

August 27, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Hospital

Mr. Aud reported that the Board of Directors wants to make improvements to the parking lot and roadway. Curb and gutter will cost \$4,987.50, and the blacktopping will cost approximately \$5,000. Low bids were submitted for this work by Mr. T. Stroud and Mr. W. Wise, respectively. The directors would like to have the county share some of the cost as these improvements will serve the nursing home as well as the hospital.

Civil Defense

Mr. Otis Wood presented the Commissioners with copies of the Emergency Communications Plan, which must be filed in order for the county to get any matching funds. He stated that they have added a "hot line" for the state police, which enables them to call any police barracks in the state. The county pays the key charge and the police pay the toll charge. This is not shown on the report as it was added since the report was compiled. They are also designating the state police as the investigating agency for employees who work for the Civil Defense.

Regarding radios in the Commissioners cars, the federal government will pay half of the cost and half of the maintenance. There is a possibility that the humane society truck may also be considered. All of this would require a new base station as this would be on a new frequency.

Mr. Wood said that the Department of Game and Inland Fish want to participate in the communication program, and this will not cost the county anything. This particular department wants to be able to get in touch with their game wardens.

There was general discussion concerning the entrance to the new EOC building, and it was suggested that it could be closed in with a roof over it, or enclose the railing with laminated plastic to keep the snow and dirt from drifting down into the entrance way. Mr. Wood said that Mr. Tilp is supposed to be sending him a drawing of a structure that might be used. However, Mr. Wood will get additional information on what might be done, and come back to see the Commissioners.

Mr. Wood reported that Mrs. Helen Bailey, the secretary, had tendered her resignation, but has said she will stay on if she is reclassified. Her present salary is \$4,046, and reclassifying her as Secretary I would grant an increase of \$400 per annum approximately, at a new

salary of \$4,451. This can be done automatically according to information Mr. Wood has received from the state. He asked that the Commissioners consider this, adding that it would cost the county \$200 per year under the matching fund program.

Mr. Wood reported they have received clearance from the state for disposing of the caterpillar tractor, and the Commissioners can now advertise for bids if they so desire.

Dukehart Creek

T. Downes, C. Gibson, R. Kopel, M. Cook, Chesapeake Bay Affairs, and T. T. Pantaleo. Mr. Kopel said that they were here to request dredging of this creek, and that Mr. Cook has stated it will be a very large project. If just the mouth could be opened this would be of some help. There is approximately 4 to 5 acres of water in the one spur they are interested in.

Mr. Cook reviewed drawings and aerial photos of the area involved, and stated that the army engineers have not surveyed this to date. There was some discussion concerning public landings and fact that there are three county roads that run directly to the water. Mr. Cook said that if this is deemed a feasible project to protect a harbor, and public landings could be constructed, a cost estimate would be made and presented to the legislature requesting that the money be appropriated so the work could be done. A letter could be written to Mr. Cook requesting that his department proceed with the study, and Mr. Pantaleo will do this, with the letter actually coming from the Commissioners. Mr. Kopel will provide a petition for the work and this will be attached to the letter. Mr. Cook said he would proceed to make the survey at the first opportunity.

Tippett Road

Mr. O. Tippett, Mrs. Grace Wood, and Mr. Pantaleo. Request that the county take over that portion of this road beyond county maintenance. The road is in such bad condition that the post office is going to discontinue service and the school buses will not travel the road. Mr. Pantaleo said that a survey would have to be made to determine who the property owners are in order to get the necessary right of way. Mrs. Wood and Mr. Tippett said they, and the other property owners, would be willing to pay for the survey. She further stated that Mr. W. Sterling had a survey made by Mr. Bowman several years ago, and he should have the plats and papers pertaining to this. This was done in 1961. There are 16 taxpayers on this road. Mr. Pantaleo will check with McCrone for the plat and with Mr. Sterling for the papers Mrs. Wood gave him, and the Commissioners will see what can be done.

Kingston Creek Bid Opening

Mr. Steven M. Pratt was sole bidder, and presented certified check for \$200 in lieu of bid bond. Total bid submitted \$27,060, or

\$26.00 per foot. General discussion concerning type of construction for this project, and the Commissioners will make a decision and advise Mr. Pratt.

Bushwood Project

Mr. Pratt said that 16" should be added to the bulkhead on this project, and he would like to have a letter authorizing him to do this, as the Commissioners have approved this work.

Piney Point Project

At this location there is some soil remaining and Mr. Pratt asked what the Commissioners want done with it. It can be spread out and leveled off, and he will charge \$300 to do this. The Commissioners agreed this should be done. The Commissioners approved payment of \$2,789.76 and \$1,360.24 to Mr. Pratt for work on the Piney Point Project.

Light Industry

Mr. H. Janssen, Mr. Melvin Holland and Mr. Ray Czarra. Mr. Janssen said that a group of people are concerned with getting light industry into the county and are willing to work to do this, and hope that the Commissioners will allow them to do it. They want to find out what has been done in the past, and would like to have any information they can obtain in this respect.

After some discussion, these people were advised to speak with Mr. A. Briscoe and Mr. W. Chapman of the local EDC, as this agency has made all the contracts with industries in an effort to get them to locate in St. Mary's County. Mr. Bowles also suggested that they contact Mr. Duffield of the Employment Security Office as that office made arrangements for employee interviews when the Minitac factory came into the county. There are some training programs that can be arranged through the state that can be used by some businesses.

Mr. Holland said he felt that the image of the county had to be changed, and a brochure with concrete facts in it should be compiled and published. He also feels that a citizens organization could accomplish more in approaching industries, than could private persons.

Mr. Janssen said that they will probably come to the Commissioners for travel expenses. Mr. Burch stated that EDC has an amount of money in their budget for expenses, and if that agency approves, perhaps this could be arranged.

Maryland Port Authority re Steuart

Mr. Douglas, MPA, reviewed point that was brought up at the meeting with the Foreign Trade Zone Board several days ago, regarding of the application for the Piney Point project. Mr. Douglas said yes, this could be done, this was confirmed by a letter from Mr. Staunton, and a letter from the governor, and then by a letter from an assistant

attorney general, so this point has been well established. The FTZ Board is aware of this because Mr. Douglas spoke with them about it. Mr. Hoff, the deputy director, has said that if the FTZ thought there was a possibility that an application might be withdrawn, there was a strong possibility they would not approve it, and it would just be shelved. If, sometime in the future, the Commissioners approve the project and request the MPA to file, the application would not get far unless we find some way to clear up the possibility of it perhaps being withdrawn. If the project is approved later on, it would be best to send a letter with the approval, and also stating that this is the Commissioners final decision and the MPA is released from any obligation to withdraw the application on the Commissioners account. Mr. Douglas feels this would clarify the matter so that the FTZ would be assured that it would not later be withdrawn and they could go ahead and process it. If the Commissioners do as he is suggesting, they will be relinquishing the privilege of withdrawing their approval. This is one point that will have to be clarified and the Commissioners will have to let the MPA know their decision, one way or the other.

Railroad

Reviewed status of this project and letter from GSA stating that the agreement with the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative is in order. They are now waiting for the documents to be signed and the check for the initial down payment. General discussion followed, and the matter was tabled for the present.

St. Andrews Road

Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. A. Tate is recommending that the contractor be limited in the amount of work to be done to insure not having the road torn up over the winter months. Bushing, clearing, drainage, moving the utilities, etc. can be accomplished, and Dean and Beavers are agreeable to following Mr. Tate's recommendations. It was agreed that a letter should come from Mr. Tate with his recommendations, and then a letter should come from Dean and Beavers agreeing to said recommendations.

Sheriff's Office - Lexington Park

Mr. P. Raley presented bills for 28 keys made for the new office, in the amount of \$14.25. Approved for payment by the Commissioners.

Reviewed telephone bills for this facility in the amount of \$123.19, for a two month period. This includes a \$46 charge for the change over. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Raley call the business office regarding this latter charge to be sure it is correct. Payment approved.

Sheriff Burroughs has requested that they have a telephone in the control center that would be listed in the directory that will be published in December. The telephone downstairs in the courthouse will not be listed, as it is now, nor would the phone in the Lexington Park office. Mr. Raley said he will be given a cost

estimate on this. The Commissioners approved the action as outlined.

Colony Subdivision

Messrs. Wysong, Blumenthal, Murphy, of the Colony Development Corporation; Chasanow and Anderson, attorneys; J. A. Mattingly, attorney, F. Latham of McCrone; T. T. Pantaleo; L. Etzler, State Planner; D. Williams.

General discussion concerning the proposed Colony Subdivision. Detailed resume in files.

Payments Approved

\$2,590.75 to Hugh W. Wilkerson and Associates, for survey work done on the proposed county airport approved by Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud.

\$70.00 to Gotts Linoleum, Inc., for installing cove base in the EOC building.

\$720 to Beavin Company, 9th partial billing, for July 1968, for engineering and other services on the master water and sewage plan.

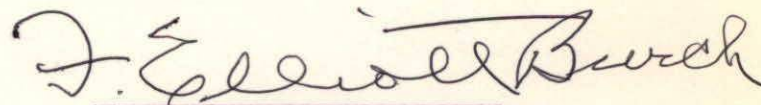
\$266.15 to King Bros., printing costs for 150 copies of the 1968 supplement to the St. Mary's County code of local laws.

\$100 to Dr. Carl Everstine for editing the 1968 supplement to the code, and \$25 to Mrs. Mary Hammer for secretarial work in connection with publishing the supplement.

\$75 to Joseph R. Guyther for photography work at Delaware City.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President