

October 5, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Traffic Control at Colton's Point

Mr. Hogue, who lives in this area, reported that there is excessive speeding on the Colton's Point Road, and one child has been killed there. He requests speed limit signs be posted, as there are none there at present, and also requests signs reading "slow children playing". Mr. Hall will be asked to look into this and the commissioners assured Mr. Hogue that action would be taken.

Watershed Program

Mr. J. Henderson, Mr. L. Combs, Mr. G. I. Lore, and Mr. John Hall. Reported that application has been made for the St. Mary's River Watershed, and they are now awaiting a priority to be furnished. The authorities want some assurance that the local officials are in favor of making the lake multi-purpose, and are willing to put up half the difference of the cost to accomplish this. They want a letter from the commissioners to the local Soil Conservation Service that the county will, within reason, support this program. After the program has been accepted, the commissioners will appoint a Watershed Committee and authorize them to control the area. The commissioners will determine what is reasonable but the state will make the preliminary survey.

General discussion concerning lakes in Charles County with no access for the public to use the, and this is what St. Mary's County wants to avoid. This facility in our county might also be used for future water storage or other purposes. The maintenance budget for the project does not have to be spent all in one year, but can be allowed to accumulate, and can be used over a period of years.

(Mr. John H. Briscoe came into the meeting at this point.)

The county is under no obligation until such time as they approve what portion of the program they want completed. Mr. Burch assured those present that the commissioners are in favor of this program, and was under the impression that this had already been started so far as paperwork was concerned. A letter will be sent to the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation Service regarding this matter, with a carbon copy to the state department.

St. Jerome's Creek

Mr. Lore mentioned effort to get channel in this creek. The army engineers want assurance that this will be a paying proposition for the people before doing anything about it. He suggested that a resolution from the commissioners to the army engineers would put this in action.

Nursing Home Matters

Dr. Guyther and Mr. W. S. Donaldson. Dr. Guyther stated that the Board of Directors have set charges in accordance with their studies regarding keeping the home self-supporting. There will be two categories of welfare patients, some the Welfare Department will pay for in full, and some will be part-pay, and there will be an

uncertainty as to what the actual income for the home will be. The fees have been set at \$300 per month, and there has been some complaint that this is too high. If it is set at a lower figure, the home will show a deficit at the end of the operating year. Some of the directors are of the opinion that the county will make up any deficit of the home. Dr. Guyther asked for a clear statement as to what the policy is to be. He stated that some of the directors feel the home should be self-supporting, and Mr. Bowles said this is his feeling also, that it should be self-supporting so far as possible but a non-profit operation. General discussion concerning this matter and how it should best be handled. Mr. Donaldson suggested that perhaps the rates could be lowered later on after the first year of operation, when it would be better possible to determine the cost of operation.

Dr. Guyther stated that the dedication might be on Sunday, October 17, and patients could be received the following week, or patients might be admitted prior to the dedication. Also stated we can open the home on the approval we now have from the State Health Department. Then when the home is operating according to regulations, it is approved for a license.

The commissioners discussed the dedication and decided that the Board of Directors would be asked to plan the program, but could depend on the full cooperation of the commissioners.

#### Bank Deposits

Mr. W. S. Donaldson discussed method used for depositing county funds, and stated that the commissioners went on record stating that all bank deposits be collateralized. The First National and Maryland National have done this and securities were placed in trust or with the federal reserve bank. Citizens Bank was also requested to collateralize money on deposit there and they stated this would be done. We have received copies of letters sent to Irving Trust Co. and Riggs Bank by Mr. Gene Plank of Citizens Bank, requesting that various securities be set aside as collateral. In March \$320,000 was deposited in Citizens Bank, \$120,000 of which was road money. These were checking accounts. When needed, \$150,000 was withdrawn, the \$120,000 road money was used, leaving a balance of \$50,000 on deposit. Mr. Donaldson said he called the Riggs National Bank and learned that Citizens Bank have never collateralized more than \$75,000 of the money on deposit. He also mentioned that periodically we receive listings of the collateral with the otherbanks to be verified as correct, but we have never received anything of this nature so far as Citizens Bank is concerned.

Mr. Donaldson stated he had called Mr. Plank and asked how much money he had set aside as security, and Mr. Plank said \$170,000 with Riggs and \$75,000 with Irving Trust. He informed Mr. Plank that we have nothing in our records to verify this and Mr. Plank said he did not have anything in his files either. When Mr. Donaldson called Riggs Bank he was told that Citizens has these securities but they have never been pledged to collateralize our account. At this time, the only verification we have received is for \$75,000 with Irving Trust. Mr. Donaldson advises that Citizens should not have more than an additional \$25,000 over and above the \$50,000 now on deposit there as this is the extent of the collateralization.

General discussion concerning this matter, and Mr. Burch proposed that Mr. Donaldson write to the banks stating that there is a certain amount of money to be deposited and ask for bids on the amount of interest to be paid. Mr. Bowles

suggested that this might be done the first of each fiscal year. The commissioners agreed that the money deposited should be collateralized dollar for dollar, and Mr. Donaldson will write the necessary letters as mentioned.

### Roads

Mr. T. Hall, Mr. J. Rue and Mr. Guyther. Discussed matter of right of way into subdivision in the 8th District on California Post Office Road. Mr. Hall reviewed this matter with Mr. Guyther and the commissioners. The road was put in the wrong place and had to be replated. There is a 100' right of way on the corrected plat, and the road is located approximately in the center of the right of way as shown on the corrected plat.

Mr. Guyther advised that the developers send letters to the land owners in the subdivision, stating that the commissioners are willing to take over this road for maintenance, but want it understood that approximately 20' of the individual lots are in the county right of way. He also advised that the old plats should be voided by Planning and Zoning and permanent markers be placed designating the right of way, on each lot, and that the commissioners accept the road conditioned on the above. The commissioners agreed that a letter signed by all residents now living on this road indicating that they are aware that they do not own the property in the right of way. Mr. Guyther advised that the county deed the original road back to the corporation, then the corporation can deed the 100' right of way to the county.

Mr. J. Kenney was called into the meeting, and agreed to write to each of the property owners requesting return receipts, notifying them of the above action. When these receipts are returned to the commissioners then this road will be placed in the system. He will prepare a deed from the commissioners for the 60' right of way to the present owners of the property, referring to Deed 1 and 2. Then prepare a deed for the 100' right of way to the commissioners as outlined in the corrected plat, referring to the plat by date and folio. Mr. Guyther stated that the certification of ownership will also have to be changed on the plats as to the actual owner of the property, which is Containerization, Inc.

Mr. Hall will check matter of request by Mr. Bayles and Mr. J. Wise concerning erection of fence in drainage ditch in the Patuxent Park area. Concerning piece of property in the Vista Road area, Mr. McKay and Mr. H. Dean will have to settle the matter of their property lines and reach an agreement about who owns what, and then the commissioners will cooperate with them in handling this matter.

Reeves Road is about ten feet wide, in a bad condition, and total length is about one mile. It would cost approximately \$3,000 to gravel same. General discussion about this road and Mr. Hall stated it would cost about five or six thousand dollars to build this road across the field, but this would be the best way as it would remove the horseshoe curve in the road. Mr. Hall will investigate possibility and practicality of going across this field and then Mr. Reeves will be approached about the necessary right of way.

Requests by Mrs. Zurras concerning dust on the Cape St. Mary's Road, and Mr. Paul Kellem regarding Fresh Pond Neck ditches will be looked into by Mr. Hall.

Golden Beach Road bids opened by SRC and A. H. Smith was low bidder at \$90,968.65. Other bids were: Dean & Beavers - \$96,833.50, Tri-State Engineering - \$108,746.50, H. V. Humphrey - \$153,453.30. The low bid is under the engineering estimate made for this road.

School Bus Transportation

Father Wilkinson and Mr. Paul Raley. Father Wilkinson reported there are four negro children going to Cardinal Gibbons School who live at Chaptico, and it is not feasible to run a bus just for four children. He feels it would be unwise to take these children out of their present schools this late in the school year. Stated he would provide a car to transport these children, but cannot bear the entire expense to do so, and requested aid in this respect. Mr. Raley stated that if these four children could be transported by car, this would eliminate the bus carrying them, thus cutting expenses considerably. General discussion concerning how this might be worked out. Father Wilkinson said he might keep track of the expenses for the first month and determine how much it will cost to use the surplus car and let the commissioners know. The commissioners were in agreement with this, but Mr. Guyther will be asked for an opinion in the matter.

Civil Defense


General Hogaboom recommends paying Mr. Otis Wood the base pay for the temporary position he is taking over at the Control Tower as chief operator, replacing Mr. Charles Donaldson. The commissioners were in agreement with this action.

Employment Office Space

The commissioners were in agreement with the terms offered by Mr. Guyther for rental of two offices in the basement of the Welfare Building for \$900 per year. This figure includes heat, light, and janitor service. These offices are to be occupied by the Tri-County Employment Agency. A letter of acceptance will be sent to Mr. Guyther and he will prepare the necessary lease.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

  
F. Elliott Burch, President