

June 10, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 2:30 p.m.

Civil Defense Equipment

The Commissioners agreed that the contract for the base station and the mobile unit should be awarded to the General Electric Company, as outlined in their bid proposal, which was the low bid received.

Regional Detention Center

Mr. Donaldson reported on a meeting he attended in La Plata on Friday, June 7th, on this facility. 100% of the construction cost will be paid, and there is a federal grant that can be obtained to pay for drawing up the plans, under Title I. Title II provides the money for construction. Title III is for research and development but we are not interested in this. They figure on 2-300 prison population which brings the costs down. Maintenance will be based on what prisoners we might have and not on a population breakdown. For instance, if we have 10 prisoners that is all we will be billed for. Each county will pay according to their own prisoners.

Prince George's wants to come in on this and suggested that the center be located at Upper Marlboro, but Charles and Calvert counties said no, as this was too far away, and that Hughesville would be the ideal place. So, Prince George's said they will be willing to come in even if the center is located at the Hughesville site. In any event, it will be three years before this facility can be put into operation. The present tendency now is against sentencing a person for any given length of time. Rather, he is to be examined and evaluated by certain tests to learn his adaptabilities, and he could be sentenced to getting a high school education. When his education is completed, he would then be turned loose. There will be special classes for such a venture, and if a man indicates a certain aptitude, he will be taught a trade. They want to try to use these people on roads and various other things, close or near their own area. This facility will not be a maximum security prison.

Charles and Calvert counties would like to have a decision from St. Mary's County as soon as possible, as they are beginning to draft the legal agreements between these two counties, and they would prefer to have St. Mary's County participate, rather than Prince George's County. However, if the latter does participate, this will reduce the cost.

Parks and Recreation

Reviewed letter from Charles County regarding discontinuance of services by Mr. Curley to St. Mary's County as director for this board, as he will be devoting all of his time to Charles County after July 1, 1968.

Whalen Road

Petition from residents on this road will be acknowledged, stating that the Commissioners have been in contact with the State Roads Commission engineer and the county engineer, and are trying to find a way to improve this road that will be economically feasible.

Trailer Variance - Healy

After discussion and review, the Commissioners agreed that Mr. John Healy, Clements, would be granted a variance from the trailer regulations, allowing him to connect to the present water supply available.

Human Relations Expenses

The Commissioners agreed that Mrs. Helen Somerville, secretary to this commission, should be reimbursed for the \$6628 expenditure to send two telegrams as instructed by the commission, which she paid personally.

Parks and Recreation

The Commissioners approved payment to Charles County Parks and Recreation Board expenses for Feb. - 687.49, March - 1124.99, April - 374.99, and May - 2734.99 for services rendered to St. Mary's County.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President