

May 28, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 A. M.

Teenage Drinking

Mr. J. Davis, Mr. J. Bridgers, Alcoholic Beverages Association; Gen. H. Peabody, Mr. J. M. Jarboe, St. Mary's Liquor Board; Sgt. C. Muchow; Mr. L. Cryer, County Inspector. Mr. Davis said they requested this meeting to discuss the problem of teenage drinking in the county and ways that this might be stopped. They have considered having the teenagers register for identification cards with pictures, or having the sheriff patrol when dances are held. They have tried to have legislation passed requiring proof of age on drivers licenses, but this has been defeated. Mr. Davis said they are asking for suggestions from the sheriff or the state police and the Commissioners.

General discussion followed, and Mr. Burch mentioned that the enforcement of the law is the responsibility of the Liquor Board, and the Commissioners have no authority to make any laws. Mr. Davis stated that there has been some improvement in the past two or three months, as all of them have been working on the problem. He said that if a letter was sent to all the licensees in the county making them aware of their efforts with the Liquor Board to control the matter, this might be of some value. He mentioned that some of the licensees do not belong to the association as they do not feel it does them any good, but they do not know what is going on in Annapolis and the bills being submitted, and that they are trying to do what is best for the association.

Mr. Davis said that at one of their meetings a suggestion was made that perhaps the association could help defray the cost of a machine to make the ID cards, and the Commissioners might make a commitment in this respect. They do not know what such a machine would cost, but it is felt that it would be expensive. After some further discussion, it was agreed that this would not be effective unless the requirement for cards was statewide, because of tourists and other outside people coming into the county. Mr. Jarboe mentioned that in New Jersey and Connecticut they had very big problem with teenage drinking, and perhaps we might get some ideas from these two states, put them with some of our own ideas, and find a solution to the problem.

Gen. Peabody said he felt the ID cards were a good idea, and if we cannot get a state law passed, it might help if we at least had a county law. The big question is who would bear the expense of making the cards with the pictures on them. At a meeting of the ABA it was decided that this would be brought to the attention of

the Commissioners for consideration. Mr. Burch mentioned possibility of arranging to have the cards made on the base, and this might be discussed with the captain.

Sgt. Muchow said his department had advocated the placement of pictures on the licenses for many years. However, there will be many places where they would not pay any attention to the card. There was some discussion regarding adults purchasing drinks for minors, and Mr. Davis said that he feels this is the greatest offense percentage-wise. He also said he felt that when a minor is caught drinking, his name should be publicized, and the parents brought into the matter, and this publicity might cause parents to tighten up a little on discipline. Sgt. Muchow agreed. Gen. Peabody said that in the cases of minors from the navy being caught, the navy acts very quickly, and perhaps it might be better to let the navy take care of these people rather than bring them into TM court. However, he disagreed with publicizing the names of offenders. Mr. Davis said he felt that if parents were aware that names would appear in the papers, they might be a little stricter than they now are.

Mr. Aud suggested putting a number on bottles so they could be identified as coming from a particular place. General discussion, and Gen. Peabody said this might be of some use. Mr. Bowles suggested stamping the license number of the owner on every can or bottle, and Gen. Peabody said this would be fine if it could be done. Another suggestion was to have a checker stationed at the door for the express purpose of checking identification of the people coming in.

Sgt. Muchow said that he felt there shouldn't be too much concern about the teenagers getting records, because if the parents are not concerned about this, why should anyone else be. He feels that if the offenders are picked up and fined and this is publicized, this would stop a lot of the trouble. Mr. Aud said that it is his opinion that the fact should be publicized that the person who purchases the liquor is going to be fined. Mr. Jarboe suggested that perhaps when these underage people try to purchase liquor, their name and address be taken and given to Mr. Cryer, and these people could be talked to about this and the penalty for it.

Mr. Burch stated that this matter is everyone's responsibility but it would seem that the parents should be more concerned with what their children are doing. You cannot legislate morals; this is the parents concern. Mr. Davis stated that the present liquor board has worked harder than any board the county has every had, and they hoped to find a solution to the problem.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo reported that there are two survey parties working on St. Andrews Church Road to get the plans ready for advertising by June 30th. Mr. Bowles said they have an appointment with Mrs. Wilson tomorrow morning and her advisor regarding getting the r/w from this woman on the road.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that the surveyor, Mr. Wilkenson, is working on the Park Hall School road, giving some thought to running the road from Route 5 to tie in with the existing Hermanville Road in some way. Mr. Burch said that he would rather see the survey made of the entire road so that the Commissioners could build this in sections if they desire to do this later on. Mr. Bowles and Mr. Aud agreed, and Mr. Pantaleo will take care of this.

General discussion concerning the Bennett property in the 3rd district for use as a proposed fill, and Mr. Pantaleo said that Mr. Bennett wants him to stake out how much the latter actually wants the county to have. Mr. Pantaleo is recommending that we acquire the 17 acre tract, and that the gravel for the access road be purchased from Mr. Bennett, as it will cost below the \$500 contract law and need not be advertised for bids.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that additional work is needed at Porpoise Creek, dredging approximately 120, and about 66' of jetty. If this is done it will provide a clear channel. Cost would be \$825 for the dredging, \$990 for the jetty, a total of \$1815. Mr. Pantaleo said he would recommend \$1600 for the work, but not \$1815. The Jenkins Company made the estimate, and Mr. Pantaleo feels that even with this additional cost, this is reasonable as this is a 500' channel. He also said he has discussed with Mr. M. Cook, CBA, possibility of putting a ramp here, and the latter said if this is done, the state will maintain it. Mr. Pantaleo suggested asking Mr. Bailey for the money the residents are putting up on this project, which is \$500. After further discussion, it was decided to table this matter until next week.

Mr. Pantaleo presented information he obtained from Mr. Buckmeister, who works for Mr. Grimes, at the penitentiary, about prison labor. Cost will be \$64 for an 8 man crew plus \$10 for transportation, for the road cleanup program. The men can be gotten for one day at a time if the Commissioners so desire. (Willows Road, Beachville and Route 249 in Tall Timbers were put on the cleanup program.) All the county needs to do now is supply a truck and the driver. Mr. Burch said he would supply the truck and a driver for one day to see how this works out, and the Commissioners agreed to this.

Reviewed request from Mr. Sam Bailey, Jr. for speed limit of 30 mph in front of the shopping center on Rt. 242 both north and south of its intersection with Rt. 239. There was some discussion and a decision will be made later.

Mr. Pantaleo commented on films that are available concerning sanitary fills, and that permission is being requested to show these to the Commissioners. He will contact the man about coming to the county.

Willows Road sanitary fill

Mr. D. Jarboe states in a letter received May 27th, that he will grant the 60 day extension and wants the dump closed. He will charge \$1,000 to repair and close the site himself.

Mr. Pantaleo will draw up specs for closing the fill, and mentioned that the maintenance contract will have to be rebid by July 1st.

Mr. Bond came into the meeting and reported that he has cut down on county road work everywhere possible. The rates on all of the equipment have been increased again and we cannot afford to use it. He said that if the trucks are sitting on the lot, there is no charge for them. The operator is still paid, but he will be doing something else around the garage. Mr. Bond said they are not doing any patching, but are just handling complaints. He said he will have someone check the complaint received from Mrs. Blackstone at Colton's Point. He stated that the county is approximately \$40,000 in the red now.

Mr. Bond said he usually tries to build up a reserve during the summer months to take care of the heavier work loads in the winter, but did not build up enough reserve in this instance this year. He stated he will check matter of flooding at B. Trossbacks, and then left the meeting.

Mr. Pantaleo reported on Holly Drive and Overcup Drive, and that Mr. Capps had been asked to fix these streets. He called Mr. Capps many times and nothing was done, and then Mr. Capps died. Mr. R. Wigginton found a letter from Mr. Pantaleo in Mr. Capps files, and said he cannot take any money from the estate to fix the roads. If the county wants a deed to the roads, Mr. Wigginton felt sure Mrs. Capps would give up the roads. In the letter Mr. Pantaleo sent to Mr. Capps he stated that the roads would be placed in the county system subject to the developer building them. The Commissioners felt they had no responsibility in this matter as the county does not own the roads and this would be the responsibility of the property owners to make a claim against the estate. Mr. Pantaleo will estimate the cost to put the roads in condition and present this to the Commissioners next week.

Library

Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Pantaleo, Mrs. K. Hurry. Mrs. Hurry said they are going to have some salary money left over this year, and will have enough to pay one more full-time person next year. They are asking that they be allowed to keep this money and hire this employee next year. There will be about \$3,000 and they feel that with some adjustment they can manage. The money is there due to losing some personnel and rehiring others at lower salaries.

Mrs. Hurry also asked about insurance, and Mr. Donaldson said that Gen Hogaboom was supposed to get some information on this. The restoration architect was to present an appraisal of Tudor Hall, and this was to be turned over to the Ins. Buyers Council. Mrs. Hurry said they will continue with their present coverage until Gen. Hogaboom provides the figures mentioned. The insurance they

now have is in effect until next January. On the new building the Fire Underwriters have to give a rating before any insurance can be gotten.

The Commissioners said they will discuss the request concerning the full-time employee and let Mrs. Hurry know their decision.

C. D. Bid Opening

C. Donaldson, O. Wood, W. S. Donaldson, T. Pantaleo. Bids for equipment opened as follows: Motorola - mobile unit, base price - \$863.00, 1) 955 2) 937 3) 1029. Base station - 3,247, total bid 4184. RCA - base station - 2540. Mobile unit - 660 1) 762 2) 759 3) 840 total bid - 3299. G. E. - base station and mobile unit - 2846.25 3) 85.26. Mr. C. Donaldson said they will try to incorporate another channel to be used on days when they receive interference, so they can switch over to the second channel. After a review of the bids, Mr. Wood will contact GE and request a breakdown on their bid. The mobile unit will just about use up just about all of the money in their equipment fund. Mr. Wood will report back to the Commissioners just as soon as he gets the information from GE.

Nursing Scholarships

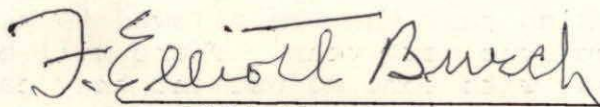
The Commissioners approved award of scholarships in the amount of \$500 to JoAnn Beth Compton, California, Maryland, Theresa Ann Jarboe, Great Mills, Maryland, Suzanne Marie Spalding, Leonardtown, Maryland, all of whom have been accepted at accredited schools of nursing. The \$500 grant will remain in effect for each year of the course offered by the particular institution. Each recipient will be required to furnish a bond.

Tuition Scholarships

The Commissioners awarded tuition scholarships to St. Mary's College of Maryland to the following: Peter R. Woodburn, Jr., Ridge, Maryland; Laura E. Mattingly, Leonardtown, Maryland; Victor T. Demko, Dameron, Maryland; Margaret H. O'Brien, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President