

May 5, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

Sanitation Commission

Mr. R. Dean has reported that they are ready to hire an engineer and will need \$1500 above the \$1000 already given them for this expense. The commission has interviewed many engineers and will decide which one they will hire this month. This money must be paid as soon as the application is made. \$40,000.00 for this project can possibly be obtained from the federal government.

Jail - Health Problems, etc.

Dr. Charles Greenwell stated he feels that crowding prisoners together for periods of 30 to 60 days is a definite health hazard. He presented a letter he had received from one inmate who has been confined since last December awaiting trial by grand jury. Some of the prisoners may have diseases that can be passed from one to another, and Dr. Greenwell feels these men could be paroled to work for people who could use their services. A date could be set for trial and the parolee instructed to appear on that date, and if he did not, he would then have a double offense against him. Dr. Greenwell definitely feels that these men should not be allowed to stay confined for long periods of time with nothing to do, and the situation should be corrected. He said that the system of parole had been tried in other places and had worked satisfactorily. This matter will have to be discussed with Mr. Guyther as to legalities involved.

Resignation of Jailer

Mrs. Mary Agnes Buckler has submitted resignation as jailer and Mr. Burch said he was very sorry to have her do so. Mrs. Buckler stated that she was not resigning because she felt the salary was inadequate or because of the work load, but because Mr. Buckler's health is failing and a change must be made to relieve her of the responsibility of the job. She said she would like to retain the job as janitress for the courthouse, and as committing magistrate. Also offered her services to the new jailer so far as keeping records and books are concerned. Mrs. Buckler commended the State Police for their complete cooperation during the years she has been jailer.

Mr. Ridgell suggested the possibility of hiring a single man as jailer and someone to cook meals for the prisoners and having Mrs. Buckler remain. She said this might possibly work out. Offered to stay until the commissioners get someone they feel is qualified to take the job, and did not want them to hire anybody simply to fill the vacancy by June 1st.

Mosquito Control

Mr. Raley asked if the commissioners wanted to put fas for the trucks out on bids, and they decided against this.

Materials for the program will be stored at the SRC yard until this service is refused. Mr. Hall will be asked about this today when he comes in.

Mr. Raley said there have been four different pay schedules used and suggested putting this all on the same basis. The driver and the helper do the same work but are paid different salaries. The U. of M. wants to pay all the men the same amount as this would simplify their bookkeeping. Mr. Burch said he felt that the people who are more experienced and have been working longer should be paid more than the new employees.

Lawn Mower - Animal Shelter

The commissioners agreed that a mower should be purchased for this facility. Mr. Ridgell mentioned that he can get one at a wholesale cost and the other two counties will be contacted concerning this purchase.

Assessment Office Travel

The commissioners agreed that the men in this office will be paid for travel beyond county lines in connection with their work.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall, Mr. T. Waring. Mr. Waring said he would like to straighten out the matter of the county taking over the roads in the Breton Bay area, and that a deed is on record for same, including the entrance road. He stated he had put in the first section of the entrance road and was going to put in the second section right away. Mr. Hall said there is enough gravel here but it is not wide enough, and Mr. Waring said he is willing to complete the second lane to bring this road up to specifications. He will also put up a bond for the additional section to be constructed. The commissioners agreed that the roads marked in red on the map should be taken over by the county and taken into the system. (Copy in files). Mr. Waring will have to have five copies of the plat of the roads to present to the commissioners. Mr. Guyther was asked about the entrance road and stated that it is not included in the deed. Mr. Waring will be contacted and asked to have same prepared and brought to the commissioners' office before anything further can be done. Deed will cover full 60 foot right of way.

Blacktop for Shangri La Drive near the Lexington Park Elementary School would cost approximately \$3,000. McKay's Beach Road, estimated at \$2,482.32 to bring the dip in this road up approximately three feet. Letter will be written to Mr. Thompson requesting that this work be done. Camp Saysf Road had plan some years ago and aerial photo was made, and Mr. Thompson will try to locate same to see what can be done with this road. This road has been graveled recently. Actual estimate for Lanedon Road is \$3,520.79 for construction.

Mr. Hall quoted SRC equipment rental fees as follows: dump truck - \$1.50 per hour, operators average \$2.00 per hour, graders \$3.50 per hour, county grader or shovel \$3.50 per hour, bulldozer and pan including the operator \$20.00 per hour, bulldozer without pan \$4.50 per hour. The Baltimore office sets this rate.

Maintenance report - April 28 to 30 - \$1,572.60, amount spent during April - \$21,564.87. May 1 to May 5 - \$567.37.

Mr. Hall will work out report of expenditure of bond money and present this next week. Concerning forms showing funds allocated for roads in St. Mary's County, Mr. Donaldson said he could only verify two figures on the application. Mr. Donaldson signed same and it will be sent to the Comptroller in Annapolis.

Tax Bill Format

The commissioners and Mr. Donaldson reviewed letter from Mr. David Gruber re school tax square on the tax bill. Of the three methods listed, Mr. Donaldson recommended using the second one, as did Mr. Gruber, which would insert either .00 in the space or leave it entirely blank. Mr. Gruber also suggester that a memo be sent to the Board of Education concerning the new method of allocating funds to same. Letter will be sent to Mr. Gruber re above.

Clerk of Court Storage Space

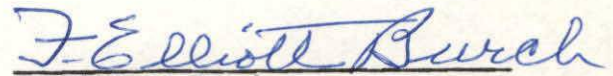
Mr. Greenwell said he would be happy to comply with the commissioners in any way if they desire to enclose an area by the record room for storage of his supplies, in order to allow the Supervisors of Elections to use the present storage room for their facilities.

Merit System

Mr. Guyther given rules and regulations and will study these and make his comments to the commissioners next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



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President