

November 24, 1967

Present: Mr. F. Elliott Burch and Mr. George R. Aud,
Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles

Meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

Metropolitan Commission

Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. L. C. Merchant, Adm. T. B. Clark, Mr. W. Miles, Mr. J. Kenney, attorney. Mr. Burch explained to these gentlemen that the commissioners felt it was time to begin installation of an accounting system for the Metropolitan Commission, and as Mr. David Gruber is the county auditor, the commissioners feel he should do this and it should be kept under his control. Mr. Donaldson explained that the commissioners want to insure proper records being kept, and this will actually be the responsibility of the Metropolitan Commission once this is done.

Adm. Clark mentioned their need for a bookkeeper and other office personnel, and asked who they should come to for assistance or advice, and Mr. Donaldson said he would be the one to contact in this respect. He mentioned that the Metropolitan Commission is subject to the control of the Director of Finance under the law. After general discussion, it was agreed by the members of the Commission that Mr. Gruber should install the accounting system.

Mr. Miles stated that a copy of their audit as of June 30, 1967, was being sent to Mr. Donaldson for his review. Mr. Donaldson informed Mr. Merchant that Mr. Gruber would be in the county possibly next week and would like to meet with the Metropolitan Commission to get certain information to determine what records need to be kept, etc. He also stated that Mr. E. Clarke, the bonding attorney, has said that the bond sale may be deferred until after the first of the year because of the devaluation of the British pound, but this would be left up to the Metropolitan Commission.

Adm. Clark mentioned Planning and Zoning and escrow funds, suggesting that the commissioners look into this and see what is involved so far as an agreement with the Aviation Yacht Club is concerned. (This is the Wicomico Realty Company). The agreement is between the company and Planning and Zoning and provides for escrow funds for the guarantee of building proper sewerage systems, and does not protect the county in any way. It is on a per lot basis and the county has no guarantee at all, or control of the funds. Adm. Clark said that the agreement has been recorded. Mr. Donaldson and the commissioners will obtain a copy of the agreement and look into this.

General discussion concerning bids, and Mr. Merchant said they got two bids on the treatment plant, with Ingleside Plumbing & Heating, Inc., low bidder at \$1,734,550, and seven bids on the intercepting sewers, with Bacon & Passarelli low bidder at \$477,500. The contract must be awarded in January 1968. Mr. Merchant said they met with the

state about the cost and they said they will go along with the low bid even though it is over the estimate, and he has a letter to this effect.

Mr. Miles asked the commissioners to consider taking over the street in Lexington Park known as Roosevelt Street, as they need this easement for the sanitary district. The Pub is now in the middle of this street, but there is a decision on record by the Board of Zoning Appeals that the building has to be moved if the county takes over the street.

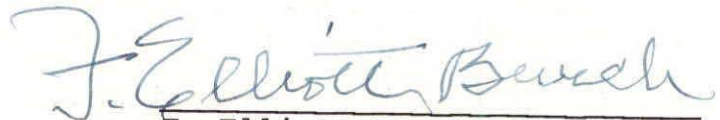
Members of the Metropolitan Commission left the meeting.

Nursing Home

The commissioners reviewed letter from the Nursing Home Board of Directors regarding making the medical director an ex-officio member of the Board. The Board of Directors has approved this action, and are asking that the commissioners concur. If the commissioners do agree, the by-laws will be amended accordingly. Mr. Bowles made motion that the commissioners concur in this request, seconded by Mr. Aud, and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President