

May 24, 1966

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

Library

Mrs. Polly Barber, Gen. Hogaboom, Mr. Otis Wood. General Hogaboom reported they are trying to resubmit their application before work can be started on the building in Lexington Park. The estimated total cost of a 10,000 square foot building was \$224,000, based on a cost of \$18.00 per square foot. However, bids for the Charles County library came in at a cost of \$23.00 per square foot. Our architect cannot justify this for more than \$20.00 per square foot, which would make the estimated total cost \$248,200.00 for the new library in Lexington Park.

General Hogaboom said that Mrs. Loeffler is coming down to meet with Mr. Donaldson next Wednesday to discuss the matter of funding this facility. Mr. Donaldson said that the form is worded so that the county is committing itself for \$163,000 and he cannot advise the commissioners to do this. This will have to be straightened out. Mr. Donaldson said he wants a firm commitment from the state so far as their share of the funds for this project is concerned. General Hogaboom said it appears they are going to have additional federal funds and this will help.

Civil Defense

General Hogaboom and Mr. Otis Wood presented revised plans for the new building. The original plans are amended by Addendums 1, 2 and 3. They have removed all items that are not essential. The roof will protrude about 1½ feet above the surface of the ground and there will be 12 inches of soil on top of it. With these modifications, they would like to go ahead with rebidding the project as soon as the federal agency approves. General Hogaboom suggested that at such time as the approval is gotten, it would be best for the commissioners to meet with the architect to answer any questions that might possibly arise. The state will give \$5,000 to \$10,000 toward the building, and the federal government has approved \$57,000. The state money will come directly to the county.

General Hogaboom mentioned personnel situation at the control center. They have lost one man, and are down to only three men, as Mr. Hayden is resigning. They are using the spare time people to keep the office running, and are considering the possibility of hiring women. Mr. Donaldson explained that the commissioners met with the Merit System people last week and they are in the process of reclassifying the men at the control center and this might possibly mean raises for them.

CATV

Mr. Gary G. Lindsay and Mr. Robert W. Cole asked about the status of their request to install this service in the county. They are not asking for an exclusive franchise, but only to be allowed to come into the county. It was explained to these gentlemen that the county cannot agree to withhold issuance of a permit to any other firm who wanted to come into the county with similar service, but could issue these people a permit. The first step would be for them to acquire a piece of land, and if it is in a zoned area they will have to follow regular procedure

through Planning & Zoning. If the land is not within a zoned area, then the permit can be issued immediately. Mr. Guyther advised them to acquire the land and apply for a building permit as required under the law for construction in the county.

Sheriff's Bill

Mr. C. Norris, Mr. Meidzinski, Mr. L. Williams, Judge J. H. T. Briscoe, Mr. Oliver Guyther. General discussion of Section 2 under the law which states that this Act, SB 664, does not effect the incumbent sheriff, but will effect the incoming sheriff after the election in November. There seems to be a conflict of laws as written in the Laws of Maryland of 1965, and the County Code, and Mr. Guyther will have to make a ruling on this as to which bill to follow. Mr. Norris said that if the bill does not go into effect until the next term of office, it would be foolish to go ahead and appoint new deputies.

Mr. Guyther said that according to the law, the present sheriff cannot appoint the deputies, but this will be done by the incoming sheriff in the fall. Judge Briscoe said this was also his interpretation of the law under the last section.

A letter will be sent to Dr. Everstine asking if there are supplements available for the new County Code which would contain the bill as it is written in the 1965 laws.

Airport

Mr. C. Norris, Mr. T. McGuyre, Mr. R. Gabrelcik. Mr. Norris stated they must have their application in by July 15th in order to get funds for this project. This would be the preliminary report. Reviewed proposal from Rader & Associates and services offered. This firm is asking \$5,000 for the preliminary report. Mr. Norris explained that Mr. Luttrell was the contact man to obtain an engineer, and the Rader Company was the one who submitted a proposal. The county does not have to hire this firm for the entire project, but if they do, Rader charges a fee of 5% of the estimated project cost. The \$5,000 will cover us for the federal money and we can withdraw after this is done if we want to.

These gentlemen are asking that the commissioners approve the expenditure of the \$5,000 to begin this program so they can have a proposal submitted by July 15th. They are suggesting that the county get at least 700 acres of land if possible for the airport for future expansion. The site should be as centrally located as possible, near the main roads into the county. Calvert County will probably use this facility also once the bridge is built, and also all of the civilian traffic off the base.

The commissioners agreed to the expenditure of the money for the preliminary plan, but requested Mr. Norris to contact other companies first for proposals, specifically Whitman Requardt, who have had considerable correspondence with the commissioners about the airport.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Pantaleo reported that on the White Neck Creek Wharf, the Corp of Engineers has said we can only go out into the water 120 feet, and this will mean redrawing the specifications and readvertising. The commis-

sioners agreed to this.

On the Hickory Hill Road, there is one person who has not signed the right of way agreement, but has agreed to do this as soon as \$50 owed her by the SRC is paid. This project has been approved by the Bureau of Public Roads. Letter will be sent to Beavin Company instructing them to proceed with Phases II and III on this road. The commissioners approved and Mr. Burch signed the program for this road. It was also signed by Mr. Guyther, Mr. Pantaleo, attested by Mrs. E. L. Tillman. A fully executed copy will be returned to the commissioners office.

Hollywood Shores Road has been grubbed as discussed regarding straightening the road, and cutting new road to the water. Deeds and plats will have to be drawn up for this project.

Recreation and Parks

Senator J. Frank Raley, Delegates Fowler and Briscoe, Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. Anders (Tri-County Council), Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. E. Curley (Charles County Director of Recreation and Parks).

Mr. Anders mentioned the possibility of exploring a program from the standpoint of a tri-county basis. This would cost approximately \$28,000, with 50% from the 701 Program, 25% from Tri-County Council, and the three counties the remainder. Charles and St. Mary's County would pay 10% each, and Calvert County 5%.

The next six months will be spent developing a program, and what we want to come out of it. We will find out what state and federal aid is available, and what the potential is. We must find locations for historical areas, parks, lakes, etc., and then produce a one year budget and a five year program that will be updated each time. This has to be an extension of the master plan of the county.

Presented proposal from Chambers Co., and Senator Raley asked about the credentials of this firm. Mr. Curley said he had investigated them and the three principals of the company have at least 10 years of land planning experience, and he feels they have the ability and imagination to do an outstanding plan for Recreation and Parks. This firm is also acceptable to the federal government.

Senator Raley said the senators from the other two counties were in favor of this and wanted to check with the federal government as to whether this is what we want. Calvert County will not know if they will participate until June 1st. There is a chance the St. Mary's County share will be \$2800 or as low as \$1800, depending on whether or not Calvert County comes into the program.

The Parks and Recreation Board of St. Mary's County has requested \$10,000 in their budget, but have reduced this need to \$7,975.00, as they are not going to hire a full time director. They would like to use the difference for other things, such as hiring Mr. Curley parttime, and Mr. Curley said that the Charles County Commissioners are in agreement with this. Until the program is begun, Mr. Curley would work with Youth Commission and the survey groups.

Mr. Curley stated the parks and recreation program concerns the leisure time activities and the facilities to pursue them in the county. It is their responsibility for clean air and water, and the general environment of the county. In St. Mary's County a lot of the activity should be water oriented as this is one of the biggest assets.

Mr. Anders said he will check with the Tri-County Council about sharing the finances for the program as outlined above. He also stated that it will cost \$300 per acre per year to take care of the land after it is obtained.

Vouchers #25830 through 25894 approve by the commissioners, and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
F. Elliott Burch, President