

September 28, 1965

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

Roads Program Meeting

Mr. M. C. Thompson, Mr. Henry Fowler, Mr. Paul Bailey, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr.

Mr. Thompson stated that the SRC wants the program underway in the next four years and Mr. Funk promises this by July 1966. He further stated that everything in the program will be stepped up to begin in 1966, and he will get a copy of the signed program to the commissioners.

So far as the railroad bed is concerned, the Department of the Interior wants this for a trail to the Point Lookout State Park. They will have first claim but the SRC is going to try to get this and have the trail moved over. Advertising for bids will depend on whether or not they get the railroad. Only eight miles of the railroad will effect this in the Lexington Park area.

Mr. Thompson said that the SRC has stated they will appropriate money to do the engineering work on the Patuxent River Bridge. Periodic meetings will be set up with Mr. Bailey and he will keep us up to date as to where the program is. Mr. Bailey suggested waiting until the end of October to find out what is going to happen to the railroad, then make a decision. There is a month's deadline and the commissioners will have to give the SRC an idea of what they want.

Program reviewed and will be presented as follows: Rt. 5 - Loveville to Leonardtown Circle Tel. office), Rt. 235 - St. Andrews Rd. to 245, Route 235 - Route 5 to 247, Route 235 from 247 to Hillville, Route 235 - Hillville to Hollywood 245, Rt. 5 - Ridge to Point Lookout - rehabilitated. Mr. Thompson will present this program to the SRC and will have a new program written and send this down for signatures.

General discussion concerning the road to be built in Lexington Park. Senator Raley suggested beginning the contract at Shangri La and leave the lower portion alone for the present. The Lexington Park Chamber of Commerce will send a letter to the commissioners recommending that this be done, and Senator Raley will write to the chief engineer about the matter.

Vocational School

Mr. R. King, Mr. H. Graves, Mr. J. Lancaster, Mr. Dohrman, Senator Raley, Mr. H. Fowler, Mr. H. Ocker. Mr. Lancaster said he was ready to report on the findings of the Human Resources Committee, and his report is a summation of facts collected by all of the sub-committees. Reviewed report and stated that participation percentage is 70% for the state, 21% federal, and 9% local. The county's share will be approximately \$185,000.

Mr. King stated that the Board of Education will have to know what the initial offerings are to be so they can determine the kind of facilities needed. Rough drawings of the design will then be made, and they will come to the commissioners for the site, and as mentioned in the report, this will be the Alms House property.

It is hoped that the school can be started in the spring of 1966, and opened in September of 1967. Mr. King said that the land will have to be deeded to the Board of Education in order to get the funds available. Approximately 30 acres of land will be needed, and if there is any agricultural program, more will be needed.

The commissioners will consider the Alms House property being used and will advise the Board of Education of their decision.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. G. Dent. Mr. Dent asked that the commissioners keep his firm in mind for work under the state aid program or federal aid program. Mentioned that plans are necessary for any work whether it is done by force account or not, and these are turned over to Mr. Thompson for his approval. Mr. Dent then left the meeting.

General discussion concerning many requests for work on road at Sprigg Reeves farm, and Mr. Hall will check to determine how this can be made passable during the winter and what would have to be done to place the road in the county system.

Mr. Hall reported that the plat for the California Post Office Road is in error and that this road cannot be placed in the county system until such time as it is corrected. A corrected plat is being submitted to Planning & Zoning.

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting at this point.

The commissioners agreed that the Leachburg Road should be placed in the county system, and letter will be sent to the SRC requesting same.

Mr. Hall will contact Dr. Greenwell heirs about corner of property on Fair Ground Road that could be utilized to remove a very bad turn. This road will be bushed and some maintenance work performed. Drainage problem near Gormley property reviewed with Mr. Guyther and Mr. Hall. Mr. Burch and Mr. Hall inspected the site and do not feel that the county has any obligation here as this is a natural drainage area. A letter will be sent to Mr. W. Dorsey regarding this matter.

Discussed matter of placing trash receptacles in the Lexington Park area and having trash pickup. Mr. Guyther will investigate and the Lexington Park Chamber of Commerce will be so advised.

Air Conditioning Health Building

Reviewed letter from Mr. R. Chandler stating that equipment list submitted by Winters Sheet Metal meets specifications required. Contract awarded to said firm on motion made by Mr. Ridgell, seconded by Mr. Burch, and carried unanimously. Mr. Winters will be so notified.

Mokry Trailer Park

Charles County Commissioners will be sent letter requesting expression concerning requested point of discharge into Oaks Run from above park, as said run flows into Charles County.

Mosquito Control Storage

Mr. Paul Raley asked if the county had storage space for the roto-mist as Mr. R. Brown wants to use the truck this winter. Mr. Burch suggested asking the Fair Board for permission to store this equipment at the grounds, and Mr. Raley will do so.

School Buses

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mr. L. Thompson now has only one bus, as two had to be taken off his route due to lack of transportees.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President

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Evening meeting.

Present: All commissioners, Mr. R. Dean, Mr. T. McKee, Mr. C. Merchant, Mr. John Hodges, Mr. Jack Wood, Mr. Benjamin Beavins, Sr, and Jr.

Sanitary District

Mr. Merchant said he wanted to bring the commissioners up to date on the status of this project and reviewed history so far.

Mr. Beavin, Sr. reviewed maps of the areas concerned and said that the state had given written general approval of the scheme. The next step is preliminary drawings and then specifications. The state is in accord with the location of the major pipe lines and the pumping station, and has also approved the point of discharge. There is about 140,000 lineal feet of line involved, and it will not be financially feasible to build all of it at one time. Mr. Beavins recommends proceeding with the preliminary drawings, locating where the sewers will be and any new development can authorize them and would have to put streets and right of ways where the lines are. If the state road is moved, changes will have to be made to accommodate it. He suggests that the county consider placing the road somewhere near the lines as shown on the map, and making streets parkways. Streets laid out in this fashion will be the least expensive.

Reviewed estimates for the project and Mr. Beavins feels this is the best they can do in the way of a budget estimate until the preliminaries are drawn. At that time it can be figured more closely. There will probably be two changes with the sewer system, front foot charge and service charge. Rates cannot be set until all of the front footages are tabulated and length of lines are determined. In the final analysis, this will be built in increments as it can be financed.

Mr. Beavins recommends getting as much as possible of the preliminaries done in order to get a real firm plan, and only authorize the final plans if it is feasible to do so. He does not think that the commission should take over the sewers or the water in Lexington Park. He mentioned that the price of land usually goes up when the sewer system is put in, and it is up to the county agencies to get these people to work with them and understand that this project is for the good of the county. A strong stand should be made about man holes being built in an area where the sewage system is in existence. To completely sewer Route 235 would cost \$182,000. Maximum depth would be where it crosses near Center Gardens, 32 feet.

Senator J. Frank Raley came into the meeting at this point.

Mr. Beavins said they had originally been figuring for 70,000 lineal feet, but found they are dealing with 140,000 lineal feet. He stated that work by his company has amounted to \$34,000 at this point. They are about half finished the preliminaries for the amount work estimated at the start, and will be able to deliver the preliminaries on two-thirds or three-quarters of what is shown on the present scheme by December 3rd. These are submitted to the State and the County Commissioners for approval, and also the Metropolitan Commission. The final plans would show very minute details and have a book of specifications. The Metropolitan Commission is never committed to build anything until they get the bids in and know if they


have enough money. Mr. Beavin stated they will need \$37,000 more than they originally planned for, and the government has asked for a new application. After this meeting Mr. Beavin can re-compute this in a couple days and send in a revised application.

General review of plats and individual sections of the county. Concerning the location of the new road, Senator Raley said we will know something about this within a month. Reviewed locations of pumping stations and capacity of lines. The ultimate capacity of the sewage plant is six million gallons per day, or sewage for approximately 60,000 people.

Mr. Beavin stated that the Elms property developers have been told they will have to make allowances in their development for the sewage system, and will eventually have to pump into the sewage lines. Mr. Ridgell mentioned problem of developers coming into county and that they should be made to go to the sanitary system and not be allowed to put in sewage plants. Senator Raley suggested that perhaps a moratorium should be declared on all development until the master study plan is completed. Mr. Wood said that the plan will be completed in two months, and this report will have the zoning requirements laid out specifically.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President