

SPECIAL MEETING  
February 16, 1951

Health Clinic

Today's meeting was to discuss the plans for a new Health Clinic to be erected in Leonardtown.

Present were all members of the Board of County Commissioners, their attorney; Dr. A.D.Houser of the County Health Dept. Mr. Torbet, State engineer; Mr. Conroy, Federal Pub. Health Bureau; Mrs. Lorena Burch, Welfare Bd; Miss Dent, Bd. of Education and Mr. Frederick Tilp, architect

Plans for a one-story building were presented by Mr. Tilp. The furnace room was located on the ground floor. These plans were rejected by the Commissioners as it is their intention to erect a two-story building, with furnace room in the basement. The second floor will house the Bd. of Education and, it was considered, Welfare Bd.

Mr. Torbet advised that in order to participate in the 1951 program — plans, approved by the County, State and Federal Health Service, must be perfected and the contracts awarded prior to June 30th, 1951. He advised Mr. Tilp that it will be necessary for him to secure the prevailing wage of all craftsmen who will work on the building — carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers etc., and send these to the Dept. Labor in Wash. the Dept. of Labor will then compare them with the prevailing wages for such work in Washington and set the scale of wages for the project. This must be done within 90 days. Mr. Tilp had hoped to secure all building materials in the county and the one story building could have been made of timber. With the two-story building steel structure will be necessary and he doubts if this could be secured. Mr. Torbet said he felt there would be no trouble in securing this if the plans and awards are ready prior to June 30th.

Mr. Torbet explained that the sum of \$22,000 had been allocated to St. Mary's County for the new building. The former Bd. of Commissioners understood that whatever the County planned to spend for the building 44% of it would be repaid by the State if the building were erected specially for the Health Clinic. Mr. Torbet said the allocation is made according to population. St. Mary's accepted population is now 31,000. When the Commissioners advised they had in mind the larger building, Mr. Torbet said the project could probably be divided into two sections; this year 44% would be paid for the part built especially for the Health Clinic, and if Congress makes an appropriation for 1952 for the continuation of this program, they could probably get 33-1/3% of the remaining cost spent specifically for the Health project. It is thought the building the Commissioners have in mind may cost around \$80,000.00. Of this amount \$33,000.— is in the 1951 Budget. However, in order to secure any part of this program the Commissioners must have the plans approved and contracts awarded prior to June 30th. Since this is the work of the architect, Mr. Tilp promised to have all ready prior to that date. Mr. Torbet furnished Mr. Tilp with the necessary forms to furnish the Labor Dept. all information regarding the labor wages paid here.

Mrs. Burch speaking for Welfare advised that that Board would not like to have any offices on the second floor of the new building. They prefer two rooms built on the ground floor of their present quarters and if that cannot be done, they would like to have the entire building, putting some clerical force upstairs and having a committee room there. Patients would be seen on the first floor. Since Welfare pays \$50 a month for its quarters, Mrs. Burch intimated they could pay perhaps \$75 a month for the whole building. The State pays this rent.

Miss Dent, speaking for the Bd. of Education said they would be very happy to have adequate quarters on the second floor, if they could have a hand lift for heavy books. One half of the 2nd floor will be partitioned to the desires of the Bd. of Education. A central hall will run from end to end of the building with a staircase at each end. These stairs are necessary to comply with the National Exits Code.

Mr. J.J. Johnson, Dept of Agriculture was then contacted and he advised he would be glad to have quarters on the 2nd floor. The matter of the partitions will come after the approval of the floor plans.

Mr. Torbet asked if he could take back to Dr. Robt. Riley the assurance that this Bd. of Commissioners intends to participate in the 1951 program and the Commissioners assured him that he could do so.

Afternoon session.

Considering the cost of the building which the Bd. has in mind, they felt that there would not be sufficient money on hand to pay for it and they desire to have a law enacted to permit them to borrow up to \$50,000.00 for this building if they consider it necessary. After May they can see what amount they will need, if any.

An appointment was made with Mr. Thompson and their attorney for the Commissioners to go to Annapolis on Monday February 19th at 4 p.m. At this time several matters which the Bd. feels need attention will be taken up with the County legislators for proper laws to be passed

1. permission to borrow up to \$50,000.00 for erection of the Health Clinic if more funds are needed
2. County Commissioners to succeed themselves
3. Increase in salaries of County Commissioners
4. Peddlers' licenses- farmers selling seeds and fertilizer etc
5. Increase in allowance for inmates of Alms House to \$300 each per annum- see Acts of 1949
6. See about Sheriff's bill
7. Change in date of levy from Nov to June 30 as heretofore
8. Combining transportation of parochial and public school systems

Clerk was requested to contact members of the Legislature and advise that the Commissioners would see them on Monday.

Clerk was instructed to secure from the State Roads Commission the mileage from St. Mary's County line to the following places

House of Correction	Spring Grove Hospital	Barrett Sch for Girls
Springfield Hospital	Ritchie Hospital	Good Shepherd
Md. State Reformatory	District Trn. Sch	Rosewood Sch
Vet. Admin. Perryville	Md. State Penn	Eastern Shoe Hospital

Board adjourned at 4:30 pm

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pres.