

February 17, 1969

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

Legislation

Delegate Henry J. Fowler and Delegate John Hanson Briscoe met with the Commissioners on Monday, February 17, 1969 to discuss the following legislation: (1) An act to repeal and re-enact Section 217 (B) Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County to change Building Permit fees. There shall be a charge of $\frac{1}{4}\%$ of the total cost of construction with a minimum fee of \$10.00. The remainder of Section B to be left intact, (2) Requests legislature to give Commissioners authority to deny the issuance of a Building Permit if it be against the health and welfare of St. Mary's County, (3) An act to repeal and re-enact Section 195 Code of Local Public Laws of St. Mary's County to change cost of trailers court licenses: 2 to 50 trailers \$100, 51 to 100 trailers \$200 plus \$5.00 for each additional trailer over 100, (4) Exempt St. Mary's County from the State Law regarding tax exemptions for persons over 65 years of age with an income less than \$5,000. The Commissioners were advised that no County could be exempt because it was a mandatory law, (5) Transfer fee for Liquor Licenses has been requested by the Alcoholic Beverages Board to the legislators, (6) To repeal Article 81, Section 9 (46) Real Property of Manufacturer moving to St. Mary's County, (7) Repeal Section 191 Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County entitled Manufacturers Application, (8) Increase salary of County Commissioners from the present \$5,000 for chairman and \$4,500 for each member to \$15,000 for chairman and \$12,500 for each member who will sit as a full-time board five days a week.

Delegate Fowler asked if the County Commissioners wished to make any recommendations or change the law regarding the Sheriff's Department. It was felt that the Sheriff's Office would continue to answer to the voters of the county.

Delegate Briscoe remarked that he had received various phone calls regarding sanitary fills. He stated that there was a law on the books regarding junked cars.

Delegate Fowler asked if the State's Attorney's salary should be increased. No decision made.

Mr. Bowles requested that the legislators give the County Commissioners authority to make a resolution to impose a tax on soft drinks as well as a utility tax. Mr. Bowles also suggested that the County Inspector be elected. Delegate Briscoe said he felt that this would not be proper as it would enter into a political conflict.

Delegate Briscoe requested the Commissioners to consider waiving the new requirements for recordation if proof of a bonafied settlement was made prior to February 1. He stated his reasoning was that he had three settlements made prior to February 1, but was unable to

record same before deadline. He stated that other counties made this provision. Mr. Burch asked how much money was involved and Delegate Briscoe stated approximately \$100. Mr. Burch remarked that it might not be fair as other attorneys may have been in the same predicament and paid the new rate. The Commissioners agreed to take this matter under advisement.

Delegate Briscoe requested that the Commissioners meet with the delegates and Senator Bailey possibly on Thursday which Delegate Briscoe will confirm time and date. After the meeting with the delegates, Mr. Bowles suggested that a letter requesting the legislators support Senate Bill 38 as written by the Maryland Association of Counties plus the recommendations made by the Maryland Association of Counties.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch