

July 13, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Tarkill Subdivision Road

Mr. John H. Briscoe discussed the matter of the entrance road to this subdivision with the commissioners. He asked if the law states that the road cannot be taken over by the county at the 30 foot right of way now in existence, and asked just what rights Mr. McGee has. Planning & Zoning has said that if the county would take over the road at the 30 foot right of way, they would approve the plan for the subdivision. Mr. McGee can grant an absolute 30 foot right of way to any person buying a lot in the subdivision, and can also grant right of way over the road to get to the roads in there, which are 40 feet, and he would maintain the entrance road.

It was explained to Mr. Briscoe that the SRC will not accept a road in the county system unless it has a 40 foot right of way, and this has been the policy in the county. Mr. Burch said he would look into this situation further and inform Mr. Briscoe of his findings.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall reported that Compton Street and Cedar Street in St. Clements Shores will be added to the oiling schedule later this year if there is any money remaining. He will investigate complaints from Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Wiegman in Piney Point. The latter has stated that the pipe placed near her property by the SRC is creating a jetty and this is washing away her beach.

Mr. Hall said he had checked the pond at McKay's Beach relative to a complaint from Mrs. B. Gormley. He stated that the pond is about seven or eight hundred feet from the county road, and the county has no responsibility here as it is not a county problem. Mrs. Gormley will be so notified.

Public Wharves

The commissioners agreed that there should be signs placed at these facilities limiting docking to one hour, as there have been many complaints about boats docking for long periods of time. A letter will be sent to Tidewater Fisheries asking them to cooperate with the county in enforcing this ruling, if possible, and the sheriff's office will also be informed of same.

Concerning the Leonardtown Wharf, Mr. Hall said Mr. Thompson said that the state has right of way here up to and including the wharf, and the wharf was purchased when Mr. Thompson was maintenance engineer.

Law Enforcement Meeting

Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Mr. John H. Briscoe, Mr. Charles Norris, Mr. O. Guyther, Col. Jarman, Col. Davidson, and representatives from the state police. Purpose of the meeting was to review law enforcement in the county from an overall viewpoint and determine how the state police might help by more participation, or any other avenues that might be explored. Mr. Norris said he also wanted to discuss possibility of

having two plainclothesmen in the area, instead of the one they now have, and having additional troopers assigned to St. Mary's County.

Col. Jarman stated that the state police have general police powers throughout the state, but there are certain restrictions by law that prevent them from operating in general police work unless they are specifically asked to do this. St. Mary's County is authorized for 15 troopers, have been operating with only 13 for awhile, but two new ones have recently been assigned to the county and this should be of some help.

Col. Davidson said he felt a second plainclothesman should be assigned, and Capt. Cook agreed. Corporal Pettit would be able to assign the man he thinks best suited for this type work.

Senator Raley stated that a decision should be made as to how active the state police were going to be in the criminal work in the county, and Col. Jarman said his department will help to the limit of their ability. St. Mary's County may be authorized for 16 troopers instead of 15. Corp. Pettit said that if a call comes into the tower and is a serious crime, most of the state police are dispatched to the scene. Usually sheriff requests the assistance of the state police, and they monitor each others calls. Mr. Norris mentioned that the sheriff's office keeps no records at present, and this is one reason he wants the state police to enter into this work as they keep such excellent records. Col. Jarman said it would be well to write out a memorandum of understanding of what would be expected in order to get a maximum effort.

Senator Raley stated that as it has been established that the state police are willing to expand their activities, the commissioners might appoint a committee to draw up a memo of operation, taking into consideration the civil defense office, jail supervision, record keeping, etc. Then when this is completed as to defining authority and how it would operate, it could be reviewed with the county officials and submitted to the state police. If it is found acceptable, then it could be acted on. Col. Jarman said this would be the memo of understanding and would be highly desirable. He feels that a group such as mentioned above could discuss the problem and determine if the best possible effort is being made. Capt. Cook could sit in on such meetings and Col. Jarman offered his help in any way possible.

Mr. Guyther said that someone will have to decide whether or not the county wants to ask the state police to handle criminal work. This decision would have to be made before a program could even be adopted. The commissioners will have to decide if they are going to assume this responsibility or delegate a committee to make the decision for them. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners are willing to do their part.

Senator Raley and Mr. Norris agreed that they would like to use the services of the state police on a broader basis than they have been. Mr. Briscoe agreed also, but should also consider reorganizing the sheriff's department. Col. Jarman mentioned that they have a police academy where they train recruits and are constantly bringing in classes from the smaller communities who cannot train their own men, and a certain amount of time is allotted to this work.

Mr. Briscoe suggested that Mr. Norris be made chairman of the committee as mentioned above, and asked about appropriations for such a committee. Mr. Norris said he would accept this responsibility and would call a meeting within the next

two weeks. He will also call Corporal Pettit and discuss this with him.

Civil Defense

Mr. Charles Donaldson reviewed with the commissioners the findings of the inspection recently made in the county by the Fire Underwriters Bureau. St. Mary's County is rated as 7th Class, and Mr. Donaldson feels that with some additional improvements as suggested in the survey, we could be rated as 6th Class, resulting in a four cent decrease in insurance rates in the Lexington Park area for the business establishments. He stated that more detailed information can be obtained from the Bureau but the commissioners would have to designate him as their agent in order for him to get this.

Mr. Donaldson discussed possibility of either eliminating entirely or remoting to the control tower, the alarm system in Lexington Park. As it now exists, it would cost the county more in deficiency points than if we did not have it at all, as it does not sound an alarm anywhere where someone could be held responsible for the call.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Donaldson should be designated as their agent to work with the Bureau on this program. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hines of the Bureau to this effect, with a carbon copy to Mr. Donaldson. Gen. Hogaboom will also be notified of this action.

Water and Sewage for the Nursing Home

Proposal for this project by Mr. James Mattingly will be sent to Johnson & Williams for their review and approval today.

Club Properties Assessment

The commissioners discussed the June 10, 1965 letter to Mr. Guyther from Mr. Nicholson, attorney for Club Properties, Inc., and agreed that the appeal of the company as to the 50.548 acre parcel be dismissed, and that said property is to go on the assessors rolls at the sum of \$365,390.00, conditioned upon Club Properties waiving any right to appeal said assessment. Letter to this effect will be sent to Mr. W. Herbert, with a carbon copy to Mr. Nicholson.

Treasurer's Office Employee

The commissioners agreed that Miss Barbara Nelson should be hired to work in the treasurer's office for the summer months, at a salary of \$1.25 per hour.

Nursing Home Board of Directors

Appointment of members to said Board from each commissioner district as follows: Mr. Bowles - Mervell M. Dean - 3 years, K. D. Rigby - 2 years, Mrs. Leola Raley - 1 year. Mr. Burch - Dr. J. Roy Guyther - 3 years, Mrs. Elberta Hayden - 2 years, Mr. Harry Graves - 1 year. Mr. Ridgell - Mrs. Rosine Hodges - 3 years, Mr. Francis Harris - 2 years, Mrs. Mary Edna Smith - 1 year.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
F. Elliott Burch, President