

December 21, 1965

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell

#### County Agent

Mr. B. Smith presented annual report of the Extension Services for the past year, and stated they have worked with more people in more ways than ever before.

#### Library

Mr. W. S. Donaldson discussed with the commissioners the matter of the library building to be built in Lexington Park, and the documents concerning same. According to the law, the state money will be used by the county to reduce debt service for bonds. Mr. Donaldson stated that the county is not going to float bonds for this, but will provide the money as it is being built, and he wants the state to reimburse us over a period of time as we spend it. The state wants the county to create debt, but Mr. Donaldson said this is not necessary and he is definitely against this. He said he would be in favor of negotiating a loan with a bank at a certain rate of interest, and then place this money in another bank to earn additional interest until it is needed. Mr. Donaldson stated he does not recommend that the county put up the \$142,891 from the local source, and that the state is responsible for \$14,000. He has discussed this with General Hogaboom and the latter said that the county is right in their feeling about this, and he feels that someone from the state who understands this should come down and discuss this with Mr. Donaldson and the commissioners.

#### Roads (Mr. Bowles present)

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter from the Board of Education regarding request for a flashing warning light at the intersection of Route 242 and Route 5. A letter will be sent to Mr. Hall requesting that a survey be made of this area and recommendations made to the commissioners.

Concerning the extension of Shangri La Drive, Mr. Pantaleo will ask Mr. Rue to have this staked out and surveyed, as this is the responsibility of the developer of a subdivision. Mr. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo will work out a cost estimate for this project.

A Mr. Holcomb on Marshall Road, Town Creek, has had his lot surveyed, and according to the survey, he owns property containing the road. Stakes have been driven into the road to this effect. After general discussion, it was decided that this was not the responsibility of the county. Mr. Holcomb will be advised to consult his attorney to see what can be done.

The Dept. of Public Improvements has indicated approval of the White Neck Creek Wharf and letter will be sent to this effect. Cost estimate received December 22, 1965, is \$5500, and the state will pay \$2,000 and the county \$3200. Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Hall, and the commissioners will make a physical inspection of this area to make a determination concerning this project.

Reviewed letter from Planning & Zoning approving Tarkill Subdivision, on the recommendation of Mr. Pantaleo, providing that in lieu of a deed to the county for the approach road, Mr. Magee will provide the county with a bona fide agreement that he will construct the road to county standards and maintain same until such time that the county can acquire legal title.

Mr. Pantaleo will look into the deed for this property, owned by Esso, to determine exactly what land it covers.

#### Alms House Property

Letter will be sent to Hugh W. Wilkerson stating that the proposal as outlined in his letter of December 20th, to Mr. Pantaleo, for surveying said property, is accepted and he is to proceed with same.

The commissioners agreed that statement submitted by Mr. W. M. Loker in the amount of \$450, for researching this deed, should be paid.

#### Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Cato Merchant, Chairman, reported on status of this project. They have been working with the navy on this and they are willing to donate property for the sewage treatment plant. The money for this is a loan from the government, interest free, and if the project is not constructed, it does not have to be paid back. A revised application has been submitted and the federal government is going to provide \$95,000. There will be a difference of \$8,000 between doing this under one contract or separate contracts, and the county will be liable for this amount.

Mr. Merchant suggested that the commissioners advance \$20,000 to \$25,000 to the Beavin & Company for their work on this project, and this can be repaid when the project is completed. Mr. Donaldson stated that there will have to be legislation to pay any more money to this commission for any purpose, as it is stated by law. This can be taken care of in the next session in January.

Vouchers #24490 through \$24555 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President