

April 16, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

The commissioners worked on the budget the entire morning.

St. Andrews Church Road

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond. Mr. Pantaleo presented letter regarding the status of the right of way on this road and property owners who have not signed the agreements as of this date. There are one or two who are probably not going to sign, and this will have to be resolved.

Mr. Aud asked Mr. Bond to install "no dumping" signs on old Route 235, 8th District, near the American Legion. Mr. Bond said they are cleaning up this area today, cutting shoulders, etc., and he will see that the signs are erected.

Mr. Bond was asked to place calcium chloride on 200 feet of Jutland Road, 1st District, beyond the end of the blacktopping, and he will do this.

Mr. Bond presented list of recommended county road surface treatment for the year 1968, and asked that the commissioners review it and make whatever revisions they want, and he will discuss the entire program with them at a later date. Schedule is in the amount of \$105,920.21, for approximately 58.30 miles of road. Mr. Bond said they can start this the middle of May. The commissioners approved the schedule, but will study it thoroughly before Mr. Bond begins the work.

On the Whalen Road, 5th District, Mr. Bond said that the gravel portion is in good condition, but it is impossible to widen it unless the road is rebuilt. The road is very narrow, and cutting down the big trees is not going to help, but it is a good gravel road.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter of his recommendations for property owned by Mr. Rollins Bennett, that might be used for a waste disposal area, in the 3rd District. After discussion, the commissioners said they felt Mr. Pantaleo should try to lease the entire acreage of land at \$250 per year, and the county would build the entrance road and move the soil. He was instructed to ask Mr. Bennett for a ten year lease and ten year option.

Colton's Point Lots Bid Opening

Mr. Carl Kopel, Mr. W. Wise and Mr. Pantaleo. Bids opened for Lots 5 and 6, Block 14, Blackiston Subdivision, 7th District, as follows: Carl Kopel submitted bid of \$50.50 for each lot, and Wesley E. Morris submitted bid of \$50. Bid awarded to Mr. Kopel as high bidder, and Mr. Guyther will draft a quitclaim deed from the county to him to close this transaction.

Nicolet Park Bid Opening

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. W. Wise. Bids opened for improvements to this park and Mr. Wise submitted only bid in the amount of \$9,690.00.

Mr. E. Curley was called and reported that before the contract can be awarded it must be sent to him and he must get state approval. Mr. Wise left the meeting.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo presented deed for the 60' right of way on the entrance road to the Society Hill Subdivision. This road is up to specifications and he will get the plats to be sent to the SRC. The commissioners agreed that the road should be placed in the county system.

Also reviewed projects to be done at Piney Point, and Mr. Pantaleo said he will ask for the permit for both the ramp and the dredging at the same time.

Mr. Pantaleo reported on matter of request for placement of a trailer in the Point Blackstone Subdivision. The lot is less than a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, but this is an old subdivision and the lots are very small. In order to allow this the commissioners would have to grant a variance of the trailer ordinance. The commissioners disapproved this, stating that there is not enough area as required under our regulations.

Library

Mrs. K. Hurry, Adm. T. B. Clark, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, and Mr. H. Sterling.

Adm. Clark said they were present to clarify handling expenses for the new library in Lexington Park and also Tudor Hall, now that both these buildings are county buildings. He stated that the final understanding last time they met with the commissioners was that they could continue handle the operating expenditures, including insurance, etc., as this would make it easier to determine how much the operation is costing. Mr. Donaldson stated that we are to adhere to the formula, the commissioners cannot have this any other way.

Adm. Clark said he will go ahead and execute the contract with the electric company on behalf of the library. On the fuel oil, this can be placed under the same bid as the other county buildings, and the oil company can bill the library direct.

Mrs. Hurry pointed out that the building belongs to the county, but the contents belong to the Library Association, and they must carry insurance on the latter. Mr. Donaldson said that it is very possible that we could get coverage on the building under our insurance for the building and feels that we should. Mr. Hurry said they also have not executed any insurance on the Tudor Hall building as this now belongs to the county.

Mr. Arthur was called about turning over the building to the county, and he stated that he had given the keys to library personnel so they would have access to the building. Actually the building is 90% complete, and when it is 100% complete, he will send written confirmation to this effect. There are still several electrical and mechanical items to be completed, and when they are, he will make a final inspection.

Mr. Donaldson mentioned that any new buildings that are acquired or newly constructed are automatically covered by \$100,000 insurance for 30 days. The Tudor Hall building will have to be appraised, and Mr. Bowles mentioned that the architect now estimating the cost of restoration might possibly give us an official figure in this respect.

Mrs. Hurry said she will furnish us the amount of fuel oil per gallons for both library buildings.

Board of Education

The commissioners reviewed letters from this agency requesting \$352.00 from the contingency fund for the installation of insulation in the new kitchen, and \$3,853 for a movable partition between the math rooms, and minor alterations at the Great Mills High School. Mr. Aud and Mr. Burch approved payment of these requests. Mr. Bowles did not.

Sheriff - Adams Mileage

The commissioners approve payment of \$18.20 to Mr. J. Manning Adams, Jr., for a trip to Timonium, Md., in connection with the recent riot problems, as requested by Sheriff Burroughs.

Auditors Fees

The commissioners approved payment to Mr. David Gruber of \$2,250.00, for work for 3rd quarter, fiscal year.

Millstone Landing Bridge

Reviewed letter from SRC authorizing posting of this bridge for weight limit of 24,000 pounds and 15 mph speed limit. This information will be forwarded to Mr. Bond and he will be instructed to expedite this action immediately.

Petition for Fees - Kenney

The commissioners approved payment of \$100 to James A. Kenney, for Criminal #2342, 2343, 2346, and 2338, and \$50.00 for Criminal #2315, as approved by Judge P. Dorsey, Jr.

Dog Damage Claim - Boothe

The commissioners approved payment of claim in the amount of \$64.00 for 6 sheep killed by stray dogs, to Mr. Milton F. Boothe, Great Mills, Md., appraised by Deputy Sheriff Hermann and two disinterested parties.

Metropolitan Commission

The commissioners reviewed letter from Mr. Merchant wherein he states that Mr. Walter Miles has been offered a position with the State Health Department at a salary of \$10,500. Mr. Merchant feels that the quality of Mr. Miles work is such that he should be retained by the Commission, and is asking that the commissioners approve the increase necessary to retain him in his present capacity. The commissioners approved this request.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President