

December 15, 1967

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Catholic Charities

Mrs. Mary Van Dike, President, informed the commissioners of a problem she has with one of her clients, a widow 52 years old, who has hypertrophic arthritis. This has been confirmed by Dr. Patrick. The woman is completely illiterate, and at present is earning \$24.00 per month, \$8.00 of which is paid for trailer rental, and \$2.00 for electricity. She applied for welfare and was told she was not eligible because she is able to work. Mr. Larrimore offered her a job in Mechanicsville, taking care of an invalid, which would require moving to that area, and the woman refused to do this. At the present time she is living in Hermansville. Mrs. Van Dike feels that this woman should be helped as her illiteracy limits the amount of work she can get, even though she is willing to work.

Mr. Burch suggested that this person get a statement from her doctor as to just what kind of work she is able to do, and then apply to an employment office for such work. Then she could go see Mrs. Ripple at the Welfare Office. Mr. Bowles asked for the name of this woman and said he would look into the matter.

Mrs. Van Dike mentioned that there is something under consideration for transportation of indigent people to state hospitals for treatment, and that something will be done about this so far as she can understand.

Civil Defense

Mr. Otis Wood asked about the electrical work to be done at the control center. He reviewed with the commissioners the bid received from Mr. K. Sterling for \$658, and mentioned that Mr. M. Mattingly will set the generator for \$50.00, and included in this bid is the extension of the generator housing. The commissioners that this work should be done, and that Mr. Mattingly's estimate should be put in writing.

Parking Lot

The commissioners agreed to go ahead with this project and Mr. Burch signed contracts to be sent back to Johnson and Williams to expedite this matter.

Retirement System

Mr. Donaldson reported that he has sent out notices that all job descriptions must be returned no later than January 1. After this is done, Mr. Zee will interview each person individually. Mr. Donaldson stated that the Board of Education has 91 people on their payroll and the county has 50. The Board of Education will have to bear this expense for their employees, and he will ask them for written confirmation that they will pay same. Mr. Donaldson reviewed letter regarding statistics relative to this program, and presented resolution for participation in said system that the commissioners must sign to adopt same.

Motion made by Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Ridgell, passed unanimously, for adoption of said resolution, and Mr. Burch signed same.

Welfare Department

Mr. Donaldson informed the commissioners of the request by this agency to retain \$148.49 remaining in their budget as of June 30, 1964. This money is in excess of expenditures, and has been carried over for five or six years. The commissioners agreed that a letter should be written to the Welfare Board granting permission for them to retain said sum.

Boat Ramp

Letter reviewed regarding request by Leonardtown Commissioners for construction of a boat ramp at the Leonardtown wharf. Mr. Guyther advised the commissioners there might be problems as to the county paying for such a project. The commissioners could grant permission for this if the town would pay for it. Mr. Burch will speak with Mr. Bell about this matter.

Point Lookout Park

Reviewed letter relating to the policy to be followed by the state in this area. According to the letter received, the state intends to acquire everything in the Point Lookout Estates except the hotel, which is owned by the army. The commissioners agreed that the property owned by the county, Lot 36, Block 29, would be sold to the Department of Forests and Parks for the sum of \$1.00.

St. George Island Wharf

Mr. Raley reported that Mr. Manning has given approval and the state will pay for half the cost of this project. Mr. Foxwell inspected the wharf last week. The salvage material has been sold for \$70.00. It was decided that a letter should be written to the Chesapeake Bay Affairs Department stating that the work was being done, to keep them aware of what is going on. Might ask if they want to come down and make an inspection.

Tax Exemption

Mr. Raley asked if exception should be made for people who are applying for this exemption now that the deadline has passed. The commissioners agreed that this matter had been given wide publication on both radio and in local papers for over a month, and that no exceptions were to be made.

Mr. Raley asked about forms being sent out requesting that applicants for the tax exemption give permission for the Welfare Department and Social Security Agency to furnish the commissioners' office with payments made. The names of such people might be obtained from the Welfare Department on the grounds that this is being used to investigate a tax matter. The commissioners agreed that the forms should be sent out.

Tarkill Subdivision

Mr. R. Magee showed the commissioners on a map of the county that the road which runs into his subdivision is a county road, and the fact that it is on the map indicates that the SRC recognizes that it is a county road, but he has been taking care of it for 25 years. Mr. Guyther explained that the markings on the map mean that this is a gravel road, and does not necessarily indicate that it is county owned.

Mr. Guyther mentioned that he had written to Mr. Millison and Dr. Goldbach about the road, indicating the commissioners interest in the project. Also mentioned letter from Mr. B. Michaelson, attorney, requesting a resolution from the commissioners for sudaction as is necessary and proper for taking overthe road, and advised against this procedure. Mr. Guyther stated that it is not the responsibility of the commissioners that Mr. Magee has gotten himself into his predicament, and advised the latter to take this matter up with the residents here.

Mr. Guyther said he would be glad to meet with Mr. Magee's attorney to discuss this matter. Mr. Magee asked why the people going into the subdivision couldn't use the same right of way that he uses, and Mr. Guyther said he felt this could be done. The latter suggested a meeting of the attorneys of Magee and the two men involved and if the matter could not be settled that way, then the declaratory judgment suit could follow.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall. Will check Joy Lane re request from Mr. Larrabee. Discussed signs for county roads and cost of same. Must go over the list of names and decide which ones will be used. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Hall should go over the list and get the cost of the entire project and present this to the commissioners after the first of the year. According to Mr. Hall, this project will cost about \$4500.

The Baptist Church Road cannot be done out of maintenance funds, according to Mr. Hall. Letter will be written to the SRC requesting that the Baptist Church Road extension be taken into the county road system. The commissioners agreed that the paperwork on this project should be started.

Happy Land Road would cost \$13,201.07, and this includes everything. This road has been patched with gravel to get it through the winter. If half is done now and the other half later, the cost would be \$15,000, so it would be cheaper to do it all at once. The commissioners agreed that \$5,000 should be given to Mr. Hall, \$3,000 for the Happy Land Road, and \$2,000 for the Baptist Church Road.

Mr. Hall said that the Thompson's crab house road on St. George Island is being gravelled today, but he would not recommend that the road be built this winter. He will figure the cost of the road, and mentioned that this area might be drained by the mosquito control people.

Hollywood Dump Road will be done this week, and maintenance money will be used for this patching. Discussed the Pegg Road and fact that the navy would not grant permission for this road to come out straight and cross the railroad tracks. Mr. Guyther will write to the navy about granting a right of way across the track so that the road can be straightened, as it is a hazard as it is now aligned.

St. Mary's City Zoning

Proposed zoning to Rural Residential of this area reviewed. Mr. Burch said he feels this area should be zoned according to the original application, as the college is expanding and there are historical values that should be preserved. Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles voted for approval of the application as filed, and Mr. Ridgell voted in favor of the application as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Letter will be written to Mr. A. Loker regarding this decision, with copies to Dr. May Russell, Admiral Johnson, and Mr. Stokes.

Sixth District Zoning

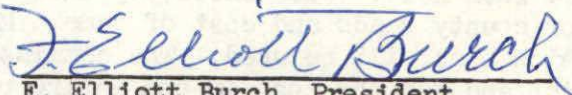
Decision tabled until a later date as the commissioners have thirty days to decide this.

Street Lights

Mrs. Benson, Lexington Park, Maryland, will be notified that the commissioners have no authority to install a street light at the intersection of Willows Road and Officers Court.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President