

February 15, 1949

Letter to Mr. Paul Bell to appear before Board Feb 23 and explain overcrowding of bus he drives.

Advisory Board to meet February 23, at 11 am Letters to all members mailed out Feb 16, 1949 Mr. Briscoe will explain law and get work started on school program.

Mr. Briscoe contacted Sen. Bailey re School Program- see attached letter- also copy of letter addressed to Bailey, Mattingly and Guyther copy of which also went to Bd. of Edu Mr. Briscoe read a letter addressed to the three members of the Legislature in which changes relative to County/were suggested copy attached hereto. Laws

Mr. Hober says water, sewage and plumbing must be okd by Mr. Hall of the State Sanitation Comm. they do not accept ok of County Health Sanitarian.

Electrical Board due to so many complaints received relative to lack of co-operation of this Board with those desiring examinations, etc., Commissioners instructed clerk to address letters to B.I. Smith, Chas. Moore- Lloyd Brown, Riley Fletcher Allan Dameron to appear before Bd. on Wednesday Feb 23, at 2 pm

T.T. X Mr. Thompson reported erosion to such extent in Tall Timbers area, work should be done. He also suggests there should be an Erosion Tax -(T.T. area assessed for this matter) then when County had to work on this matter there would be some fund to help take care of cost.

Zoning Master Plan of St. Mary's County filed with Clerk of Ct. Ct. Receipt attached hereto.

Mr. Hober submitted plumbing code of Pr. Geo. County with suggestion it could be made to fit needs of this county. He also suggested County have Plumbing Inspector.

Meeting closed at 4:45 pm

Letters written

17 members of Advisory Bd

M.C. Thompson, Jr., re posting speed limit St. Clements Sh and Tall T
Mr. R.M. Reindollar, re funds for Secondary roads

B.I. Smith, Chas. Moore, Riley Fletcher, Allan Dameron Lloyd Brown
Md. Tobacco Grs for meeting April 1, a pm

Mrs. King authorized to get new curtains for Assessor's shelves-green also American and State flags for court room. Curtains not to exceed \$20.00 flags not to exceed \$15 each

- PLAT
- DEED
- MORTGAGE
- MORTGAGE RELEASE
- BILL OF SALE
- CHATTEL MORTGAGE
- LEASE
- MAGISTRATE'S JUDGMENT
- ASSIGNMENT OF MORTGAGE
- MECHANICS LIEN
- CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
- AGREEMENT
- CONDITIONAL SALE
- JUDGMENT RELEASE
- LAW
- EQUITY

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 SAINT MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

N^o 23849

Leonardtown Feb. 15, 1947

RECEIVED OF A. J. King
One and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$ 1.00)

*Comprehensiv Clean and
 Johnny Bros. District Map*

C. BENEDICT GREENWELL, CLERK
 BY C. B. Greenwell

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, transfer to the County Treasurer, from available funds the sum of\$75,000.00 same to be used by said County Treasurer as an Imprest Fund for the payment of County expenses and Debt Service until funds from current levy are available. This fund shall be maintained for like procedure in subsequent years.

Resolved that the County Treasurer reimburse the County Commissioners for current bills paid by them since Jan 1, 1949 aggregating the sum of\$22,703.57 representing vouchers 1 to 75 incl.

Resolved that Wm. E. Clarke, late County Treasurer be requested to make settlement with the County Commissioners for balance due on his account which amount is \$16,253.47 the County Commissioners assuming all liabilities for unpaid County charges for the years 1943-46 incl.

Resolved that Chas. J. Mattingly, County Treasurer, pay to the County Commissioners the sum of\$22,253.50 representing collections made in lieu of auto taxes for the year 1947, also the amount of\$23,128.00 representing collections as above for the year 1948 of which the County Commissioners will turn over to the Board of Education for the year 1947, 65¢ over \$1.50 or approximately 43-1/3%.....\$ 9,635.38 for the year 1948 65¢ over \$1.25 or approximately 52%\$12,026.56

Resolved that all General Funds shall be consolidated in the Commissioners General Fund.

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Capt. Matt R. Bailey, Pres.

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RESOLUTIONS

prepared by Mr. Briscoe and submitted to
County Commissioners for approval
Original sent to 3 members of Legislature

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2. Legislation empowering Commissioners to Sell or Lease any portion of Almshouse property, also ratifying and confirming all previous deeds or leases of portions of this property. (While I have always been doubtful of the Commissioners' authority to sell or lease this property, it might be advisable to have Dr. Flacke's office check necessity for this legislation before preparing bills.)
3. Legislation making it possible to secure credit on School Appropriations for the purpose of Insolvent Tax Accounts paid to schools. According to an opinion rendered by the Atty gen, insofar as school accounts are concerned, payment must be made based upon the full taxable basis, with no credit to be made for insolvent accounts.
4. An increase on Bounty for Hawks, in order to protect game
5. Legislation providing provisions for clerical assistance for State's Attorney's office, in the amount of \$600.00 per year payable monthl.
6. Study of the possibility of legislation providing for unified system of school bus transportation.
7. Legislation legalizing an appropriation of not more than \$700 per annum for each active, organized Vol. Fire Deot. in the County.
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10. Legislation enabling license fees on coin operated machines to be taxed increased to a sum not to exceed \$100 per ~~machine~~ machine, also reasonable provision as to distributor's licenses, and eliminating entirely the gross receipts tax. It is considered that the form of tax indicated would be the fairest and best under the circumstances. Quere, would the fact that this law was passed with referendum attached have any bearing upon questions as to change other than by a referendum? In the event of the change in the law, provision should also be made for an equal division of license fees of all machines within the corporate limits of Leonardtown, between the town and the County.
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copy from Mr. Briscoe's letter
to members of Legislature 1949 Session

"Leonardtown, Md.
Feb. 14th, 1949

The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County desire to make the following statement as to the present status of the School Construction Program.

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The Commissioners feel that the submission by the Board of Education of the above outlined building program is the proper and logical approach to the solution of this very important question, and marks a distinct step forward in the carrying out of the program. They feel that the program as submitted should, and will, receive most

careful consideration from the Commissioners and their Advisory Committee. They concur in the valued expression of Hon/J.Allan Coad, whose experience in matters of legislation and finance is well known, that " the program is one that will require great study and examination." They do not intend, in so far as is possible, to take any hasty or ill advised action relative to carrying out this program, at the same time pledging prompt consideration and of the program as outlined and prompt decision relative thereto.

original copies from JHTB attached hereto but too faint to read.

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