

June 6, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Administrative Officer to the Courts

The commissioners reviewed letter from Judge Dudley Digges, regarding appointment of Mr. James D. Thomas as the first Court Administrator, at an annual salary of \$13,000. Mr. Thomas will serve counties in the Seventh Circuit, and his salary will be paid 50% by Prince George's County, and one-sixth by the other three counties in the circuit. St. Mary's County share under the legislation creating this office will be \$2,166.67.

The commissioners resolved that Mr. Thomas salary be set at the \$13,000 for the fiscal year 1967-68 and Judge Digges will be so notified.

Civil Defense

Mr. O is Wood reviewed letter from General Hogaboom and the G. E. Company regarding the new building. He said that the state will pay \$7429.60 for the console, the federal government \$14,859.20, and the county share will be \$14,011.20. It was to have been approximately \$20,000.

General discussion about installing status board in the control center as requested by the Fire Board, and Mr. Wood will ask G. E. about cost for the board. General Hogaboom is recommending that the contract be awarded to G.E. and the commissioners agreed that this should be done. Mr. Wood said he and several of their staff were going to be at the factory and spend a full day with G.E. regarding the new equipment to be installed in the building.

Mr. Wood said that the state and federal governments are going to furnish the pole, and the antenna and lead-in wire will cost \$125.00. Mr. J. Beck has stated he will try to make the correction needed on the pole by lowering the Fire Board antenna as soon as possible. Mr. Wood said it has been suggested that a vapor light be placed on top of the pole, as this would be the only light in the area in case of a power failure. It would cost \$200. The commissioners agreed that the light should be installed.

Original cost estimate for the siren for Ridge Fire Department was \$1,282.50, but it will now cost \$1,485.00. If no funds are obtained from the federal government, it will cost the county \$843.75. The commissioners agreed that the siren should be purchased.

Mr. Wood presented annual report of the Emergency Operations Center.

Alms House Garage

The commissioners agreed that Mr. E. Siemasko could have the garage behind the Alms House.

Roads

Mrs. Bennett, Mr. Guyther, Mr. Pantaleo. Mrs. Bennett stated she has been trying to have her road improved for many years and is requesting that the commissioners

do something about it now. It is a county road connecting Route 235 with Route 5, at Hardcorner, and goes through to the telephone exchange. Mr. Burch mentioned that some time ago, the county was unable to get the right of way to improve this road. Mr. Pantaleo will inspect the road and make recommendations to the commissioners. Mrs. Bennett left the meeting.

Mr. Pantaleo presented form to be submitted to get \$2,000 from the state for the Leonardtwn wharf, the commissioners approved the form, and Mr. Burch signed it.

The commissioners approved and signed agreements for property to be used at the Great Mills Watershed.

The commissioners agreed that emergency parking signs (2) should be obtained to be placed in front of the Health Building in Leonardtown.

Board of Education

Dr. King and Mr. Schrader presented plat of property at Park Hall school site, and said they wanted to put the new middle school on this same property to save money. However, they would have facilities located on two sides of the old Hermanville Road, and the state has vetoed this. Dr. King asked if the commissioners would consider relocating this old road through the Dixon property and give them a letter to this effect. Mr. Pantaleo was given copy of the plat, and will draw up cost estimate to relocate the road as suggested, and will make recommendations to the commissioners.

Dr. King said they have an application in for this school, and when they hear from the federal government, they will be back to see the commissioners.

7 Gables Bulkhead

Mr. Pantaleo reported that the SRC wants the county to put out the contracts on this project, and he would like to have Mr. M. C. Thompson come in and talk to the commissioners about this. Mr. Grubb, Bridge Engineer, SRC, said that the bidders must be pre-qualified and this will be written into the specifications in order to get the state money.

Mechanicsville Pond

Mr. Pantaleo stated this belongs to the county and needs cleaning very badly. He will contact John Hall to find out who to contact to do this, and will also make an inspection of the pond.

Shangri La Drive

Mr. Pantaleo feels that a clause should be in the contract for this road, to read that if the road burden hurts the sewer lines, the contractor would be responsible. Mr. Aud stated that Mr. Gabrelcik of the Patuxent Water Company, has said the company will not move the lines, but the county can do so if it wishes.

Pratt Road

Mr. Pantaleo will check this and make recommendations to the commissioners.

Road Equipment

Mr. Bowles made motion that some equipment be purchased and assigned to Mr. Pantaleo for spot job maintenance in the county on county roads. Mr. Burch seconded, with the condition that it first be discussed with Mr. Guyther. This would be done as an experimental program and would need perhaps a small grader, dump truck, front end loader and one crew of men. Mr. Bowles suggested six months, then Mr. Pantaleo could report to the commissioners and make recommendations to increase or decrease the amount of equipment and men.

(Mr. Aud left the meeting.)

Court Reporter

The commissioners agreed that Mr. P. Raley should get bids for the electric typewriter requested by Judge Dorsey for the new court reporter.

School Bus

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mrs. Kitty Swann has requested that one of her father's buses be turned over to her. Her name is on the contract and she wants the bus for herself, with a contract. This would leave three buses owned jointly with her father, Mr. Sam Bailey, and one solely by her. This will be discussed with Mr. Guyther.

Parks and Recreation

The commissioners approved payment of \$3,623.21 to George and Anna M. Maloy for purchase of land adjacent to the Lexington Park Elementary School, for Parks and Recreation.

7 Gables Bulkhead

The commissioners approved payment of \$232.43 to SRC for services in connection with bulkhead at 7 Gables for period ending May 16, 1967.

Library Contract

The commissioners reviewed and approved contract for the new library in Lexington Park, with Mervell M. Dean, Inc., as approved by Mr. Guyther, and Mr. Burch signed same.

Commission on Aging

The commissioners approved quarterly appropriation of \$75.00 to be sent to Mrs. M. Van Sise, treasurer, Hollywood, Maryland, on June 1, Sept. 1, December 1, of 1967, and March 1, 1968, as requested by Gen. Hume Peabody, Chairman.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
 F. Elliott Burch, President