the letters with reference the above.

Commissioner McKay requested Mr. Platt to supply him with a list of the questions on the Deep Water Port.

NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD TITLE III-TRANSPORTATION AND AID PROGRAM - COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented the Title III Transportation and Aid Program in the amount of \$39,375, for the period from July 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977. He recommended that the President of the Board sign same and that any points of clarification would be corrected. Also, he presented Title III Transportation and Aid Program Grant in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the period from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976 and requested approval.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to sign the Notification of Grant Awards under Title III Transportation and Aid Project one in the amount of \$42,000.00 and the other in the amount of \$39,375.00 pending review by the County Administrator and Budget Officer verifying that they are in compliance with the grants requests submitted to the State, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-77-15 - FAR CRY ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 3363

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented on behalf of the County Engineer Road Resolution R-77-15 for approval. After review, Commissioner Dean made a motion that the County adopt Resolution R-77-15 said Resolution will rescind R-76-18, and establish the speed limit on Far Cry Road, County Route 3363 to 30 miles per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-77-16 - GUM LANDING ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 3436

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented on behalf of the County Engineer Road Resolution R-77-16 for approval. After review, Commissioner Dean made a motion to adopt Road Resolution R-77-16, said Resolution providing for a stop sign on Gum Landing Road, County Rout 3436 at its intersection with Beachville Road, County Route 3534, making Gum Landing Road the Stop Street. Seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

ROAD RESOLUTION R-77-17 - MATTAPANY ROAD, COUNTY ROUTE 3357

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented on behalf of the County Engineer Road Resolution R-77-17 for approval. After review, Commissioner Dean made a motion establishing the speed limit on Mattapany Road, County Route 3357 at 40 miles per hour. Seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-55 - AWARD OF BID METROPOLITAN COMMISSION BOND SALE

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented to the Commissioners Resolution No. 76-55 entitled "Award of Bid Metropolitan Commission Bond Sale" for the sale of 1.7 million dollars (Third Issue) to Alex. Brown and Sons and Associates.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to approve Resolution No. 76-55 concerning the sale of the 1.7 million dollars (Third Issue) Bonds and approving that sale by the Metropolitan Commission to Alex. Brown and Sons and Associates. Seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

RESIDENT TROOPER PROGRAM

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented correspondence for the Commissioners' signature to Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Maryland State Police, stating the County's intentions with reference the Resident Trooper Program. This correspondence was in no way a commitment on the part of the County, but only a continuing interest. After review, said correspondence was signed by the Commissioners.

CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT NO. 77-11-550 SOUTHERN MARYLAND RESOURCES, MARYLAND FOREST SERVICE

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator

Mr. Cox presented Clearinghouse Project No. 77-11-550 entitled Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development being applied for by the Department of Natural Resources and recommended signatures as it is not inconsistent with our agencies programs. The Commissioners gave their concurrence.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Present: Sunny Mays Schust, Enterprise
 Richard Myers, WKIK
 Mike Kleinbeck, Beacon
 Leslie Walker, Guardian
 Eric Bromley, WPTX
 Rick Boyd, Enterprise

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

Meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

PRIVATE ROADS REPAIR ORDINANCE/IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE BILL 951

Present: Joseph O'Dell, Budget Officer
 John Norris, County Engineer
 Joseph E. Bell, II, County Attorney

The County Attorney and County Engineer discussed with the County Commissioners implementation of House Bill 951 in terms of a general ordinance in which would be stated the general conditions by which citizens could petition the County to assist in the reconstruction of, or repair of private roads. Also, it was proposed that a separate resolution should address each case in which would be the described specifications. Since certain policy decisions were necessary before the Ordinance could be prepared, Commissioner Dean suggested that the Commissioners draft the policy alternatives to be included in the Ordinance. After the Commissioners decide on the policy issue the County Attorney will proceed to effect a proposed ordinance for public hearing.

SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer
 Gene Harvey, of John E. Harms and Associates

Mr. Gene Harvey presented a preliminary report as to the design of storm drainage and road system and cost of Spring Valley Subdivision. He stated that after his verbal presentation this date the Commissioners could expect a final written report within three weeks or so.

Mr. Harvey at this point explained the three alternates as to the drainage system and the four alternates for the road system. He also presented estimated costs.

Commissioner Dean stated that he would like for Mr. Norris to inform the Citizens Association of the Spring Valley Subdivision that a report is being finalized and after said report has been submitted that further action will be taken with appropriate steps as necessary.

ARCHAEOLOGY AT ABELLS WHARF SITE

Present: Michael Humphries, Director St. Clements Island
and Potomac River Museum

Mr. Humphries presented correspondence from the George Washington University requesting that an agreement be drawn up for a summer field program in archaeology at the Abells Wharf site. The George Washington University would do the survey, excavation and analysis of prehistoric culture material, as well as the conservation and exhibiting of the artifacts. All materials found would remain the property of St. Mary's County, and this project would not require any funding from the County.

Commissioner Dean made a motion to proceed with the County Attorney for the preparation of the Agreement and upon completion of same to submit to the County Commissioners for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All voted in favor.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEEDS OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Present: John Hanson Briscoe, Speaker of the House
Michael Sprague, Delegate
Dr. Renwick Jackson, St. Mary's College
Dr. Robert E. King, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brent Johnson, Executive Director of the Board of Colleges
Mr. J. Carsey, Charles County Community College
Ms. Mary Shela Evans
Mr. Ed Cole
Dr. Harriet Hutson

Speaker Briscoe stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the post secondary school needs of students and residents of St. Mary's County. Mr. Briscoe stated that between the high schools, technical center and St. Mary's College there is a definite gap; that there is a need for post secondary school vocational education.

Mr. Carsey also stated that there are post secondary school vocational needs; and as he sees it there are three ways to meet these needs.

1. That the County Commissioners could consider picking up 1/2 of the double tuition for those students from St. Mary's County that attend the Charles County Community College, and in that way the student pays for the occupational program only;

2. Build your own Community College;

3. Establish a satellite center operation. This could be done through the St. Mary's College, Charles County College, the St. Mary's Technical Center and the new Leonardtown High School which is presently under construction.

Extensive discussion ensued during which various proposals were presented, funding mechanisms were explained, State participation was outlined, etc. In any event, before the implementing groups could proceed with realistic planning certain policy decisions are needed from the Board of County Commissioners as to the methods proposed to meet the Post Secondary School needs of the citizens of St. Mary's County. The Commissioners expressed gratitude to those in attendance for their presentation and agreed to discuss the matter further with the aim of answering certain policy questions.

CIRCUIT COURT ROOM RENOVATION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris requested the Commissioners to indicate an award for the contract pending the notification to the County of the Public Works funds for the renovation of the Circuit Court, so when funds become available they may proceed immediately.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to authorize the President to sign any documents necessary to award the contract to the Southern Maryland Mechanical Contractors for the renovation of the Circuit Court Room pending notification from the Federal Government as to the disposition of the Public Works Grant, being project SM76-2-2, and that work could commence on the 23rd of December, 1976, provided that the grant notification has been received. Seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

GLENN GASS - WORKING HOURS - SCHOOLING

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris requested that Mr. Glenn Gass who is employed in his office be given permission to attend the University of Maryland to attend certain courses which will be held approximately one and one-half days per week; and this to be made part of his work schedule.

Commissioner Dean made a motion that Mr. Glenn Gass would be given permission to attend the University of Maryland approximately one and one-half days per week for the coming semester and this would be made a part of his work schedule in attending said classes. Seconded by Commissioner Parlett. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

FRIENDLY PINES SUBDIVISION

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris gave the cost estimates as to Section A & B of the road into the Friendly Pines Subdivision which had been requested by the Commissioners at their meeting of December 8th, 1976. He stated that Section B, meaning that portion covered by bonds of the Tsirigotis, would cost \$2,500.00, held in escrow by Mrs. Tsirigotis, but as to Section A, which means that portion of the streets and

roads covered by the other principals, the cost will be approximately \$7,000.00, which would include \$3,000 for asphalt, and \$1,000 seeding and clearing. This would make the total price \$9,500.

AIRPORT CLEARING OF STUMPS AND REMOVAL

Present: John Norris, County Engineer

Mr. Norris stated that the Airport Commission has approved the transfer of funds for the removal of stumps and clearing of the west end of the runway, and that a letter to that effect is coming to the Budget Officer. Raymond Woodburn was the low bidder in the amount of \$3,300.00, Mr. Norris recommended awarding the above bid.

Commissioner Parlett made a motion to accept the County Engineer's recommendation and award the bid to Raymond Woodburn in the amount of \$3,300.00 for the clearing and removal of stumps at the west end of the runway at the St. Mary's County Airport. Seconded by Commissioner Jarboe. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Norris stated that the seeding after the removal and clearing will be his office's responsibility.

COMMISSION ON AGING - URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION VANS AND REQUEST FOR BUS DRIVER

Present: Mrs. Billye McGaharn

Mrs. McGaharn appeared before the Commissioners to state that under Title III she was allocated funds for maintaining two vans and three drivers. She stated that she is presently operating two vans and a leased bus with three drivers; that soon the two UMTA vans will be here to replace the leased bus; and that another driver is needed. She stated that the WIN employee contract will expire on December 30, 1976 and requested that the Commissioners create a new position.

Commissioner Parlett stated that he thought that this position should be subject to the regular County hiring practices.

Mr. Cox stated that there may be a possibility of transferring a CETA person.

The Commissioners stated that they would take this under advisement as to the position of the bus driver and make a decision next week.

ADVERTISEMENT, PRINTING OF BASE MAPS AND ZONING ORDINANCE

Commissioner Dean reviewed with the other Commissioners the proposal from the Director of the Office of Land Use and Development regarding the solicitation of bids for the printing of certain documents. Commissioner Dean recommended that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan be deleted from those documents to be printed and that the solicitation for bids not include the printing of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Commissioners concurred with this recommendation, and Commissioner Dean agreed to discuss the matter with the Director of Land Use and Development.

BRUBACHER SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Dean stated that there has been a dispute between Mr. Hyde and Mr. Burgess over the above referenced Subdivision. The County Engineer and the County Attorney have exhausted their authority, and it is now back before the Commissioners. At next weeks meeting Commissioner Dean will explain the situation, and the Board will decide as to how to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Jarboe made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Dean. All Commissioners voted in favor. The purpose was personnel.

The Executive Session commenced at 4:22 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

APPROVED BY,


James M. McKay, President
County Commissioners