

June 14, 1966

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

Civil Defense Building

Mr. F. Tilp, Gen. Robert Hogaboom, Mr. O. Wood. Mr. Tilp stated that the plans have been approved by Federal Region II, and this is now a federal project. He said he has had meetings with the federal and state offices of Civil Defense, and the building is basically the same as it was before. They have taken out some of the smaller things, and have prepared an addendum of three or four pages of everything that was not changed so that the contractors will have no problem figuring out what has been done. When the bids are opened it will be for a stripped building, and this has been approved by the state and federal governments.

There are six alternates: 1) weatherproofing 2) vinyl asbestos floor tile, painted walls, accoustical tile ceilings, ceramic tile in the bathrooms 3) cost of the kitchenette unit 4) telephone conduits 5) add metal partitions between offices 1, 2, 3 and 4. There is a final alternate which is a deduct of about \$1200 for the roof deck, which is a much more economical one, about 6 inches thick, with water-proofing blanket, and 12 inches of soil placed there by hand. The 6 inch roof deck meets the requirements of 100 pounds per inch for an office building.

Gen. Hogaboom said the bid will be awarded on the part of the work that is to be done. If they want painting done, then the bid will be considered for this. Advertising will be in the paper this week and the bids will be opened July 12th.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo will investigate the situation described in a letter from Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Heflin, who state that the SRC bushed their road and cut down 18 of their trees which were off the right of way. They are asking to be reimbursed in the amount of \$100, a cost estimate by H. J. Smith of Smith's Nursery.

Hodges Road, 7th District - this extension can be put in the county road system when it is surveyed, platted and deeded to the county. It will then be put on the oiling schedule. Strickland Road, 8th District - Mr. Hall said he did not remember any commitment being made concerning this road. Mr. Pantaleo will investigate and give an estimate of cost to widen same. 7 Gables Bulkhead - can get state and federal aid for this project in the amount of 50%, and possibly 70%, as outlined by Mr. O'Hagan concerning the Tall Timbers project last week.

The commissioners agreed that county roads should be signposted as follows: Route 242 from Morganza to Colton's Point, Route 249 from Callaway to St. George Island, Route 245 from Leonardtown to Sotterley. Replacement signs will be ordered at the same time as above for Whitakker, St. Peter Claver and Mechanicsville-Chaptico Roads, and 24 "Children at Play" signs.

Mr. Hall will check road in Hollywood which was abandoned when the new Clark's Landing Road was built. Mr. James A. Norris has requested that the county take this road back into the system and maintain same. Mr. Hall will make an estimate of what it would cost to build a minimum standard road here.

Mr. Pantaleo will write specifications for the boat ramp at the Leonardtown Wharf area so that this can be advertised for bids.

Mr. Hall given checks in the amounts of \$919.20 for the Graves Road and \$600.00 for the Sotterley Road, for reconstruction of same.

Discussed request to take over the roads in the Hopewell Motor Lodge in Lexington Park. General feeling that as this is private property, this cannot be done. Mr. Guyther will be asked to give an opinion on this.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo will check request for erosion on the St. George Island property owned by Mrs. M. Cobb and Mr. Ani, near the hotel. Mrs. Cobb states in her letter that she and Mr. Ani will pay 75% of the cost and the state 25%.

#### Youth Commission

Mr. B. Johnson and Mr. DiSimone. Mr. DiSimone stated interest in scouting and Briscoe Park, and said that local citizens have raised a little money that they wish to spend here. The Department of Agriculture has put him in touch with people who are willing to plan these places and match funds with what they have. The state wants to know if the county is interested in a program. If a piece of land is donated, the value can be the local contribution, and the state will match this. The state has had only three applications for this and there is a great deal of money available which would have to be applied for by county or public officials. Mr. DiSimone asked if the county would be interested in taking over this land if the state agreed to help develop it. Mr. Burch said that they could acquire the land and it would be under the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Johnson agreed, and said he had contacted them about this and the Parks and Recreation Board was studying the need in the county at the present time.

Mr. DiSimone said that some people in the county had indicated there would be land available if it would be used for the right purposes. Capt. Henderson has told him that he could get dollar for dollar any money that the latter can get, but Mr. DiSimone felt he could not turn over any funds to any other organization without knowing what they were going to be used for. He said the money the people have donated is for the Briscoe Park to provide recreation now as it is needed for the people who live in St. Clements Shores. He further stated that they had considered scouting at first, but this could be for other purposes. Mr. DiSimone mentioned that there is over \$7,000 donated for scouts every year through the UGF, and there is no way of knowing it comes back to the county, or even if it does. The Girl Scouts have not seen so much as a tent come back into the county.

Presented plan for development of an area near Smith's Creek that was drawn by the Department of Forests and Parks, as a sample of what can be done. It was agreed that the land would have to be available before any plans should be drawn up for any recreation area. Mr. DiSimone asked if land was donated, would the county accept it for development, and Mr. Burch said he could see no reason why not. It was agreed that all the organizations would have to be coordinated as there seems to be an overlap of responsibility, and Mr. DiSimone was advised to come to the commissioners if any land was offered for the purpose of recreation.

Mr. Burch mentioned fact that a Parks and Recreation meeting will be held at 7:30 this Thursday and suggested that perhaps Mr. DiSimone could be present, and also Mr. Johnson. Capt. Henderson will be advised that these gentlemen will be present.

Mr. DiSimone asked how to handle funds that they might raise, and Mr. Donaldson suggested turning the money over to the county and it could be earmarked for a particular purpose and not be used for anything else. (Mr. DiSimone left the meeting).

Mr. A. Barthleme came into the meeting and he and Mr. Johnson discussed Nicolet Park with the commissioners. There has to be someone to take care of the park and Capt. Henderson said the Parks and Recreation Board has no money to spend now except for a director. Mr. Barthleme is ready to go into the park with a program but cannot operate until he has some protection here. Mr. Bill George has stated that he will send forms for the Youth Commission to get funds from the UGF for the park. Mr. Johnson suggested that perhaps this could be put into the hands of Parks and Recreation and they could be given money to take care of this facility and Mr. Barthleme could take care of the programs. They need lavatories and \$1200 to pay the leaders for the programs.

Mr. Johnson stated that with the cutback in the budget, Mr. Barthleme can have a restricted program on the bowling and swimming programs. They have cut each program in half, or under the present budget they can have a full program for bowling or swimming, but not both. Mr. Barthleme said that with \$3,000 they could have a full program, and Mr. Johnson agreed that there is a real need for both these programs. The commissioners will consider this request and give Mr. Johnson an answer.

#### Department of Juvenile Services

Judge Philip Dorsey and Mr. R. Cooper, Juvenile Probation Officer. Judge Dorsey stated that a bill has been passed establishing a Department of Juvenile Services, and provides that the courts shall have certain offices which are authorized, by July 1, 1967. The salaries will be paid by the state and the county will have no financial obligation at all. Judge Dorsey has met with Judge Diggs and they are asking the commissioners to authorize the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County to employ two fulltime juvenile probation officers solely for the county, one secretary, one female probation officer, and one psychologist, the latter two either for the county alone, or in cooperation with the other two counties. Judge Dorsey said they have no idea of employing all these people at the present time, but if they are authorized by July 1st, they can call on the Department for personnel, as the court has to be authorized to employ these people. Employment of the personnel would not take place until there is a need for it. The judge said he does not see enough work in the near future for a fulltime psychologist in the county, but the female probation officer might be necessary if the need keeps increasing. Mr. Cooper agreed, and said that the need for a fulltime female probation officer in the county is almost a necessity.

Judge Dorsey stated that the present officers can stay where they are or go with the new department. In any event, there is going to a need for extra office space and there is a definite need now for separate facilities for the juvenile department.

The commissioners granted the authorization as requested by the judge.

Vouchers #26012 through 26108 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Approved,

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