

May 10, 1955

At this meeting all Commissioners and their attorney were present.

Group of members of the PTA's of the County, accompanied by Delegates J. Frank Haley and Frank A. Combs, appeared to request an additional sum of \$300 for each public school teacher for the coming year. There are 160 teachers and this would mean \$48,000 which the County cannot raise now that the tax rate is set. The spokesman for the group was Mr. E.H. Acker of Park Hall and others present were Duke Coppage, Piney Pt.-J.W. Ridgell, Piney Pt.; R.L. Mdownell, Valley Lee, Mrs. Wm. Bernstein, TT; J.P. Boston, McKay's Beach; C. Wolf, Scotland; M.P. Kirk, Pat. Beach; C.W. Lebrecht, Lx. Pk E.P. DeTurk, Lx. Pk. T.B. Clarke, St Inogoes F E Gorley, Leonardtown. It was explained that St. Mary's County is at the bottom of the list of school teachers salaries with only two other counties paying less. Several suggestions were offered for ways of adding additional taxes to those already laid, but it was found impossible to comply with the requests.

Sheriff Miedzinski appeared relative to his force; it was determined to allow four deputies instead of the 5 the law will allow; and the County Commissioners feel they should be in uniform and have agreed to pay half of the cost of those clothes. They agreed to purchase 2 additional radios- (Sanner & Burroughs)

In the matter of salaries of the several Justices of the Peace it was decided to set them at the meeting on May 17-

Dog Found to be considered May 17. Mrs. Peabody has party all lined up to do the work. The Found will be located on *Alms Home grounds*

Dr. Houser came in to advise the Board he was back at work and glad to be in the USA again.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

approved

*Leonard S. Alway*

president

Dr. Houser took this opportunity to speak of how well the work of the County Health Dept had been carried on during his absence. He spoke of how well Dr. Locke had handled his work and complimented the entire force. Dr. Locke was invited by the Physician's Asso to attend every meeting they held, but since he is not an MD he could not be a member of the organization, and he is well qualified to do the "Health Officer's work. He also mentioned Mr. Hartwell and spoke of how well he handles his work, receiving fine cooperation from all with whom he comes in contact.

May 17, 1955

All members and their attorney present at today's meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission officials requested meeting relative to sign boards being erected in the County. MM Dean of Hollywood was advised he was violating law but paid no attention to letters tho signed by Mr. T.W. Bell, chrmn P & Z Comm. Several sign painters are attending P & Z Comm meetings and desire to make some signs which are illegal. Ask Board for a system to enforce the law, mEssrs Bell, Nicolet and Sterling would appear before the Bd and try to work out something and ascertain whether the States Atty should enforce the law. States Atty could get out injunction prohibiting the people to break the law and order removal of such signs. Mr. Dean's sign is too close to the road should not be less than 100 ft off the road and is too large. Mr. Dean is also operating without a State license. Another violator is the Lex.Pk.Pharmacy he was advised by letter signed by both Mr. Bell and Mr. Nicolet but paid no attention to it. The Commissioners will check with the State <sup>Roads</sup> Commission about size etc of signs Gastruck of Park Coal and Gas co parked in residential section of Pat. Park in violation of Fire Dept Code. He has been notified by Mr. Poindexter to move the truck but paid no attention to same. It is also a fire hazard.

Piney Pt Shores road reported in bad condition. Bd. has not received R of W for improving-maintaining this road. *Req. to file — 839 56-357*

Messrs. Holly, Henry, Cusic and Farlett with property on the Trent Neck arm road ask that road  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi which serves the above people be taken over by the County. Road is located near the saw mill and is in fair condition. Board will contact Mr. Thompson on this.

Board inspected a road at St. Clements Shores to see if sme could be taken over for maintenance. Will report at next meeting.

Board inspected road at Trent Neck Farm road, and will report at next meeting.

Board adjourned at 4:30 pm.

approved

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president

May 24, 1955

All Board members and their attorney present today.

Miss Dent appeared relative to the \$16,000 which is carried in the 55-56 Budget- as it has been for the past 3 years, required by the State. Miss Dent asked if this money could be used to give each teacher (160) an increase of \$100.00 per annum in salary. St. Mary's teachers do not receive a salary as high as some other counties decision -request granted

Frank Knox School, so far as can be ascertained the Navy intends taking the school over and perhaps turning it back to the County Bd of Education in 1956. At present Miss Dent is uncertain how to operate to secure the school and does not feel it will be available for the term beginning Sept 1955.

SRC condemnation of Alms House property not satisfactory- Appraisal made by J.R. Drury and Son with figure of \$6,050.00 SRC wanted to pay \$45,00. <sup>4,500.-</sup> Commissioners agreed to accept \$5250. Mr. Chas. Loskott of SRC, R of W Div contacted and he will appear in a few days with agreement to be signed.

Mrs. Agnes Sheppard, G.M.Road asks that something be done about road running between her home and the C & P office bldg on side road. Dust too heavy to permit opening windows. Commissioners will look into this and if County road, will do something to correct the situation.

Repairs for jail- thermostat to be replaced with good one; side wall to be reinforced at entrance to cellar; gate to be placed there to prevent anyone from pushing sheriff down steps while he is unlocking jail door. Material to lengthne mattress covers to be purchased.

Mrs. Happ-St. Mary's County Welfare Director, asked reconsideration of the decision of last week that the Budget set in Dec would be accepted for 55-56 very important that an additional amount \$1,600.00 <sup>to amount from 55-6 Budget</sup> approved.

St. Mary's Co. Mem Library granted an advance of \$1,000 on 1955-56 Budget requested by letter from Miss Pickrel

Sheridan Fahenstock-editor The Enterprise requested permission to put in all matters concerning the road work planned in the County. People under misapprehension about certain roads among them the one at Plains- Board agreed to publicize all road matters and to give list of roadwork planned for 1955-56 to newspapers.

Extension of Midway 600 ft was asked- this was approved sometime ago but to date no work has been done on this strip of road.

Board adjourned at 3 pm to inspect parcel of land at old Ft. Lincoln which will be a gift to the County for a public park.

approved

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