

January 14, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

Board of Election Supervisors

Relative to the appointment of Mr. John S. Bean to this board, said appointment was made by the governor on the recommendation of Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr.

Extension Service

Mr. Ben Smith, and Dr. Aiton, Director of Extension Services, discussed what the service should be doing in the county, and asked what they could bring into the county to help so far as development is concerned. Mentioned that there is a vacancy on the staff and another man will be coming in during February, a Mr. John Mills, who is presently finishing work toward a master's degree. He will be here until July, 1964, at least, and then he may establish an area development program covering Charles, Calver and St. Mary's Counties.

Preventing problems before they happen is a good thing, and in some areas this can be done, such as the newly established welfare work program, but there is some difficulty convincing a certain portion of the people that there is a need for such a program.

Dr. Aiton stated that the agricultural picture is changing as many of these people are getting interested in other things. His department will rework their program to include more than just agricultural pursuits, and will consider total land use. This would be recreation potential, etc., and what this county has to offer. Mr. Bowles said that the people must be educated to the fact that under such a program they are not going to lose anything, but will gain.

Mr. Burch said the county is asking for anything that will create industry or jobs. Possibility of having a central marketing place to sell produce and other items might increase sales of same. Could also have a modernized 4H Program that would fit the needs of the county, such as actually training girls for specific types of work.

Dr. Aiton stated that the extension service usually presents three different budgets, but are now proposing that these be consolidated into one for the county. This will simplify procedures, and the amount of time need for bookkeeping. Want to appoint one member of the staff as an office manager. Asked if the commissioners had any objections to these plans, and said that his office would make the appointment. This manager would handle the budget and office help, and this job would probably take about 25% of the person's time. This has been discussed with the staff and they are in favor of it. The agencies would continue to operate as they do now. The office manager would have to take about a week's training.

Present titles are being abolished and each man will have a title in his own right. Mr. Smith will be working as Extension Agent - Agricultural Sciences, Mr. John Mills will be Extension Agent - Resources Development, and Mrs. Neave and Mr. Gaiser will remain in 4H work. Mentioned that a Home Economist is needed and starting salary is \$5500, plus transportation. Requirement is a degree in this field.

Dr. Aiton will furnish this office with paperwork concerning the reorganization of this department.

#### Trial Magistrate re Holidays

Mr. W. M. Loker discussed with the commissioners the method of granting holidays to employees in his department. It was agreed that in the future all leaves given employees would be handled through the commissioners office. Mr. Loker will inform his personnel of this fact.

#### Youth Commission

Dr. Alan Houser, Chairman, requested an additional \$800 for the basketball program recently established. Four public school gyms are going to be used and a charge of \$147.15 will be made for janitor services. The parochial schools are not charging anything for the use of their gyms. This expense is included in the \$800 requested. Broken down, this is about \$15 per night. Mr. Burch said he did not see why there should be any charge made for the use of the public school gyms as they are public property.

The commissioners will notify Dr. Houser of their decision in this matter.

#### Animal Shelter

Mr. Cooksey, Board of Commissioners, Charles County, will be notified that whatever steps are necessary to bring radio equipment at the shelter up to FCC standards will be agreeable to the St. Mary's County commissioners.

#### Roads

Mr. T. Hall reported that salt was placed on roads due to snow storm and that the two extensions of the salt route, on Route 5 intersection at Ridge, and the 7 Gables Road had been approved. Stated that breaking up of roads due to snow is going to run the budget into trouble because of added expense. Up until midnight of last night, \$7,000 has been spent, and there is a little less than \$20,000 to spend this month. Some extra money will be required to keep these roads patched, and 90% of the work has been on state roads.

Drumcliff Road does not meet the requirements for posting for a 30 mph speed limit. Could be posted for 50mph if the commissioners want to do this. Mr. Burch will contact Mr. Knowlton as to that portion of the road the speed limit is requested for. Brown Road - more gravel has been placed here.

Next week Mr. Hall will present breakdown of how much extra money is needed to fix the roads damaged by the snow storm. Also stated he has divided the county in two sections, giving Mr. D. Raley the north, and Mr. Cusic the south. This will cover both state and county roads.

#### Welfare Work Program

Men who reported for work at places where there was no foreman will have to be paid as there is no way of knowing if they showed up or not. Mr. Hall is keeping a record of these men and Mrs. Ripple knows that some of the men who were supposed to report to him did not do so.

Center Gardens

Mr. Donaldson reported that he had received a call from Mr. Cestone. Captain Thompson of the Area Public Works Office had sent him a letter asking him to give breakdown on road expenses in this area. Mr. Donaldson told Mr. Cestone he wanted actual itemized costs, and wanted to know who received payments for materials and labor and what the actual payments were. Mr. Cestone feels that some items reported by the government are not accurate. He asked about the abatement and was told that when everything is correct and accurate he will be given a credit for stated amounts.

Mr. Cero has said that when the navy gives a lease for more than 15 years, the land is supposed to be figured in with the building to arrive at an assessment. The Center Gardens lease is for 99 years. If this is correct, the county can assess this property accordingly and pick up approximately several million dollars in bases. They are asking for an abatement of \$55,000. Their taxes for the land and buildings might be about \$80,000, and the county could collect the \$30,000 difference and still give them a credit. Mr. Cero has been asked to come down and make an appraisal for the next tax year, and this is supposed to be done after the first of the year.

Audit Publication

Mr. Donaldson suggested that the commissioners publish the Assets and Liabilities as well as the Expenditures and Revenues. Agreed that this should be done.

Welfare Request for G.P.A.E.

Mrs. Ripple will be notified that the commissioners are bound by what is in the budget and there is nothing in the current budget for such a program.

Occupancy Fees

Mr. Guyther will be asked how collection of these delinquent fees should be handled. Would a ten day notice by certified mail be in order prior to warrants being issued by Mr. Cryer? Delinquent accounts to date are: A&W - \$1,274.00, Bennetts - \$38.00, California Mobile Homes - \$88.00, Gunter - \$70.00, Hoods - \$24.00, Hopewell - \$32.00, Spring Valley - \$584.00.

Womack, Inc.

Mr. Paul Raley accompanied this agent on his rounds and reported that very little was done. Received a bill for \$20.00 for the jail and Mrs. Buckler said the man did not even come into the jail. The commissioners reviewed services offered by this company and agreed to cancel same. Womack will be notified of this action by letter, and Mrs. Buckler will be so informed.

Trailer Registration

Mr. Herbert will be requested to keep his office open on Saturday during the period of January 15 through February 15, from 9:00 to 12:00, for trailer registration. The commissioners agreed that these forms could be mailed in some specific instances, such as elderly people who had no transportation, etc.

Hollywood Dump

Mr. Bowles reported he had discussed the lease with Mrs. Abell. He also conferred with her children and the agreement is that we can use the dump area presently staked out for a period of three years, renewing the lease each year, for a fee of \$150.00 per year beginning January 1, 1964.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles agreed that this matter could be so handled and will discuss this with Mr. Ridgell, who was not present at the time.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



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F. Elliott Burch  
President