

June 27, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Mental Health

Dr. A. Houser and Mrs. R. Siegal discussed act passed to establish Community Mental Health Programs, and appointment of an Advisory Committee. The Tri-County Mental Health Association is anxious to have the Advisory Committee appointed, and this is done by the commissioners. According to the law, one commissioner will have to serve on the committee, and from nine to twelve other members. There will be no need for funds in setting up the committee, as this would come under the Health Department for grants in aid. The State Health Department would appropriate the cost for the first three years, as a 100% grant. After that, funds are phased in the State and local budget. The county would ultimately participate in the amount of 23%, if a demonstration program is established, and the commissioners would have to give permission for this. Dr. Houser said he would not even consider such a program unless Dr. Turk, of the State Health Department, assured him that personnel would be available to handle the program. Dr. Houser said he will submit a list of people to be considered for the Advisory Committee. Mrs. Siegal left the meeting.

Trailers

Matter of Mayfield Bennett and Hopewell Trailer Parks operating without water and sewage brought to Dr. Houser's attention. These people have been contacted about this several times but to no avail. Dr. Houser said he will issue an order to both parks tomorrow, and give them ten days to comply with the order. He will send the commissioners copies of any correspondence that is sent regarding this problem. The owners will have to comply with the orders, or close up the parks.

Chief Sanitarian and Health Officer Salaries

Dr. Houser discussed matter of chief sanitarian position vacancy, and he feels a supplement to the salary will be necessary to get a qualified person. It is his opinion that Mr. W. Raum could fill this position very well, but he would only consider accepting it with an increase in salary. Dr. Houser asked the commissioners to consider granting a supplement.

Dr. Houser also discussed matter of supplement to his salary, mentioning that he has never asked for one. Every county in Maryland pays such a supplement to the health officer. His present salary is \$20,600, and under the new budget, he will be earning less in the fiscal year 1968 than he is making now. His salary will increase to \$22,000 the first of the year, and the county appropriation has been reduced \$75.00 under the new budget.

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting.

St. Mary's River Watershed

Mr. D. McDonald, Mr. Bozzee, Mr. John Hall. Mr. McDonald was present representing the Columbia Paper Mills Company, which owns property in the area of the project,

and stated there are some things that would have to be clarified, such as uses for the balance of the land, and potential value of same. He said he would want to check on the soil type in the area involved, and they are not in a position to say they will or will not give the county a given amount of the acreage. The firm is a publicly owned corporation and in order to give away any of the land, they must be able to prove it is the prudent thing to do. The only justification would be an increase of value in the land by virtue of the lake being constructed. Mr. Burch suggested these people contact Inland Game and Fish to find out just what the situation is, and then have another meeting to discuss the matter further.

Roads

Mr. Bond, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Hayden presented petition concerning the construction of Route 235, requesting that the SRC acquire their properties and allow them to relocate, rather than expand the right of way to 80 feet, in the Sandy Bottom area. They were informed that this would come under the jurisdiction of the SRC, and the petition will be forwarded to said agency by the commissioners office. Mr. Hayden and another gentlemen who was present left the meeting.

Millstone Landing Road - Mrs. J. Rue, Mr. W. Loker, Mr. Guyther. Mr. Loker, representing Mrs. Rue, stated that she was present to find out once and for all what the situation is on the Millstone Landing Road. Reviewed letter of November 1966, addressed to Mr. Bradley concerning the navy's position, and that the county was not going to abandon the road. Mr. Loker said that the vital fact now is that if the county is going to maintain it, all of it must be maintained, and not just portions of it. If this is a public road, the county has a duty to do this. Mr. Bradley apparently resists the maintenance of that portion of the road that lies between the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Rue and that owned by the NATC. Mr. Loker stated that they want some assurance that the entire road is a public road and will be maintained by the commissioners.

Mrs. Rue said that it is impossible to turn around on the road as Mr. Bradley has placed chains and barbed wire across the road. He also will not allow the school bus or the mailman to go down the road. Mr. Loker asked if the commissioners have means or intention to prevent anyone from interfering with the road. Mr. Guyther explained that a letter was sent to Mr. Bradley about removing the fence from the right of way. Mrs. Rue stated that it is still there. Mr. Bond said that the fence is way inside the old ditch line, and Mr. Guyther said that if Mr. Bradley did not remove the fence, then it would be removed. Mr. Loker stated that if Mr. Bradley has seen fit to ignore the notice to remove the fence, then he should be charged for the expense of moving it. He further stated that the Corps of Army Engineers have told Mr. Bradley to stop putting debris in the creek, but Mr. Bradley is still doing this.

Mr. Burch said he would like to see the matter settled once and for all, and mentioned that the last communication we had from the navy specified keeping the road open. Mr. Guyther said that the commissioners can file a declaratory degree and have the court set the size of the road and who it belongs to. Mr. Guyther suggested that by agreement of all property owners, that portion of the road from Mrs. Rue's gate might be abandoned.

Mr. Loker said he felt that the county could get an easement from the navy and they would move the fence back to make room for a turnaround at the end of the road.

Mr. Pantaleo will find out if the navy fence is on the property line and if there is room to allow easement to the county to construct a turnaround. Mr. Guyther asked if the property owners would be agreeable to leaving the road to private ownership and taking the right of way through Mr. Bradley's property to join the road to the Camp Saysf Road. Mrs. Rue said the other property owners would have to be consulted about this. Mr. Guyther said that a sketch showing the width and length of what the county owns and has been maintaining all these years would be helpful. Mr. Loker is requesting that our engineers determine what the county is supposed to own, and perform an act of domain over it, then go to court and let the judge decide if the county does or does not own it. He stated it seems like a lot of unnecessary expense to go to, to construct a road when the county may already own this one. Mrs. Rue and Mr. Loker left the meeting.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. D. Raley, Jr., gave him information on the Chancellor's Run Road and Strickland Road. Estimated costs are \$13,180.50 and \$8,160, respectively. Mr. Pantaleo states in his letter that Mr. M. C. Thompson will verify the estimates by letter. On the Strickland Road, the county does have a 30' right of way, and Mr. Brynteson was sent a letter to this effect, with a form for him to sign. Mr. Burch said it was his feeling that if a 40' right of way cannot be obtained, the road should not be built. On the Chancellor's Run Road, if the commissioners accept the estimate for the 4' shoulders and the roadway, they can go ahead with this project. Mr. Donaldson was called into the meeting and informed of the project and the cost. He said that the money was available and the commissioners agreed unanimously that this project should be done now.

On the Strickland Road, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond agreed that the 30' right of way on the road would be sufficient to serve the community, and the commissioners agreed that this road should also be done. Mr. Pantaleo said that the estimate for the Wise-St. Andrews Road is approximately \$2,000, and the commissioners agreed that this road should be done, also.

Mr. Pantaleo reported on request by Mrs. Laedecker, of Half Pone Point, for the county to extend the drainage pipes 20' so that a fill can be made in this area, and they want the county to pay for the pipes that would be needed. The Laedeckers want to fill in a ravine and reclaim some ground. Mr. Bond said as far as he was concerned, he could not see why the county should change the pipes to accommodate these people, but if they want to furnish the pipe, this could be done at a very small cost. First, the fill would have to be brought in as a base to place the pipes. The commissioners agreed that if these people will furnish the pipe, it will be installed.

Mr. Bond's final report was that they should finish oiling this week if they do not run out of slag.

The commissinners agreed that a check in the amount of \$5,000 be given to Mr. Bond to be applied to this road maintenance account so that the account would not be in the "red" at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Reviewed letter to Mr. Brynteson regarding amount of right of way on the Strickland Road and requesting that he give additinnal 5' to make total width 40' instead of 30'.

Reviewed letter to Mrs. Bennett requesting that she approach residents with forms to get 40' right of way on the Bennett Road.

Youth Commission

Dr. R. King, Mr. J. Lancaster, Mrs. Browne. Presented breakdown of budget requests, stating that the administrator's expenses have been cut and this means less supervision and contact with the playcamps. They are asking that this amount be reinstated at \$1200. Mr. Lancaster mentioned need for secretary, and was informed that Mr. Pantaleo's secretary could be used for Youth Commission work.

Mr. Lancaster said they have had to drop three camps and the retarded children's program as the planning program fund was cut \$5,000. On equipment, they will have to have a bigger outlay next year, but can get by this year, although they will not have any funds left over.

The \$1500 for swimming and bowling is not enough to do the same job they did last year, as this figure does not reflect the supplement that was given them last year. They will need \$5,000 to carry out their planning program adequately, and are also asking consideration be given to the administrator's expenses so he can properly supervise the play camps.

Dr. King and Mr. Lancaster agreed that it would be best if Mr. Barthleme would submit all bills at the regular meetings to be approved for payment by the Commission, then forwarded to Mr. Raley. The commissioners agreed that this should be done.

After general discussion, Dr. King and Mr. Lancaster agreed that a total of \$7,000 would be adequate, \$1,000 for Mr. Barthleme expenses, \$1,000 for the swimming and bowling, and \$5,000 for the planning program. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners will take this request under advisement, give it some study and let the Youth Commission know their decision.

County Water and Sewerage

Mr. Beavin, Mr. Dent, Mr. Guyther, Mr. Donaldson. Proposal submitted by this firm reviewed, and Mr. Beavin said they would assist in the preparation of forms, but do not usually file them. Mr. Burch stated that FHA will provide 25% if the money is in the budget, and the remainder would come under the Minimum-Maximum Health Department budget. However, if the money is not in the FHA budget, then the entire amount will come under the Health Department budget.

Mr. Guyther advised that the commissioners are in a position to enter into a contract, and should do so and notify the State Health Department when this is done. Mr. Dent and Mr. Beavin left the meeting so that the commissioners could discuss this matter. After further discussion, the commissioners agreed unanimously that Beavin should be awarded the contract for this work in the county. Mr. Dent and Mr. Beavin were called back into the meeting and informed of the decision, and the latter said they would draw up a contract for the county.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President

July 3, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Historical Museums

It was reported to the commissioners that Mr. Charles Fenwick came into the office to state that there has been \$30,000 allocated to the county for historical museums at Colton's Point, St. Clements Island, and Point Lookout. He has written to Mr. Spencer Ellis, State Department of Forests and Parks, to inquire about this, but has not received an answer. Mr. Fenwick felt that this appropriation should be brought to the attention of the commissioners.

Nursing Home Board of Directors

Mr. Bowles said he wants to appoint Mr. Kenneth D. Rigby to serve a three term on the Board, and Mr. Rigby will be so notified and asked to indicate his acceptance in writing.

Tall Timbers Boatramp

Mr. Pantaleo will investigate request for this facility by the Tall Timbers Association.

Yowaiski Mill Road

The commissioners agreed that a letter should be written to the SRC requesting that work proceed on this road as it is now in the system.

Youth Commission

Before the commissioners act on the request for additional funds, as discussed at last week's meeting, the Youth Commission will be requested to furnish a breakdown of their programs, location and funds for each, what was deleted because of lack of funds, and what would be added or replaced with the additional funds, so that the commissioners may review same.

County Health Officer

The commissioners agreed to reinstate the \$1500 supplement for Dr. Houser, which had been deleted from the budget.

Sanitary Fill Contract for Maintenance

The commissioners approved payment to Mr. W. Wise in the amount of \$1600, for the month of June for maintenance of county fills, per contract rate, approve by Mr. Pantaleo. Also approved payment to Mr. Wise of \$100 for cleaning away debris at the Tall Timbers Wharf, as approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

Playground Project Agreements

The commissioners approved agreements for the Great Mills, Nicolet and Lexington Park School playgrounds, as acquired by the Parks and Recreation Commission, and

Mr. Burch signed same. Assistance requested is \$5,000 for Nicolet, \$9,500 for Lexington Park School, and \$16,000 for the Great Mills High School area. The forms will be returned to Mr. E. Curley, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Retainer Fee for Nursing Home Water and Sewerage

The commissioners approved payment of the 2% fee in the amount of \$238.49 for water and sewer extensions at the Nursing Home and Hospital, to Mr. James W. Mattingly, contractor. Mr. Pantaleo has inspected the work and approved it. Johnson and Williams will be so notified.

Charles County Concrete

The commissioners approved payment of \$402.00 to this company for work done.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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