

March 21, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch, Mr. Bowles, Mr. P. Raley

### Scholarships

Dr. May Russell reported that St. Mary's College is now eligible for state teaching scholarships and this will make obsolete the commissioners scholarships in the field of education. Now that the school will be a four year college, they are asking that these two scholarships be awarded on the basis of need and ability to students in any of the five majors to be offered, namely, art, biology, english, history and mathematics.

The faculty has reviewed the matter of the business scholarships awarded by the commissioners and felt that these should be retained. They would permit two students to enroll in this field with the understanding that they would only attend the school for two years, then continue their education elsewhere. At such time as the college has a business administration and economics major, then these scholarships would run for four years. At present, the commissioners are paying \$2400 for tuitions, and by 1971 this will increase to \$4800.

Dr. Russell also said that it is the genral feeling that bus transportation to the college would be of great help to some of the students. The new director of admissions has arranged a meeting to discuss this possibility. A survey will have to be made to determine the need and the least expensive way to furnish transportation. Guidance counselors in the high schools have discussed this and have been asked to question seniors contemplating college if they would attend St. Mary's if there was transportation available. By 1971, the college should have approximately 200 commuting students. Each year, from now until then, they will be surveying the interest and need for transportation. They want to keep in mind the possibility of a bus if there are some 30 students who might use it.

Dr. Russell asked what knowledge the commissioners had of the proposed Chesapeake Bay Model, and said she was going to write to the Corps of Engineers about this, at the request of Mr. W. Chapman. This will be a huge project and of much benefit to the county and the college as they are going to have a marine biology program.

### Deep Water Port - O'Brien

Mr. W. F. O'Brien stated that he is a member of the newly formed Patuxent Beach Association, and is now a year round resident of the area. There have been several meetings during the past ten days concerning the proposed deep water port, and the people are generally alarmed. They are asking that the commissioners delay a decision until they have had opportunity to investigate a little further. Mr. O'Brien was told of the public hearing to be held on April 4th, and that a decision will be made on April 11th.

Mr. Bowles explained that the commissioners have not made a decision about this as has been rumored. If this was true, there would be no need for a public hearing at all. He mentioned that the local EDC made a study of the project and recommended that this be approved. The commissioners have withheld a decision so that they could be informed as to what this would entail, what would be the assets and liabilities, etc. It was the commissioners feeling that at such time as the information was

obtained, they would proceed with public hearings to educate the public concerning this project. They have been investigating this from every angle to determine what would be in the best interests of the county. There are some people who have accused the commissioners of all sorts of things, and those people who have questions should come to the commissioners, was commented by Mr. Burch.

Mr. Bowles informed Mr. O'Brien that four years ago, the commissioners employed a firm to make a study of the county for the sole purpose of determining how to proceed and what controls would be necessary to properly protect St. Mary's County both on land and in the water. They also created the Sanitary District, etc., and will begin a county-wide study of a sewage and water plan to protect the people of the county.

Mr. O'Brien said he felt his visit today will help him enlighten the members of the Patuxent Beach Association, and Mr. Burch said that this organization might help stop the pollution of the river being caused by Calvert, Charles and Prince George Counties. There are people with cattle farms along the river which are causing pollution, for one instance, and in similar areas these people could be of help to the commissioners.

#### Housing Authority

Mr. J. Bankins and delegation from the Housing Committee from the Tri-County Community Action Committee. Mr. Bankins stated that there is a great need for housing in the county and that there is money available from the government for this purpose. These funds could be obtained through a housing authority, and he asked if the commissioners had given this any consideration. Mr. Burch said that there was a group at Chaptico making a study relative to setting this up as one of their projects, but he is not sure this can be done. He further explained that this has been discussed by the commissioners but they have not reached the point of actually appointing a housing authority.

General discussion concerning funding such a facility and possibility of selling bonds for this purpose. Such a bond sale would finance 90%, and the county the remaining 10%. It was the feeling of this group that houses in different areas of the county would be better than having all low cost housing in one central area. Discussed advantages of renting over home ownership, and vice versa, and mention was made of interest of O.E.O. in a project in Charles County where the people are buying the homes outright. It was the feeling of some members that there is a certain percentage of people who would not want to own their own homes under any circumstances, but prefer to rent apartments.

(Mr. Aud came into the meeting.) Mr. Bowles asked who would be obligated if the bond payments could not be met by the rental payments from the project? All aspects of this should be investigated so far as repayment of the bonds is concerned and a determination made as to whether or not the rents would have to be raised for this purpose. Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners have to have some basis to establish that a need exists in the county for such a project. (Mr. Burch left the meeting to appear before the Grand Jury).

Mr. Bowles stated that there have been studies made in the county by various agencies and the commissioners will have to have all available information before any action is taken. He suggested that these people obtain some information on

such a project, and find out all that is involved. Just appointing a housing authority is not the answer.

Mr. Bankins mentioned that there is a shop in Leonardtown refusing to serve negroes, and if the commissioners can do anything about this situation. Mr. Bowles stated that this would come under the jurisdiction of the Leonardtown Commissioners, as Leonardtown is an incorporated town and the commissioners have no authority there.

#### Sheriff

Mr. B. Burroughs, Mr. H. Lancaster. Sheriff Burroughs stated they are short one man and he would like to get a decision from the commissioners regarding Mr. Paul Griffith. Mr. Griffith had two years experience with the control center and six years with the state police, and in view of these qualifications, felt his salary should be commensurate. He said that when the other deputies were hired, they understood that there was another scale open for a man who would train them when such a person was available, so there would be no difficulty so far as the difference in pay is concerned.

The commissioners discussed this request in the afternoon, and decided that Mr. Griffith would be placed in the same pay scale as the other deputies, in the second increment in deference to his experience, at a salary of \$6,112 per annum. Increments would accrue on the anniversary of his employment. Sheriff Burroughs came back into the meeting and was advised of this decision, and he informed the commissioners that Mr. Lessans had resigned. The sheriff also mentioned the need for additional office space for his department and he will draw a sketch of what he proposes.

Sheriff Burroughs also stated he wanted the commissioners to authorize someone to fix up the room in the jail, as the equipment is here. They will need the right amount of light for taking pictures without using flash bulbs. He said he ordered the top portion of the fingerprinting equipment so that it could be set on top of something, as this was less expensive, and the camera has a split lens and can take two pictures on one frame. Mr. Weeks said he will do the light work free.

The sheriff said he had a meeting with Judge Diggs, and the latter said the big problem of keeping deputies was the salary. The state police are going up to \$6,700 as a beginning salary, and the sheriff is hoping that the commissioners will give consideration to setting a different scale after the one year's probation is up for our deputies.

#### Roads (Mr. Aud and Mr. Bowles not present)

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Pantaleo discussed with Mr. Burch extension of Portney's Overlook Road and request that this be taken into the system. Mr. Pantaleo will have to write a description and have Mr. Guyther draw up the deed. Mr. Bond and Mr. Burch will inspect this road on Thursday morning. (Mr. Aud and Mr. Bowles returned to the meeting.) Mr. Aud said he would also meet with them at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Bond said that the last order of signs was in the shop. He feels that the old established roads should be posted as there is no question about the names of these roads. (A letter will be sent to Planning & Zoning stating that "Joy Lane" sign

will be erected within the next few days.)

Mr. P. Raley reported that he had a conversation with Mrs. I. Knott, and told her that the commissioners have received nothing from Mr. Knott relative to his truck going through the bridge on Millstone Landing Road. Mr. Bond mentioned that the commissioners had requested a weight limit on this bridge, and Mr. Thompson had forwarded the request to the chief engineer at SRC, as he is the only one who can do this, and no more has been heard about it.

#### Airport

Mr. C. Norris, Chairman of the Airport Committee, reported that the application for the county airport has been placed at the top of the priority list. He will need another letter to the effect that the funds are still available and that the commissioners are in favor of this. Mr. Norris will also send a letter as chairman of the committee stating they are still interested and want to keep this project current.

#### Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom and Mr. O. Wood. Gen. Hogaboom reviewed letter sent by Mr. Goddard, Fire Board, regarding salaries, and said he was disturbed by the statement in the letter that the control tower is not working effectively. The general said they have worked as closely with the Fire Board as possible, as well as with the police, sheriff's office, Tidewater Fisheries, CBA, etc. He further stated it does not do much good to criticize without giving specific instances, as this does not help locate the trouble. If a specific failing is mentioned, then they know where the trouble is and this can be investigated. Gen. Hogaboom stated that he told Mr. Goddard he did not believe he was justified in making such a statement, nor has he given any specific charges on which to base such a statement, nor made any report as yet. The general stated he realizes that there is a problem of personnel not being available, but he believes the organization is dependable and efficient. There will always be mistakes, however, there will be fewer of them if they know who makes them.

The general mentioned that he always gets a prompt response when calling the control tower, and always finds the men at their posts on his inspections. Mr. Wood is advertising this week for a chief operator and an investigation will be run on anyone who applies for this job. Gen. Hogaboom said he spoke with Charles Donaldson about coming back to the county, and the latter is earning a salary of \$10,000 per year. If he came back, he would want some kind of supervisory job to justify a like salary in the county. This would be supervision of all of the fire depts., etc.

General discussion concerning pay scales mentioned in Mr. Goddard's letter, and that the Fire Board would like to raise the base pay for an operator from \$4,290 to \$5,660. Gen. Hogaboom gets the impression that the men feel that the commissioners are backing a higher rate of pay than he is recommending, and he does not know how they get this information. If the men have the impression that he is not recommending an adequate rate of pay for them, this is bad for morale, and looks as if he is holding back on them. So far as pay scales are concerned, Civil Defense will approve anything the commissioners want to pay the men. But a raise had just been given on the 1st of January, and the general was not aware that the

Fire Board was going to inject itself into the pay scales. He does not feel, under any circumstances, that the pay should be raised again before the beginning of the fiscal year. Too, the budget they have presented does not have funds included for raises for the men. The general stated that if a raise is requested for the fiscal year, they would have to submit a supplemental budget for this. Mr. Burch asked that these gentlemen give this some thought and arrive at something realistic to bring back to the commissioners. The commissioners agreed that anything decided on would not take effect until July 1.

#### Courtroom Accessories

Judge Dorsey presented letter from Lucas Bros., Inc., with estimated cost of hanging draperies, and providing furniture for the courtroom, and in the judge's chambers. Total actual amount would be approximately \$4,000. Judge Dorsey said that if the commissioners prefer, just the draperies could be hung, and the chairs could wait until later.

Mr. P. Raley mentioned getting furniture from the State Use Industries, which might be less expensive. Judge Dorsey stated that Mr. J. M. Gough told him of a firm the bank was dealing with that was a little less expensive than Lucas Bros., and perhaps it would be best to get another bid for this service. He agreed to get an estimate from the firm mentioned. Mr. Raley will also get a price from State Use for the chairs.

#### Board of Education

Dr. R. King, Mr. Dodson, Mr. Kanowicz. Dr. King reported that the deadline for applications for the General Public School Construction Loans is March 28th, and it is the usual last minute type thing. They have been getting reports about the expansion of the base, and this will really cause difficulty. According to the authorities on the base, the build-up is to begin now and continue through the next several months, with more units coming in later. Dr. King has asked for a letter with all specifics to be sent in with the application, in an effort to get more federal funds. They are concerned about the second phase and what could be deleted. They feel the only logical way to do this is to see what they could take off the application for April 1967, and they may change the date until October, and send in a revised application later, for increased state aid. They can forget the \$50,000 for the next application at least. Dr. King reported that the Great Mills High School project is moving rapidly, bids will be opened in April and construction started in May.

They are cutting \$100,000 off the Chopticon project, which will bring the application down to \$726,000. If the tax reform falls through, they will be back for help. There is \$190,100 for operation, \$470,000 for construction, not including kindergarten. There is \$330,000 for kindergarten construction, and additional funds for kindergartens and construction for those in operation now. The commissioners have approved the \$279,000 for the Great Mills High School, and they have spent money for architects so far. Dr. King said they are at the 90-95% state in preparing plans and specifications for the addition to Great Mills. There will be 26 teaching stations, which will make this a 1500 pupil school. This includes a new gymnasium. They plan to use part of the Park Hall site for the 8th District elementary school, as this will coincide with the planning study made of the county. Before any final decision is made they will meet with the commissioners. This would

be a separate structure and they would try to locate it on the Hermanville Road, as they understand this road is going to be improved. Mr. Burch explained situation so far as the road is concerned and requests from Mr. Stevens to reconstruct it, and that the commissioners have not actually made any decision regarding it. Dr. King stated that, in any event, they would meet with the commissioners before making any decision as to where this school should be located. First, they must hear from the federal government as to how much money will be approved for this project.

Dr. King said they are asking now to go ahead with the application and in October they will know how much the state money will be, and they can then meet with the commissioners to make adjustments if needed. Mr. Burch said that this will be discussed with Mr. Donaldson to determine how this will effect the county, and Dr. King will be given an answer as soon as possible. Mr. Kanowicz said that the application would have to be for \$730,000 to round it out to the nearest figure. He and Mr. Dodson then left the meeting.

Dr. King informed the commissioners that the Youth Commission had nothing to do with the dance that was recently held in Calvert County. They were over there at the invitation of the priest at the church there. Mr. Barthleme has already employed a lawyer to prove that this had nothing to do with the Youth Commission at all.

#### Sanitary Commission - County-Wide Sewerage

Mr. W. Chapman reported via telephone that if the county makes application to the Health Department through the Sanitary Commission, we will get more money than if we go through FHA.

#### Communications Consultants

Three firms will be contacted regarding reviewing plans and specifications for communication equipment to be installed in the new Civil Defense building.

#### Health Office Rating

The commissioners concurred in the "satisfactory" rating given to Dr. A. Houser by the State Health Department. Mr. Burch signed the form and it will be returned to this agency.

#### Liquor Board Expense - Gabrelcik

The commissioners reviewed expense account submitted by Mr. R. Gabrelcik for attending meeting of State Liquor Board. Mr. Donaldson will be consulted about this before the account is given consideration.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President