

September 21, 1965

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

School Bus Transportation

Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Fenwick, Mrs. Victor Fenwick, Mr. Elmer Young, Mr. James Bankins, all of Hollywood, and Mr. Leonard Smith, Valley Lee, and Mrs. Robert Bennett, Ridge. These people feel that discrimination is being practiced in transporting their children to and from school, and want to work this matter out. Mr. Burch stated that these people must realize that this is a mammoth problem and this is the first year the schools have been integrated on a full basis. The transportation system cannot be worked out completely until such time as the schools are open and have been operating for several weeks. He mentioned that Mr. Raley has worked long hours in an attempt to have a smooth operation and is doing the best he can.

Mr. Raley, who was present, reported he has been working on the problem and has made contacts trying to correct matters. General discussion concerning bus routes and number of children carried on each. Mr. Bankins said that in his specific case, he does not see why Mr. Herbert's bus has to go down his road when Mrs. Huntt's bus goes right by and could pick the children up. He stated he had counted the children getting off the bus at the school and there were only 47. Mr. Raley repudiated this and stated that Mrs. Huntt reported there are 57 children riding this bus and it is a 54 passenger bus. He further stated that when he receives reports the 8th of October, he will know exactly how many children are riding each bus and will be better able to make any changes necessary.

Mr. Guyther mentioned case of Mother Catherine Spalding school and how the children are not going to this school. There is no way of knowing before school opens how many children are going to any given school, and impossible to have an efficient operation until all the bus routes are stabilized. He stated that the commissioners have extended the bus contracts for one year, and if these people will bear with them, this will be worked out to everyone's satisfaction as far as possible. He further stated that this is such a big problem it must be done gradually. Those present said they would be satisfied to wait and see how the problem was resolved after Mr. Raley receives reports on the number of children riding each bus. Mr. Raley should have definite information for these people by the middle of October.

Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom and Mr. O. Wood presented brochure for national disaster plans for the county and also report of storm damage in the county several weeks ago.

Received resignation of Mr. C. Donaldson. Gen. Hogaboom said he and Mr. Wood have discussed this at length and the former recommends that Mr. Wood take over this job temporarily until someone can be hired. Reported that T. Greig is being drafted and someone will have to be hired to replace him. Also that Mr. Joy is back at work. Have advertised for applicants for the vacant positions and will be about thirty days before they get an eligibility list. Gen. Hogaboom said that T. Greig wants to enlist in the National Guard and they would like to give him a six months leave of absence and give him his job back at the end of that time.

Senior man when Mr. C. Donaldson leaves will be George Duke, and he has just gotten a raise in salary. Gen. Hogaboom wants to leave him the number two position while Mr. Wood is working as the chief operator. If he proves successful, they would like to place Mr. Duke as chief operator later on.

Reported that plans for the building are in the hands of the federal government, and they should be able to advertise by October 1st. Gen. Hogaboom said it is his feeling that the building will cost approximately \$100,000, but they are going to keep it down to less than that if possible.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Wood should serve as chief operator until such time as someone is hired for this position.

Gen. Hogaboom also reported they are moving the emergency station hospital to the National Guard Armory. The Alms House is too much of a fire hazard for this operation and they cannot use it.

Nicolet Park

Mr. H. K. Johnson discussed this project with the commissioners. He reported that the fence had been torn down and had not been replaced. Mr. Barthelme had burned the fence in the process of cleaning up the park as he felt it was in poor condition. Mr. Johnson also mentioned recommendations he had made some time ago for the park, such as cleaning it up, placement of trash barrels, etc., and perhaps a security light to discourage vandalism. Matters discussed at last week's meeting with Mr. B. Johnson, Chairman of the Youth Commission, were discussed with Mr. H. K. Johnson. The latter suggested that it might be possible to have a man who would supervise the park and also do carpentry, painting, etc., and other maintenance work.

It was decided that Mr. H. K. Johnson, Mr. Barthelme, and Mr. B. Johnson would have a meeting to discuss the matter and formulate a plan for use of the park.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. W. Abell. Mr. Abell presented drawing of his land showing road that had been dedicated to the county but there is no deed for a portion of it. Mr. Abell is asking that the commissioners give him a deed for the portion that is not deeded. He does not have a plat, but Mr. J. Mattingly will look this up. This action would require a quitclaim deed, and Mr. Abell said he will get the description written and present this to the commissioners. (Mr. Abell left the meeting.)

Mr. Hall reported they will start paving Trap Road tomorrow morning. Mr. Hall and Mr. Burch will meet sometime this week to examine the pond near the Gormley property to study the drainage here. Mr. Hall reported that the oiling schedule is finished. Discussed Buzzard Point Road and this will be cleared, bushed, and readied for reconstruction next spring. This road is about half mile long and will cost about \$6,000 to rebuild. The far end of the Cat Creek Road will be put on the schedule for pushing snow and keeping it open during the winter.

Discussion concerning lease with Mrs. T. Klear for the dump which will have to be renegotiated and rewritten. The contract made with Leo Klear is void as he does not own the property, Mrs. Klear does.

Mr. Tydings of Rosecroft is willing to do whatever is necessary to bring this road up to specifications so that the county will take it over. Mr. Hall will check the road as to the number of families living there.

Golden Beach Road was advertised and the bids will be opened October 5th. Reviewed program for this road as approved by the federal government and total estimate is \$116,000, with county share being \$58,000.

Mr. Hall reported that Marshall and Legerton Roads are up to specifications and can be placed in the county system. Letter to this effect will be sent to the SRC.

Mr. Hall will present estimate for the George Mattingly Road next week. He reported that Mr. Irvin Garner has not blacktopped the road in his subdivision.

Small wharf at White Neck Creek is in bad condition, and will cost about \$300 to repair. The commissioners were in agreement that this should be done.

Hollywood Trailer Park

Mr. Cherbonnier and Mr. Walter Insley. Mr. Insley wants to construct a trailer park in Hollywood which will have about 20 to 25 trailers, and it would be in an area where there are no elaborate homes and would not detract from property values. It is located on the Old St. John's Road, approximately 3 acres surrounded by property owned by Mr. Insley's family. He does not have any plats, but has had the property surveyed.

A copy of the trailer law was given to Mr. Insley and Mr. Burch suggested he study this thoroughly and contact Mr. Miles about the sewage and water for such a project. The specific procedure to be followed was brought to Mr. Insley's attention.

Board of Education

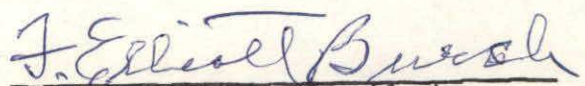
Mr. R. King and Mr. K. Abell and Mr. Graves. Reported that low bid for the Greenview Knolls Elementary School was \$435,000, submitted by Pasarelli, for eight classrooms, library and other facilities, with alternate for two additional classrooms. The Board of Education can handle the base bid but cannot handle the two extra classrooms, which would cost an additional \$22,000. If they are added later on, the cost will be \$80,000. Mr. King said that if they can tell the federal government that the extra money will be available this is all that will be necessary, and they can put this in next year's budget. There is \$401,000 available from the federal government, and the commissioners have allotted \$29,000 of the state loan pool. General discussion and the commissioners agreed that the Board of Education would be granted the \$22,000 needed for the additional classrooms.

Mr. King reported that the state supervisor insists that the teachers for the new Mennonite school be qualified and if they are not reasonably so, the state will close the school.

Mr. Burch mentioned the 50' road to be built at Mr. Dobry's development and that the Board of Education is going to be asked to give back five or ten feet of the land for this purpose. Mr. King and Mr. Abell said they did not see any problem here.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President