

January 19, 1965

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther.

ABC Trailer Park

Delinquent occupancy fees due from this park discussed. Mr. Guyther will file judgment against Mr. Hohensee for the amount, \$878.00. This man also owes personal property taxes and real estate taxes, and is about to complete negotiations to sell all assets.

Faggin Property Sale

Mr. Sprigg Reeves has agreed to transfer the property in question back to Mrs. Faggin if he is paid the \$125 he has spent in this matter. Mr. Guyther told Mr. Loker this, and Mr. Guyther will fix up the deed if he wants him to.

Library Building

Mrs. P. Barber, Mrs. Loffler, Gen. Hogaboom, Mrs. Tzonev. Discussed funds for the new building they are seeking. Mr. Guyther advised the commissioners that they do not have the authority to appropriate money for a building, and such authorization could be gotten by legislation. This would not mean that the commissioners would have to borrow the money. These people wanted to know if they have the support of the county before they go into a large amount of work. Mrs. Loffler said in order to qualify for the state act, it is not necessary to go into the enabling act. The money can be accumulated in a special fund, then it would be there when the loan is floated.

Gen. Hogaboom reviewed the appropriations available. The county can get the matching funds necessary if it will appropriate \$3,248, and set this aside. According to these people, the commissioners do not need legislation to set aside the money, but if a bond issue is floated, then the enabling act is needed. The state will pay approximately \$7,000, and this will increase as the population increases. May 1st is the deadline for taking applications for this appropriation.

Mrs. Loffler said the money is placed in a public incentive fund and can be used for nothing else. The commissioners will get a check from the state and they must specify that this is going into the library account. She further stated that there is no law stating that the commissioners cannot invest this money. The bonds can be retired with this money at 4% in 25 years. The library board is asking for a decision, should they undertake a library program in the county, or not?

They have two pieces of land, one in Lexington Park and one in Leonardtown. The Board of Education has stated they will be glad to add the building to their facilities in Lexington Park, but this will have to be confirmed in writing. With the relocation of the road in Leonardtown, they hope to have additional land for some expanded facilities. The \$200,000 building proposed will contain about 10,000 square feet, as a minimum building. This includes the equipment, and is a preliminary estimate made by Mrs. Loffler. It was estimated at \$15 square foot, but this goes up as costs increase in construction. The federal government will pay 30%, but not to exceed \$70,000 for any project.

Mrs. Loffler reviewed requirements of the federal government, which she approves as the project goes along. Payment of federal funds is not made until the ground is broken and construction is started. Ten percent is held back until construction is completed and an audit is made.

It was agreed that the Lexington Park building is needed very badly as the population is heaviest there. Discussed inadequate library service in county, and fact that only 25% of the schools have libraries. The library program for the county for the next 20 years or so will be approximately \$400 - \$450,000, with the federal government paying \$120,000, the state \$140,000, and the county the remainder. If the \$70,000 is used now, and an addition is needed later, additional federal funds can be obtained.

Mr. Burch suggested that these people talk with all three of our delegates about this matter, and they said they would do so.

County Agent - Smith

Mr. Ben Smith informed the commissioners that the civil rights legislation enacted last year will effect the county organizations. All activities must be integrated and they have adjusted some of their programs, making certain people responsible for certain areas. Mrs. Neave and Mr. Lancaster will work for 4H Youth in one instance, and Mr. Smith said his agency will handle arranging the programs. Offices will be rearranged and Mr. Smith said he will try to work with the interest of the people as well as he can. He will present final arrangements to the commissioners when they are completed. Mentioned that there is no time limit on this.

Civil Defense Building

Mr. Tilp, Gen. Hogaboom, Mr. Otis Wood. Presented revised plans for this building, agreeable to all, and the commissioners reviewed same. They are asking for approval from the commissioners so they can go ahead with the detail plans. The estimated cost of the building is \$100,000, not including the equipment, and there is a possibility it could be built for \$80,000. The federal government meets 50% of the equipment cost also, and the federal wage scale must apply to this project. Mr. Wood mentioned that there is an engineer from Motorola coming down Friday to determine if the tower will have to be moved.

The commissioners agreed to the approval of this plan and that the CD should go ahead with the project. Mr. Tilp said they are hoping to have this building completed by the hurricane season of this year, approximately August. Gen. Hogaboom said that as soon as the federal approval is obtained he will inform the commissioners.

(Mr. Guyther was not present at the afternoon session.)

Roads

Mr. T. Hall discussed right of way on Route 246 in Lexington Park re request for sidewalks from Esso Station toward town. There is an 80' right of way, going 8' in back of the curb, and sidewalks could be constructed. Pegg Road - presented plat with railroad drawn in place and correction needed to straighten the road. Mr. Hall said this would cost \$9,000, and covers a distance of 121 feet. The

alternative would be to get additional right of way to swing this road around to make it enter the state road at right angles. The latter would cost approximately \$1,000. Mr. Hall will look over the area and determine the best way to do this the latter way, and report to the commissioners.

Breton Bay Road - have requested federal aid on this road, but have heard nothing as yet.

Switchboard Operator

Mrs. Mary Agnes Buckler interviewed for this position, as she has applied for same. Mr. Burch explained that the commissioners had been discussing this and how it would be handled so far as the job of assistant jailor and matron, and committing magistrate are concerned. Mrs. Buckler was asked if she would be willing to resign from the other two jobs and would agree to help the jailor with any paperwork necessary. Mrs. Buckler said she would help the jailor, and would resign from her job as assistant jailor, but did not want to resign from her job as committing magistrate and would serve out the time she had been appointed for until May 1st, without pay. Mrs. Buckler will be paid \$60.00 per week as switchboard operator, and it was explained to her that this position would be under the merit system when it becomes effective.

Conservation Contact Agent

Mr. F. McCoy will be asked to serve as same for St. Mary's County with regard to the act concerning conservation, and to attend the meeting on February 1st.

Human Relations Commission

Mr. Abell Longmore has declined the appointment to this commission in a letter sent to the commissioners office. Mr. George Clark will be asked to serve.

EDC Appointment

Mr. Les Shaw will be asked to serve on this commission after EDC is contacted about same.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
F. Elliott Burch, President