

August 8, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud.

Board of Education - Staff Cars and Mobile Unit at Greenview Knolls

Dr. R. E. King reported they have placed a mobile unit at the Greenview Knolls school and Mr. Dobry is objecting to this. Dr. King said this action is necessary and they can legally do this, but Mr. Dobry will probably be in touch with the commissioners regarding the matter. They will eventually have to make an addition to this school, and will be in to talk to the commissioners in the fall about their needs.

Dr. King stated they have been considering getting cars for the staff in an effort to economize on mileage costs. (Mr. Bowles came into the meeting at this point.) They have gotten bids from three firms for used 1963-65 cars, and would like to use these on an experimental basis for one year. If they find this is more economical, then next year they will consider purchasing new cars. Dr. King mentioned that as the purchase of the cars would not exceed \$5,000, they do not have to advertise for bids. He stated that the cars have not been purchased.

Regional Jail

Judge J. H. T. Briscoe discussed matter of meeting being held in La Plata today regarding this project. He stated he is emphatically opposed to this, as our present jail is adequate for all our needs either now or in the future for some time to come. He said he does not see why St. Mary's County should be burdened with the cost of establishing a central jail for the three southern Maryland counties. It was his opinion that Charles and Calvert Counties are in favor of the project due to the fact that both jails are completely inadequate, but such is not the case here. Judge Briscoe said he would not be attending the meeting today, but wanted to let the commissioners know his feelings in the matter.

Copeland Property Fill

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Moore informed the commissioners that their property adjoins the property recently purchased by the county, and their house is very old and recognized as a structure of historical value. They have spent approximately \$60,000 on restoration, and anticipate spending another \$20,000. However, the fill will reduce the value of their property and they are very concerned, and it would not be feasible for them to continue if they are going to be located next to a county fill.

Mr. Burch assured these people that every effort will be made to prevent the fill from becoming a nuisance, and the lot is large enough to insure this. Mrs. Moore mentioned possibility of buying the property from the county, and the latter purchasing another piece of property for the fill. Mr. Burch again assured her that the county will try to develop this property in a manner that will not be offensive to the general public.

Jones Wharf Road

Mr. Donaldson present. Mr. W. E. Schmalgemeyer said he was present on behalf of some of the people who are against the closing of this road, as decreed by the court,

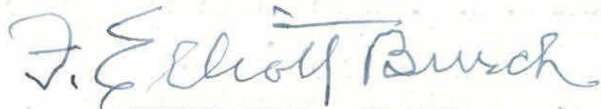
as they feel this is a public road. They are asking that the county take some action on this before the deadline of August 24th. He showed the commissioners a petition with some 250 names, which will be presented to the court, which requests that the road be allowed to remain open. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners are working on this, but are not in a position to make a statement at the present time.

#### Interest Bids

Mr. Donaldson opened bids received for interest rates on county funds to be deposited in county banks. On the \$500,000 to be deposited, Citizens offers 4.52% interest; First National offers 4.25%; Maryland National offers 4.35%. This money is to be deposited for nine months, with renewal of ninety days, and is to be collateralized dollar for dollar. Bid awarded to Citizens Bank as high bidder.

The commissioners adjourned to go to La Plata to attend a meeting with the commissioners from Charles and Calvert Counties, regarding the proposed regional jail.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President