

February 8, 1966

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

Board of Education

Dr. King and Mr. H. Ocker. Mr. Ocker stated they were present to discuss county participation in the General Public School Construction Loan of 1965. The commissioners have stated they do not have the funds and cannot take on this obligation at the present time. Mr. Burch referred to the meeting last year when a moratorium was declared on future construction for one year, and that the Board of Education agreed to such action. The commissioners are interested in the Cooper-Hughes report, and if these funds are available this will put the county in a much better position so far as money is concerned. Mr. Burch also mentioned the fact that the present board of commissioners has doubled the funds for the Board of Education since it came into office.

Dr. King said the main concern is the addition to the Chopticon High School, and they are asking that the commissioners consider approving this if nothing else. Mr. Burch explained that the commissioners went over this entire matter for an entire afternoon last week, and there is no way possible that the county can take on any additional burden at the present time. The simple reason for the commissioners decision is that the funds just are not available. If the county participated in the loan now, when the first payment was due, this would be the very year that slots go out, reducing county revenue, and these things must be considered in the overall picture. If this is put off until the fall, the commissioners will be in a better position to determine what should be done.

The commissioners discussed this matter and agreed that the county should not participate in the construction loan at the present time. Mr. Burch called Dr. King and stated that the county cannot possibly make the commitment that would be necessary, and a letter confirming this will be sent to the Board of Education.

Coin Operated Machines

Mr. L. Millison discussed the matter of the $20\frac{1}{2}\%$ tax on non-payoff machines. It is his feeling that the county would yield more money if the commissioners would consider the idea of doubling the license fee on the amusement devices and do away with the tax. Mr. Guyther said he does not think that the commissioners have the authority to change the cost of the license under the slot law, but they do have the authority to move the tax rate either up or down. It would require legislation to give the commissioners the authority to change the license fee.

Mr. Guyther will check the commissioners authority to raise the fee to \$50.00 without going to the legislature, and the commissioners will give Mr. Millison an answer on this matter.

Tarkill Subdivision Entrance Road

Mr. L. Millison also mentioned that he controls this road and he did not sign the deed with Mr. Magee because he does not feel the latter has the capital to have a first class subdivision here. He feels that the type subdivision Mr. Magee is planning will hurt the value of the property near it. Mr. Millison stated that he owns a tract of waterfront property on which he plans to develop a first rate

subdivision later on when the time is right. He stated that if the county permits Mr. Magee a variance of the law in this matter, he will do everything he can to prevent it.

Mr. Burch mentioned that the county can do nothing in this matter until a clear deed is furnished, but this cannot be done as Mr. Magee does not own the road.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Hall reported that snow removal had cost \$22,400 as of today. This figure does not include Mr. Raley's work, which will probably be another \$5,000, at least. This is what will be charged to the county.

Reviewed bill presented by Mr. Stevens for opening the Hermanville Road in the amount of \$25.00. Mr. Hall will speak with Mr. Stevens about this.

The estimated budget for February is \$23,364, and as of today, Mr. Hall said \$18,706 has been spent, and this figure does not include Mr. Raley's expenditures. In January \$19,000 was spent on regular maintenance and \$3,700 on snow removal. The appropriation was \$25,000.

General discussion of possibility of having a piece of emergency equipment at certain locations in the county to be used for emergency cases only during storms. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea.

The commissioners agreed that the right way required on the Millstone Landing Road should be 60 feet if a marina is constructed in this area, and Mr. Pantaleo will report this to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Recreation and Parks

Mr. Abell Longmore reported on the initial meetings of this board. Matters are in the planning stage and they have written for a director for this work and hope to have one by May 1st. The salary for this person will be \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year. They would also like to have Mr. Barthelme, the Youth Coordinator, and his activities under this Board. This way all activities, both youth and adult, would be coordinated. It is the feeling of the Parks and Recreation Board that a full-time director would have enough work in the county in a very short time. It appears that the budget will be about \$20,000, but may not be this much. Mr. Longmore asked about funds available until the first of the fiscal year, in the amount of \$500 maximum, for operating expenses of the Board, and also two months salary for the director if he begins work May 1st.

General discussion concerning functions and duties of the Youth Commission and the Parks and Receptions Board, and Mr. Longmore was informed that the commissioners are meeting with the legislators this week and will discuss matter of placing the Youth Coordinator under the Parks and Recreation Board, and possibility of combining the two organizations.

Civil Defense - Merit System

Mr. Otis Wood presented increment scale for employees under the merit system. Under this scale, employees would reach the maximum salary in six years instead of ten. Mr. Wood stated he had discussed this with the state people over the

telephone and it was approved by them, and will be confirmed in writing.

Nursing Home

The commissioners agreed to advance \$2,000 for payroll purposes as requested by Mrs. Thomas, Administrator. There are twenty-nine people in the home at present, and five more are expected.

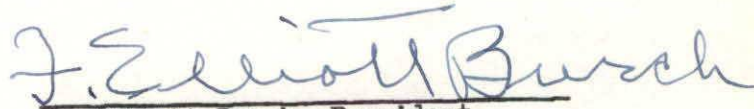
State's Attorney's Expense Account

The commissioners agreed to pay this account as submitted by Mr. Norris for his trip to Florida to bring back stolen property, in the amount of \$176.76. It was agreed that Mr. Donaldson will write to Mr. Norris stating that it is the usual practice to have receipted bills for expenses on trips out of the county, and for Mr. Norris to adhere to this method in the future.

Vouchers approved for payment: #24794 through 24932.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President