

St. Mary's EDA Projects to Start in July

Interim financing of St. Mary's two EDA projects has been secured through the National Bank of Alaska, thus assuring the financial integrity of work to be performed this summer, announced Moses Paukan, Mayor of the new City of St. Mary's last week.

Arrangements with the National Bank of Alaska were completed with the help of Tom Hanlon and Tom

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Pargeter representing the bank and Bill Ray of Seattle representing EDA.

Two sets of Economic Development Administration Grants and Loans for construction of a dock and cold storage facility plus a multipurpose Community Building were announced by Senator Ernest Gruening on August 20, 1967. Actual construction is scheduled to begin during July 1968.

The two EDA projects are being coordinated with work being performed by the State Department of Highways.

The highway program calls for construction of around 16 miles of new road connecting Pitka's Point village to the St. Mary's airport access road, about one-half mile of new road through the Andreafsky townsite and reconstruction of about six miles of the original airport access road.

The St. Mary's city dock and cold storage facility involves 43,000 cu. yds. of fractured rock fill and a 540 sq. ft. concrete and frame building with rigid Urethane insulation frothed and poured in place.

The Community building involves 1800 cu. yds. of Stripping and excavation, about 2000 sq. ft. of concrete floors and more than 4000

sq. ft. of carpentry, drywall and painting.

Rigid Urethane insulation and fibre glass floor and wall covering are also features. Earthwork is to be bid on a unit price basis with the buildings each on a lump sum basis.

Invitations for bid on City work are to be offered next week Mayor Paukan said.

He continued by saying that bids will be opened in St. Mary's by a member of the City Council, in a ceremony marking the Eskimo city's first major step forward in implementing it's Master Economic Development Program.

St. Mary's became a City of the Second Class on August 2, 1967, the first community in Alaska to organize as a Second Class city since Statehood.

In so doing, St. Mary's automatically established itself as a full fledged public school district of the

State with complete responsibility for management of it's own school program.

For detail information, Mayor Paukan advised contractors interested in the St. Mary's city work program, to contact Paul Dixon of the firm of Paul T. Dixon & Associates, Management Consultants to the city, or Earl Barnard of Earl Barnard and Associates, who are engineers for both city projects.

Both Dixon and Barnard maintain offices in Anchorage. Highway work is under the supervision of Charles Fletcher of the State Department of Highways Maintenance Section in the Cordova Building in Anchorage.

In addition to being Mayor of the City of St. Mary's, Moses Paukan was elected President of the Village Council Presidents Association last September.

Governor Hickel appointed Paukan to fill the unexpired

term of John Westdahl in the State House of Representatives upon Westdahl's death.

Representative Paukan is currently running for reelection to District 19. Members of the St. Mary's City Council are, Peter Tyson, secretary-treasurer, Dan Stevens, Sr., William Tyson, Billy Beans and Mayor Paukan. School board members are Flora Paukan, President, Pia Thompson, Alfred Tyson, Esther Paukan and Rev. Rene Astruc.