

August 14, 1956

The Board of County Commissioners and their attorney were present at today's general meeting.

Groups of colored folks came in about transportation to parochial schools for their children. Mr. Alvey with Fr. Wilkinson heard the requests in Room 5, as the other members heard Dr. Houser with Mr. Fritz from the Fed. Dept of Health explain about the possibility of having a Nursing Home in this county. Present also were Mr. Frederick Tilp, architect, Mrs Hume Peabody and Mrs Chas Greenwell. Mr. Fritz advised the Fed Govt was able to supply 1/3 of the cost of construction and equipment that County must purchase site and pay 1/3 total costs of whole project and it is anticipated that when the Gen Assembly convenes in Jan 1957 additional funds to 1/3 of the entire cost of construction and equipment will also be available to the entire state. Dr Houser advised that all physicians to whom he had spoken of the project offered to donate their services, that the Gray Ladies were willing to help, that Mrs Wiley Hartwell, formerly superintendent of St Mary's Hospital was well qualified to act as superintendent and that w full time payroll would be needed for not more than 3 people. Services would be rendered to white and black alike. There would be no age limit, and a separate ward for alcoholics. This would in no way be competitive with St Mary's Hospital as this home would accommodate those who need care but not hospitalization. 25 beds were suggested, Dr Houser says that the population of St Mary's is now 40,000 and by 1967 will be 50,000. No decision was reached tho Mr. Fritz advised that the act of the Commissioners in passing a Resolution to seek the funds above would be all that is necessary to get them on the list and they would be the first county to do this. Resolution was prepared but not signed.

Mr. Arnall of the C & P Tel Co, Annapolis, Md., came in about the service for the new Court House which will have a telephone switch board with operator. Mr. Tilp was contacted and advised it would be better to have an underground system to Welfare but regular overhead kind to Health Dept etc.

Dr Houser came in with Eddie Baroniak of St. Mary's City about small child to go to Rosewood Tr. School, father agreed to pay \$40 a month for child's care etc in hospital from date he is accepted.

Mr. Thompson came in the afternoon and planned the road program in part- shape up the McKay's Beach road, keep present width with surface treatment; Roach Clarke and McIntosh roads, Bulkhead at 7 Gables hotel, oiling etc.

Board adjourned at 3 pm

Approved

Leonard S Alvey

President