

January 18, 1966

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

Jail Trustees, etc.

Mr. C. Norris and Sheriff Miedzinski discussed method of appointing trustees from prisoners in jail. Mr. Gatton has been doing this, but in view of the fact that one of them recently escaped, a stricter method should be adopted. Mr. Norris suggested that perhaps either he or the sheriff should approve any prisoner being made a trustee before this is done. So far as the trustee program is concerned, Mr. Norris feels this should be continued. Mr. Burch asked about the educational program that was discussed sometime ago, and Mr. Norris said the reason this was being delayed was because he and the sheriff had not visited another jail as they were supposed to do to get ideas for such a program.

Mr. Burch said it is his feeling that no prisoner should be taken out of the jail unless the judge or the state's attorney approves this. Mr. Gatton might speak with the state's attorney or the sheriff about making certain prisoners trustees and they could say yes or no. This might be done once a week. It was suggested that Mr. Norris set up this program today and see Mr. Gatton, and might say this could be done every Friday morning so Mr. Gatton would know who to make trustees for the week.

Mr. Burch mentioned that Mr. Gatton is called upon to take prisoners out of the jail and feels this should be done by a deputy or the sheriff. Mr. Norris and Mr. Guyther agreed that the jailor should not take prisoners from the jail, but the sheriff stated that at times there is no one else available to bring prisoners over to the courthouse. Mr. Guyther feels that Mr. Gatton should be made a special deputy by legislation for the sole purpose of bringing prisoners from the jail for court, and supervising the prisoners under his care. He also feels that the jailor should carry a gun as a matter of policy. Mr. Gatton could be given a limited authority under legislation, spelling out the specific duties. (This will be discussed with the legislators who will be in later today.) The new sheriff's bill might be amended to say that the sheriff may appoint a special deputy for the jail to take prisoners to and from same, when called upon by the sheriff, judge, state's attorney, trial magistrate, probation officer, etc., subject to the approval of the sheriff, for court purposes.

State's Attorney's Bond, etc.

General discussion concerning payment of premium on such bond, and it was determined that this is an expense of this office under the law.

Trip to Florida - to bring back stolen goods. Total expenses for the trip are \$326.76, and Mr. Norris has submitted an expense account for same to be repaid him.

Gross Receipts Tax

Mr. Charles Norris said that the state has changed their forms for reporting income, and on the new form they state that the 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax is not applicable on machines not

giving out an award. He said that the operators also want to know if their fees for licenses can be taken out of their gross incomes from the machines. It is his feeling that they can, but the method of doing this should be clarified. The operators also want to know if they should report 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ % on the total income, or the remainder after the fees are taken out. Whatever the procedure is, it should be clarified and standardized.

#### Vocational School Site

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. W. C. Dohrman, Mr. H. Wilkerson, Mr. Guyther. Dr. King reported on the physical inspection made of the Alms House property this past week, and said that the topography is satisfactory in the area under consideration as the site for the school. The main problem is the front footage on Route 5 as suggested at the meeting last week, which was 700 feet. If the school is to expand as planned this would not be enough.

Dr. King asked for 850 feet frontage, and mentioned that it is also important to have access from the rear of the property. Revisions made on the plat, and after same, the piece of property for the school site would be 87 acres, leaving the county approximately 35 acres for future needs. It was agreed that Mr. Abell should be approached about selling the 11 acres along Route 244, adjoining the Alms House property. Dr. King expressed some concern as to the type of buildings the county might erect on their portion of the property, and he was told that a letter of intent can be sent to the Board of Education stating that any future county buildings would not be in conflict with the general appearance of the area.

Mr. Burch suggested that the Board of Education consider purchasing some property adjacent to this property for future expansion, but Dr. King said they need to acquire additional land behind Great Mills High School and Chopticon, and these have first priority in this respect. He said he will explore the possibility of the Board of Education acquiring the Abell property mentioned above, and Mr. Burch said that in that event, the county might trade 11 acres to make a more regular shaped piece of property. Dr. King and Mr. Dohrman both stated that the size of the property to be given to the Board of Education as it was now indicated on the plat was satisfactory.

Dr. King asked about the possibility of getting the Leonardtown Commissioners to run water and sewer lines out to the site. He said he did not know if the federal money could be used to pay for extending the lines but he will investigate this.

#### Esperanza Road (Millstone Landing)

Mr. James Bradley asked about the status of closing this road at the end where it meets his property. He said that the county has not maintained this road for over 5 years, and to his knowledge the navy has not opened the gate for the past 3 years. Mr. Burch said it would be his feeling that the navy would have to be contacted before any decision can be made at all.

Mr. Bradley said he is asking that the commissioners consider abandoning this road within the confines of his property, and that he is the fee owner in this area. (Mr. Walter Dorsey came into the meeting at this point). He was informed of what had transpired, and stated that the county could abandon the road after proper advertisement.

According to Mr. Bradley, this road was never officially deeded to the county. If this is so, this would be a matter of relinquishment of easement. Mr. Dorsey said he felt that the navy would be against the county abandoning this road and this would possibly require a meeting with the navy officials. This matter will be investigated and Mr. Bradley notified of findings.

Roads

Senator Raley, Mr. T. Rice, Mr. H. Dorsey, Mr. Henry Fowler, Mr. John H. Briscoe, Mr. M. C. Thompson, Mr. T. Hall, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Paul Bailey. This meeting was for the purpose of further discussion concerning the cost and construction of Route 235. Mr. H. Dorsey presented enlargement of plat of the road and reviewed same. If the railroad is not used in the Queen Tree Road area, then they will have to take some of the property at Somerseast Village. Mr. Dorsey stated a minimum of 150 feet right of way is needed to support the road with a median strip 30 feet wide. The lanes also cannot be too far apart as people must be able to see that it is a dual highway. If the lanes are constructed on each side of the railroad there would have to be too many cross-overs involved. Mr. Fisher has stated that additional right of way could be acquired for the railroad to be relocated.

Reviewed plat of right of way that is going to be needed if the road is built with no median strip, from St. Andrews Church Road on down. Mr. Dorsey said that with just a little more right of way the road could be dual, and the right of way has to be taken any way, so it would just mean buying a little more.

It was agreed by the commissioners and the legislators that the three sections that do not involve the railroad should progress so far as construction is concerned, for a dual highway with a median strip. Sections as follows: 1) Beginning with a closed section from the end of the present contract (which is approximately at the railroad crossing in Lexington Park) to 600 feet north of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church entrance; then with a dual section with a median strip to the St. Andrews Church Road. 2) Dual highway from .8 mile northeast of Hollywood (Md. 245) to Sandgates Road for a distance of 2.3 miles. 3) Dual highway from south of Laurel Grove to Md. Route 5, for a distance of 3.0 miles.

Letter written this date regarding above, signed by the legislators and the commissioners, and hand-carried to Mr. Fisher by Mr. H. Dorsey.

SRC representatives left the meeting. Senator Raley, Mr. J. H. Briscoe, Mr. Guyther, Mr. T. Rice, and Mr. Donaldson discussed the possible cost of the road. It will cost more to build it on the railroad. On the existing section, it will cost possibly \$300,000 less. If the SRC does not use the railroad, it will have to be purchased, and the county can negotiate for it, but if the county does not do this, it will have to be put out for bids to private bidders. There is only one agency interested in the railroad at present, and that is the State Department of the Interior, who want it for a nature trail through the county. The county might be able to purchase the railroad for less than \$150,000.

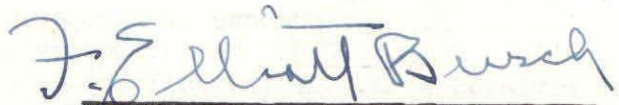
Mr. Burch suggested writing to the EDC about their prospects for use of the railroad, and also have a meeting with REA as to what their problems are in this matter so far as moving their station at Lexington Park is concerned. REA should be apprised of what the meeting is to be about and give them all the information available. This will have to be done within 30 days from the date the matter of

the railroad being declared surplus goes to the committee. The commissioners will set up this meeting, and this should be done in about fifteen days.

Vouchers approved for payment: #24691 through 24769. Signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. Elliott Burch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

F. Elliott Burch, President