

November 5, 1963

Present: All commissioners.

Sheriff

Mr. Miedzinski reported that two weeks ago he received orders to attach all of the equipment of the Hardin Co. There was a bulldozer sitting by the side of the road with a bucket of tools nearby, and when the equipment was attached, these tools were locked up in Mr. Miedzinski's warehouse. The tools have now disappeared, even though the sheriff reports they were under lock and key at all times. He said there were about \$300 worth of tools involved. The note on the equipment has been paid, and the equipment was returned, except for the tools. He has tried to locate the tools but has been unsuccessful to date. He said the county is responsible for the tools and wanted to know what to do about them.

Mr. Miedzinski stated he is still having a problem about taking prisoners away. Feels it is a real risk for one man to carry a mental patient. The deputy sheriffs are needed in the courts and it is difficult to get one of them to go along on these trips. The sheriff said that a helper was gotten to take a boy from the jail and Mr. Donaldson questioned this. Also said that one of the commissioners and Mr. Jones had said it was all right to get someone to take this boy away. The sheriff requested clarification of this matter.

Sheriff explained that the food bills presented to the commissioners were in connection with the gambling raid and would be less expensive for the county than mileage claim for this travel. The bill for food bought in the county was for coffee and donuts for the men after the raid. Mr. Guyther had told the sheriff to keep this cost down to \$.50 per man, and this was done. The men involved were state police, deputy sheriffs, etc. The sheriff paid for this food out of his own pocket in the amounts of \$9.75 and \$15.54, and he would like to be reimbursed for same.

Human Relations Commission

Mr. G. Sparling met with the commissioners and was asked for suggestions or recommendations relative to the meetings mentioned in a letter from the Maryland Interracial Commission. Mr. Sparling said there is to be a meeting of the legislators on Thursday and an effort would be made to have the representatives from the 14 counties exempting themselves from the Public Accommodations Law to change their minds. He suggested that SMC not make any recommendations on this until the results of this meeting are known.

The commissioners agreed that if the Human Relations Commission has any expenses incurred from attending out of the county meetings, the county would pay these expenses.

Roads

Maintenance report for Oct. 22 - 28 - \$1,099, for the month of October - \$7,276.02.

Mr. Hall reported that 27 signs in Patuxent Park would cost \$250, but to do a first class job, it would take 47 signs at a total cost of \$410. This is assuming the cost of each is \$2.90, and the post \$2.04. Labor to put up 27 signs would cost \$76.74, equipment - \$17.50, material - \$133.38, 10% overhead - \$22.76, totaling \$250.38. This would involve two days work for three men. Mr. Hall will contact the Safety Sign Co., about cost of flange posts. Decision on this will be tabled until next week.

Sandgates Bridge - amount of money spent for material is \$2,097. Nuts, bolts and nails will cost a little more. Labor will cost \$1500 for ten days work. Total cost for the entire project should be \$4,000. Cost for engineering of this project will be charged to the construction account.

Estimated cost for Snow Hill Manor Road is \$21,000. Mr. Hall said the roads at Golden Beach are not up to specifications at present due to lack of maintenance. There are about 12 houses in the area in question, and it would cost about \$4,500 to bring these roads up to condition. Much repair is needed, and the commissioners feel that they are not in a position to take these roads over at the present time. A letter will be sent to Mr. Sterling to this effect.

Mr. Hall said he did not have the authority to place a stop sign at the road mentioned in the Plater accident case, as this is not classified as a boulevard. The state road here, Rt. 247, is not a through road and a stop sign is not required.

Wolfram Road is finished and Riceville is 50% completed, should be finished this week. Bay Forest Road will also be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Nalley's Road will be taken care of.

List of roads submitted by Mr. Hall, classified as "extraordinary maintenance". There are 13 roads in all and cost to gravel same will be \$15,842.24. Mr. Hall said these should be taken care of immediately before winter sets in. This money would have to come from Mr. Donaldson, and this request will be put in a letter to the commissioners. The commissioners agreed to this request.

Mr. Hall stated that there had been several accidents on Rt. 245 and Steer Horn Neck Road and recommended that the commissioners request that a stop sign be put here in an effort to prevent further accidents. Would also help to bush this section. The commissioners agreed that the stop sign should be requested and the area bushed.

Work Program - Drought Relief

Senator Raley, Mr. McCoy, and Mr. B. Smith. Senator Raley stated that an attempt is being made to set up a work program for people who qualify and this would be determined by the Welfare Dept., according to need. The application for such a program has been reviewed, including rules and regulations, and application would have to be submitted by the commissioners. This program would cost the county Workmen's Compensation, tools which the SRC probably has available, and health examinations. The latter would be done at no cost. Workmen's Compensation would depend on how many people would be eligible for this.

The committee has asked Mr. Hall to compile a list of work programs, and also the Dept. of Forestry. Since the SRC has the tools they would be the agency through which this would operate. Mr. Hall has made a list of projects and these should be approved by the commissioners. Projects include road work, fire control work, and re-forestation work. These applicants would have to be approved by the Welfare Department. Workmen's Compensation would probably cost about \$1,000, but Social Security would have to be allowed, also.

Mr. McCoy said there would probably be a lot of farmers eligible for relief, and this work program will benefit everyone concerned and will not be a give-away program. Senator Raley mentioned that this program was initiated by Mr. Bowles and that he was to be commended for this effort.

Dr. Houser has stated that there would be no hazardous work under this program, and he would give the people cards to take to their own doctors for the examination at no cost.

Reforestation projects are eligible even on private land. There are 25 miles of roadway that can be worked right away. There are 15 miles of unused county roads that could be opened up as fire lanes. A tenant farmer with tools would be eligible for this program. Stipulation would be that no one in the family was working and there was no other work available in the area. The commissioners must decide also if single men or married men with no children will be eligible.

The pay scale will be \$1.25 per hour, and hours will be determined by the Welfare Dept., according to needs of a particular family. Mr. Smith presented some forms that will be sent in requesting approval of a county training program. This program will primarily help those people in the lowest income brackets, who have been residents for one year, and the entire family must be considered as a unit. These programs could be expanded if the commissioners wanted this done.

There will be about 50 people involved in this, and Mr. Hall said he could take care of about 30 men. Senator Raley has requested the Welfare Dept. to draft a press release to be approved by all parties concerned. Mr. Hall presented a list of roads that can be used on this program but will check with Mr. Mallow first to make sure there are no duplications.

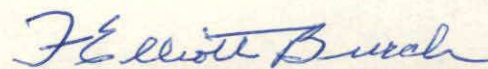
Application for participation in this program signed by Mr. Burch.

Courthouse Painting

Seven bids presented were opened. As there seems to be some misunderstanding as to what specifications are required, Mr. P. Raley will draft a list of specs and send copies of same to each bidder, requesting that bids be re-submitted.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President