

February 4, 1969

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

Civil Defense

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Donaldson regarding the use of chemical mace in the Control Center. A letter was also reviewed from Mr. Otis Wood regarding salaries of the part-time men to \$2.00 per hour, after they were fully trained and could work the shift alone. At this time they have only one man this well trained. The Commissioners requested further information regarding the present salaries of part-time help in the minimum and maximum of permanent employees.

Railroad Crossings

A letter was written to Mr. A. W. Tate and a copy sent to Mr. D. Bond regarding the survey made by the local State Roads Commission and requested them to proceed to erect the appropriate and necessary signs as soon as possible and to advise the Commissioners the date of completion.

Oakwood Lodge Trailer Park Addition

Mr. Arthur Puchetti presented a plat for the addition to his trailer park. This plat had the approval of the Metropolitan Commission, Planning and Zoning and the Health Department. This trailer park will now accommodate 50 trailers. A letter will be sent to Mr. Pantaleo stating that the plat has been approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Burch suggested that in the future a linen copy be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval. The Planning and Zoning Commission will then do the leg work and present it to the various departments for signature in order to avoid delay and confusion. Mr. Pantaleo will prepare a recommendation of procedures to follow and present to the Commissioners for approval.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burroughs and Chief Deputy Lancaster appeared before the Board to request various purchases needed by the Sheriff's Department. A list of their requests is on file,, approved by the Commissioners. Discussion was had regarding an electric typewriter. The Commissioners requested a price for same. Sheriff Burroughs made a complaint regarding information that had been on file with the Sheriff's Office which the County Inspector had divulged during his investigation. Deputy Lancaster suggested that before money be given for plainclothesmen, that they be put under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department and that they be called when violations occur so that the Sheriff may make the arrests. Mr. Bowles suggested that a meeting be called today with the Liquor Board to discuss the problem. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. Cryer be permitted to answer these charges. A meeting was so arranged after Mr. Burch called the members of the Liquor Board

and they met at 2:00 p.m. (Section J. No. 1, 2-C through E, Merit System, 64-10).

Roads

Mr. Aud stated that Archie Street in St. Clements Shores is impassable and asked Mr. Bond to check this out. The Commissioners discussed with Mr. Bond, the problem of the stop sign at the end of Courthouse Drive off of Washington Street.

Mr. Pantaleo submitted prices from Mr. Walter Wise for extra work to be done on and near the fill sites. It was suggested that additional prices be gotten.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Bond to check Hewitt Road off of Route 235 for possible surface treatment. It was requested that a "No Dumping" sign be placed on Route 235 opposite road leading between Mechanicsville and Chaptico adjacent to the area recently cleaned up. Mr. Bond requested that the oiling schedule be submitted to the State Roads Commission as soon as possible.

Executive Session

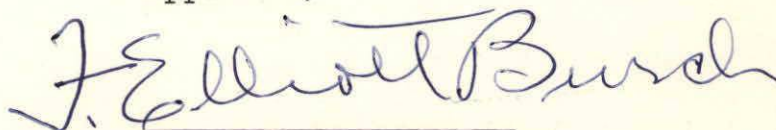
Gen. Hume Peabody, J. Merton Jarboe, Berkman Norris of the Liquor Board and Sheriff Burroughs and Chief Deputy Lancaster met with the Commissioners in executive session.

Patuxent River Watershed Advisory Committee Report

Mr. Robert August, Mr. Leon Etzler, Mr. Charles Hall and Mr. Fred Pyne met with the Commissioners to give their findings and recommendations regarding the Governor's Advisory Committee Study. Five problem areas that require immediate attention if the Basin's attractive qualities are to be preserved are: (1) waste water disposal, (2) preservation and enhancement of the estuary, (3) control of erosion and sedimentation, (4) public water supply and (5) provision, recreational and open space land. They encouraged the development of County ordinances and newly created subdivisions regarding water quality. It was stated that some control must be exercised to insure that no disruptions be on either side of the river shores of the Patuxent between the two counties. It was brought out that the Patuxent Basin Sanitary Advisory Committee should be organized immediately to initiate and coordinate preparation of the 1970 program of new and expanded facilities required up to 1980. Thereafter, the committee should undertake studies for a longer range planned program for the future. This committee should also concern itself with the long range problems of water supplies in the Basin and with the disposal of solid wastes. The committee should include representatives from all of the Basin County Sanitary Departments plus other commissions as shown in the report. Mr. Aud asked if this report was not designed for most of the larger counties. Mr. Pyne answered this was true but we will experience the same problems these other counties are now experiencing.

Mr. Charles Hall stated that the dealing with pollution control in the Basin has just recently been completed. Actually the upper counties will have to pay this cost mostly while we will receive most of the benefits. The idea is to control wastes before the problem becomes too great. The Department plans to do additional studies into the estuaries and partly fund it by Federal grant, however, some local participation should be involved. They will ask the agency to initiate a committee and request the Commissioners to submit a name of someone who is informed on sanitation for example, our consultant to the Metropolitan Commission. One individual from each of the seven counties would be on the committee. Mr. Pyne stated that waste water treatment must be sufficient to remove 94% and 96% of the organic substances and loads up to 1980 and 2000 respectively. Mr. Pyne felt that the Beavin Co. is doing an excellent job and the Commissioners are to be congratulated for getting this firm to do the study. He pointed out the Golden Beach area, in which there may be a large collection of sewage. This would then do away with many small plants. This plan formulated will give the county the opportunity to plan and make ordinances. The Health Department has already requested some of the larger counties to submit reports and figures. At this time, our representative on the Board could give information back to the County that will be beneficial in making ordinances and also making recommendations. A three stage waste treatment program is required to fully preserve the water quality of the Basin. All existing waste water treatment plants must be immediately brought to the maximum level of operating efficiency. Permits for subdivision development should be reexamined to insure that adequate capacity exists for treating the wastes generated. Where such treatment is found to be inadequate, the permit should be suspended until additional facilities are provided. The State Department of Health should immediately undertake these activities. At the present time, there is no serious waste treatment problems but it is good to know what is being done and what will have to be done. Mr. August suggested that consideration be given to the two representatives on open space and the advisory committee. Mr. August mentioned the Patuxent Basin Council which would consist of one representative from each County Board of Commissioners and one representative from the elected delegation to the legislature in each County, together with a representative from the Governor's Office. This is a recommendation but not essential. Mr. Aud stated that the sewage treatment plants are fine but he feels the problem is in policing it. There was discussion regarding the sewage plants now in existence both in the County and the State. Mr. Pyne commented that the State Department of Health has only one man in charge of the whole State. The operator of the plant should check and watch and not wait until it is condemned by the Health Department. He agreed that surveillance should be maintained.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch