

January 25, 1966

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

Gross Receipts Tax

Reviewed laws concerning the commissioners authority to impose a tax on non-payoff machines, and Mr. Guyther advised that such authority is granted under the law as follows: 1947 Laws, Chapter 601 - 74 (1 and 2); Laws of 1949, Chapter 255; Laws of 1951, Chapter 181, Section 93A; Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 81, Volume 7, and Article 81, Volume 7 - Revised, and Public Local Laws, Section 137. The Law of 1947 dealing with Article 56, Laws of 1951 dealing with Article 56, a 1951 Act that deals with Article 27, a 1963 Act which deals with Article 27, and the 1965 Act which deals with Article 81. Mr. Guyther explained that if the Public General Law is in conflict with the Public Local Law, the former will prevail under Constitutional Law. He further stated that the commissioners had the authority to pass the resolution dated March 1, 1965.

Mr. Guyther will frame a reply to Mr. Charles Norris, answering the latter's letter questioning the commissioners authority to impose the tax in question.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. Dodson, and Mr. H. Kanowicz. Dr. King reported that they were advised by the State Board of Education on January 18th, of what the county is entitled to under the school construction loans, and must inform said Board of the commissioners desires by next week. Mr. Kanowicz said we could let them know by February 1st, by telephone, then send a letter confirming same, and they will follow through with the necessary forms.

Under the loans of 1963 and 1965, \$720,000 is the total amount available for the county. Dr. King said they are asking to drop Great Mills and make Chopticon the immediate major problem. They want to increase this school to a capacity of 1400, and presented list of improvements contemplated. They are asking for \$578,000, plus \$50,000 for the Greenview Knolls School, making a total of \$628,000. Mr. Donaldson said he would have to work out what the amount of debt service would be.

The commissioners will have to discuss this matter and give the Board of Education an answer by next Tuesday.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall, Mr. Pantaleo. Reeves Road - as soon as the construction number is assigned this will be started, and for the time being the snow plow is keeping the road open. Millstone Landing Road - Mr. Hall reported that the bridge on this road is a timber structure and is in good condition. General discussion concerning posting of the bridge and a letter will be sent to the SRC requesting this. The Public Works Officer on the base will be asked to meet with Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Hall at the site of this bridge to discuss possible navy feels concerning closing of this road, as requested by Mr. Bradley. Meadowlake Lane - Mr. Hall reported he has inspected this road it is not up to county specifications. It is not wide and the drainage is not right. Mr. Pantaleo will answer Mr. Dobry's letter regarding this road.

General discussion concerning agreement for construction of roads within subdivisions. Mr. Pantaleo will present recommendations at the meeting arranged next week with the commissioners, Planning & Zoning, and Mr. W. Sterling.

Reviewed letter concerning construction of a boat ramp at the Leonardtown Wharf. Mr. Pantaleo will obtain a plat of the area and make a recommendation to the commissioners.

Tarkill Subdivision Entrance Road - Mr. Pantaleo stated that he has recommended to Planning & Zoning that they approve this road and take same over. Mr. Magee has sent in an agreement to the effect that he will maintain the road. The road is 30 feet wide and there is some question as to whether or not the county can take over the roads within the subdivision under this agreement. Article 25, Section 145 of the Annotated Code states that the county can take over roads 30 feet wide, but the SRC refutes this.

Mr. Guyther advised striking out that portion of the agreement reading "until such time as the county can take over the road", and said that a bond should be posted so that the road will be maintained as per the agreement, if the commissioners decide to honor the agreement. A letter will be sent to the SRC asking if the gasoline tax revenue would be adversely effected if the county took over a 30 foot road, and if the county can take over roads of proper width and construction within a subdivision when the entrance road to the subdivision is not connected to a county road for a distance of 1,000 feet.

Mr. Hall reviewed oiling schedule for the summer of 79 miles, costing approximately \$135,000, including overhead and everything else. Thirteen miles of blacktopping will cost approximately \$120,000. He will present a listing of these roads to the commissioners for their study and review. There is \$60,756 federal aid money that must be advertised by June 30, 1966, and this must be programmed. State aid of \$50,000 must be programmed by June 30, 1967, but can be programmed right now. Matching funds are necessary for these amounts. Mr. Hall has St. Andrews Church Road for the \$60,000, and the paving of the Maude Gardner Road and the St. Johns Road with state funds. The commissioners agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Dell of the SRC requesting that the SRC advertise for bids and award the contract, with county concurrence, for the St. Andrews Church Road, for 3.4 miles from Route 5 to the Indian Bridge Road. They will be asked to do the necessary inspecting and testing of materials and the county will do the engineering. Mr. Hall will work up a cost estimate on the Maude Gardner and St. Johns Roads.

Discussed matter of Copeland dump, and fact that Mr. Copeland wants the dump moved from the property which he has purchased from the Hines Engineering Co. A new site will have to be found in this area. Mr. Hall reported that the money appropriated for care of the dumps has been used. This matter tabled until next week.

Mr. Guyther reviewed Jones Wharf Road which runs through property he has purchased, where he has spent a great deal of money building a lake. The public is dumping trash in the lake and disfiguring the property. Mr. Guyther said he would grant land to the county to relocate the road, 40 feet in width, and also approximately 75 feet on each side of the road at the water's edge for a picnic area. The Hollywood Shores Association has stated they are willing to build their present road at a cost of \$1250, and perhaps would agree to use this toward the relocation

of the road. Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Hall will investigate and make a recommendation to the commissioners.

Retirement - Mrs. Rose Combs

Letter will be sent to Mr. Ford Young, attorney for Mrs. Rose Combs, who formerly worked for the Board of Education, stating that the county has no retirement system which would make Mrs. Combs eligible for any payments by way of retirement in addition to what she receives from the state retirement system.

Insurance Appraisal

Mr. Donaldson reviewed bid from the Insurance Buyers Council and services offered at a total cost of \$650.00, including the Board of Education. If the latter is not included, the cost will be \$750.00. These are maximum fees. This would give us a package deal to be put out for bids by insurance companies to insure county buildings. They also have an annual service contract to keep everything updated. Mr. Donaldson will check with the insurance commissioner as to the reliability of this firm.

Treasurer's Certificate

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Burch should sign same designating depositories for the treasurer's funds. Mr. Donaldson recommended to the commissioners that Mr. Cecil's bond be in the amount of \$100,000. However, if the treasurer is bonded for \$50,000, and the other employees in that office for \$25,000 each, the premium would be less. Mr. Donaldson will investigate this matter.

State's Attorney's Trip

Mr. Guyther advised that the commissioners halve the various items on the statement submitted by Mr. Charles Norris, such as food and lodging, as these seem high, and pay the remainder. The commissioners were in agreement with this, and Mr. Donaldson will speak with Mr. Norris about same.

Old Records

Mr. Paul Raley reported that Col. Hayward has stated that several members of the Historical Society are willing to go through the old records in the basement of the jail and put them in order, if shelves are provided. The commissioners agreed that this should be done.

Animal Shelter

The commissioners approved payment of the reconciliation for cost of operation in the amount of \$1107.32, as presented on the statement from Charles County. This is the county's fair share under the agreement for the shelter.


Incinerator

Mr. Pantaleo will investigate central incinerator system to be built in Charles City, as to whether or not such a facility would be applicable to the county.

Vouchers #24770 through 24793 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President