

February 27, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Justice of the Peace Dodge

Mr. Dodge, of Lexington Park, requested that the commissioners give some consideration to increasing his salary. He explained the scope of his work, stating that from May 18, 1967 through February 26, 1968, he has brought \$5,278 to the courthouse. He comes to the courthouse regularly every Friday, and many times makes two trips a week. Mr. Dodge mentioned that he personally paid \$30 to have the office in Lexington Park painted, and also pays a girl to keep the place clean. He was requested to submit a statement for his out of pocket expenses in this respect, and he will be reimbursed for such expenditures. The commissioners informed Mr. Dodge that they will consider his request and advise him of their decision.

Teachers

Mrs. Gladys C. May, Mrs. Dorothea B. Brown, and Mrs. Bernice Cheseldine, of Oakville Elementary School; Dr. R. E. King, Jr., and Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Mrs. Brown said they are here today because they are concerned with the salary scale for teachers in their particular category, that is, they have less than sixty hours of college credits, and because of this, are issued a substitute teachers certificate. They receive the minimum salary without step increases or advancement, and there are 23 teachers in this category at the present time.

General discussion followed, and Dr. King stated they have discouraged raising the salary too much in this position, as it would tend to take away the incentive of the teacher to go back to school and get a certificate. However, the Board of Education feels that the scale should be improved and this will be reflected in their budget request in the amount of \$200, bringing the scale up to \$4,000. The commissioners might like to consider bringing this figure up to match the other counties. At the present time, the salary is \$3800 per year.

The commissioners informed the ladies that they were sympathetic but cannot make any promises until the total budget is considered.

Civil Defense

Gen. R. E. Hogaboom, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

The general reported that Mr. Charles Donaldson has approached him about being employed at the control tower. However, he wants more

money than we have appropriated for the position of chief operator, which is \$5,925.00 as a starting salary. Gen. Hogaboom said that the operations officer and the chief operator are the same person, and Mr. Otis Wood is performing both these functions at the present time.

Gen. Hogaboom asked if the commissioners would be interested in giving Mr. Donaldson a step up in the pay scale and see if he would accept this. He suggested Grade i, and if Mr. Donaldson will not accept this, then he would not be considered for the position. If the commissioners want to keep Mr. Wood in a fulltime capacity, there is sufficient work and he would be the overall supervisor of the entire operation. At the present time, the position is classified at Grade 7.

Grade i pay scale is \$6518, and Gen. Hogaboom will speak to Mr. Donaldson about accepting the position at that scale. He will also check if the federal government will pay half of the salary at this level, and will report his findings to the commissioners as soon as possible.

Mr. Burch reported later in the day that Gen. Hogaboom spoke with Mr. C. Donaldson, and the latter is agreeable to working at the control tower as chief operator at a starting salary in Scale 8, as discussed this morning. However, the general does not feel he can get this approved until the first of July, and wants Mr. Donaldson to begin work March 1st. He is requesting that the county supplement his salary until such time as the Scale 8 salary begins. After discussion, the commissioners agreed that Mr. Donaldson would be hired, and his salary be supplemented for the four month period until the Scale 8 salary is approved and becomes effective.

#### Welfare Department

Mr. J. Carter said that his department has a need for an office downstairs in the Welfare Building, but the state will not have any money for rental until July 1st. They have about \$300 in their education fund, and would like permission to spend \$168 to rent the office, No. 2. The rental is \$42 per month, and Mr. Carter is recommending that the fund mentioned be used for this purpose. He feels that the new people are getting the training they need at state expense, and the office space is badly needed. The commissioners agreed to grant Mr. Carter's request and a check in the amount of \$168 will be paid to Mr. Oliver Guyther, proprietor of the building, for the four month period prior to July 1.

#### Board of Recreation and Parks

It was agreed that Mr. Elliott Weisman of Lexington Park would be asked to accept appointment to this Board.

#### Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond reported that we will have a credit of \$12,188 on the next schedule we receive from the SRC, as

there was a mistake made by the Baltimore office. He reported that more pipe will correct the drainage problem at Placid Harbor, and he will take care of this the latter part of next week.

Mr. Pantaleo presented deed from Mr. R. Pogue for property for the boatramp at Bushwood, and said he does not feel there will be sufficient land, as it is a very small parcel. General discussion, and Mr. Pantaleo will meet Mr. M. Cook, of CBA, on Friday to discuss this with him and show him the proposed plans. It was the commissioners opinion that the project should be approved by CBA before the deed for the property from Mr. Pogue is accepted.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter from Mr. Tate giving estimates for Blacksmith Road - \$9,629.80 for construction; \$3,695.83 for surface treatment; making a total cost of \$13,325.63. Also, Denton Road - for a gravel road - \$2,317.45; surface treatment - \$3,859.69. The commissioners agreed that this road should be accepted, but that the cost for the Blacksmith Road was exorbitant and that this road could be improved at much less expense.

Mr. Pantaleo said that the Key Broadcasting Company is going to recommend giving the right of way to the county on the St. Andrews Church Road, to their Board of Directors. However, they want the county to give them title to the old road. He suggested that Mr. Guyther be asked about this, as owners of property on the opposite side of the road cannot be cut off from access to the St. Andrews Church Road. (There was further discussion on this later in the day).

#### SMECO Underground Lines

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter from this firm regarding installation of underground lines which will become necessary under the proposed Public Service Commission ruling effecting distribution lines. SMECO will frequently need to use county rights of ways and are asking approval to do this. If the commissioners are agreeable to this, Mr. Pantaleo said he will draw up specifications for the methods these people are to use to handle this. The commissioners instructed him to do this and will approve such specifications before any such permission is granted. He will also write to the firm requesting a meeting with their representative to set up a procedure that would be agreeable to the commissioners and the firm.

#### McKay's Beach and Potomac Shores

Mr. Pantaleo reported that these projects are ready to go ahead with the surveying to draw up plans and specifications for the areas. Mr. Mohl has drawn up a set of specifications of what he wants on the survey and Mr. Emler (surveyor) has given a price of \$3,824 total for all the survey work. According to Mr. Mohl, Mr. Phipps of CBA, has said if this project goes through and the bulkheads are built, this work will be charged against the total cost of the project. The state will pay 25% and the county or property owners will pay the other 75%. If the project does not go through, then the state will pay the entire amount. The commissioners agreed that the surveying work should proceed.

WKIK

Mr. R. Myers, manager of WKIK, and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Myers said he wants to work out a program to get news from the commissioners office as to what goes on at the meetings on Tuesday, for broadcasting purposes. The commissioners informed Mr. Myers they will consider his request and give him an answer.

St. Andrews Church Road

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting and was asked about discussion on this road earlier today. He suggested that perhaps Key Broadcasting Company could deed a piece of property for an access road for the property owners behind the road, or the road could be deeded to each property owner subject to every owner having right of way over the other half of the road. Before any decision is made, it will have to be determined how many property owners are on the road.

Piney Point Sewage

Mr. Winebrenner, Mr. Mathews, and Mr. Vieth, from the Seafarer's School, Mr. W. Raum, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Pantaleo, Dr. A. Houser, Mr. B. Beavin, Mr. W. Miles, Adm. T. B. Clark.

Mr. Burch informed those present that this meeting was called so that the commissioners can acquaint themselves with what is going on down at the Seafarer's School. Mr. Vieth, engineer from Harms, Inc., who is working for the school, stated that Mr. Bingley of the State Health Department, had informed them that the existing point of discharge and also the new one into the St. Georges Creek, would not be allowed because of the oysters in the creek itself. They have been told to carry their discharge to the Potomac River instead. They met with the Metropolitan Commission to try to work out problems, and their idea is to rehabilitate the plant across the road at the housing unit area and work out a suitable solution.

Mr. Burch mentioned that these people have not contacted the commissioners office at all since they came into the county, nor have we had any communication from the State Health Department. Dr. House stated that his department, through Mr. Raum, had been making inspections, and from what they can determine there is nothing to be concerned about, and everything is working well. There had been rumors of a ship tied to the pier discharging overboard, but Dr. Houser checked this with the Tidewater Boat and this is not true. Mr. Vieth said that any ships that are tied up will have their own systems and connections that will go ashore to the plant, and will dump no sewage into the river. Mr. Mathews explained that they have a 6" line that goes all the way to the end of the dock for this purpose.

Mr. Mathews said they have plans for a small marina, for approximately 25 to 30 small boats, in addition to the larger school ships. They plan to build a small hospital on one of the ships. They want to get

rid of the present sewage system and put the new one underground, as they plan to beautify the area in the future. He said they would like nothing better than if the county would take over the private system in the area and let them use it. This would save them money and they would have a much better system.

Mr. Beavin reviewed map prepared by his firm showing the site that is in question. He said that under the new regulations nothing less than secondary treatment would be acceptable, and the little one for the housing project would have no value at all. There should be enough land to allow room for expansion if tertiary treatment is needed in the future. He would like to see an 80' strip around the area to screen it, so approximately 15 acres would be needed. There is a possibility that the Metropolitan Commission can get a 75% grant for the plant, and Mr. Beavin said he would like to see this start right off as a publicly owned plant rather than a private one. Mr. Mathews stated that they were in agreement with this idea.

Mr. Mathews mentioned that they also own property across the river, and in the future they may build some retirement homes, but this is a very remote plan. There are approximately 936 to this piece of property. For the present site, they are speaking in terms of a plant for 1,000 people, but frankly do not know if they will ever reach this point. What they want to know is if the state will allow them to retain the present system until such time as the new plant is built. Mr. Beavin said this will have to be decided by Mr. Bingley of the State Health Department.

Mr. Guyther stated that from a legal standpoint, the county would have to establish another sanitary district, and the Metropolitan Commission has the authority to do this under the statute. Mr. Beavin said that the planning of such a plant would take six to seven months, and with acquisition of funds, it would be a little over two years before completion, if all went reasonably well. Meantime, if the state knows that actual steps are being taken to put in a plant to meet their standards, there will probably be no problem. Dr. Houser said this probably could be settled with a letter to Mr. Bingley about using the St. George River until a certain date, stating that when the new system is constructed, the marina will be tied into it. After some discussion, it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Mr. Bingley, the commissioners, Mr. Mathews, etc., to discuss the matter. Mr. Mathews assured the commissioners that his people would cooperate with the county in every way possible to work out the problems confronting them.

#### Roads

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Guyther. Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. T. Waring is planning to abandon the entrance road to the Society Hill Sub-division, and wants the county to take over the new one that has been constructed. Mr. Pantaleo recommends this and the commissioners agreed.

Mr. Pantaleo presented survey made on Seaside Road, 1st District, and Mr. Theodore Hewlett, who is requesting that this road be placed in the system, is to furnish the county with a deed and plats. Mr. Guyther said he can draw the deed and the people concerned can pay him for doing this work. Mr. Pantaleo is recommending that the county take over this road, and the commissioners agreed.

On the Bushwood ramp, Mr. Pogue feels that the 75' parcel he is giving to the county for this facility will be sufficient, but Mr. Pantaleo informed him that CBA will have to approve this before it is accepted.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. Hawkins, of the Key Broadcasting Co., called him this afternoon, and the former told him that the commissioners cannot grant his request for the old St. Andrews Church Road in exchange for property to be used in the construction of the new road, as there are property owners on the other side of the road that must be considered. There is only about 12' of property involved with the old road, and Mr. Hawkins thought it would be much more, so he is going to call his board of directors and recommend that they give the property to the county.

#### Shangri La Drive

The commissioners approved payment of \$300 to Walter Wise for work on the shoulders of Shangri La Drive and Essex South, as approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

#### St. Mary's Hospital

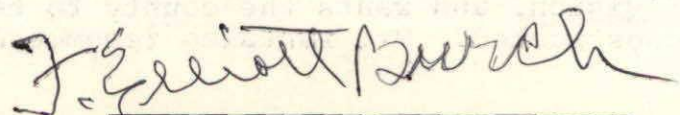
The commissioners reviewed letter from St. Mary's Hospital requesting that \$7500 be appropriated in the forthcoming budget to help cover the services of a resident physician, as authorized in Article 19, Section 156, of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County. This request will be considered.

#### Railroad

Motion made by Mr. Burch that the county purchase the railroad with funds provided by the SMECO, subject to the easement agreement being worked out to the satisfaction of the county and the SMECO, with the county holding title and granting an easement to SMECO. Seconded by Mr. Bowles and passed. Mr. Aud voted against the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President