

April 8, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch
 J. Wilmer Bowles
 George R. Aud
 W. S. Donaldson
 B. H. Sterling
 Paul Raley

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Education Budget

Most of the day was spent reviewing the budget for this agency in preparation for the public hearing being held this evening.

Trailer Park Occupancy Fees

Mrs. Phyllis Ackerman, Bayview Trailer Park
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Hills, Hills Trailer Park
 Mr. A. Puchetti, Oakwood Lodge
 Mr. A. E. Hood, Hoods Trailer Park
 Mr. F. Smith, Sr., Smith's Trailer Park
 Mr. W. E. Smith, D & B Trailer Park
 Mr. Willard B. Long, Jr., A&W Mobile Home City
 Mr. Lewis E. Chiado, resident of A&W Mobile Home City
 Mr. Joseph A. Clarke, Leonardtown
 Mr. J. Daugherty, Hopewell Manor
 Mrs. Betty A. Langley, Langley Trailer Park
 Mr. J. Weiner and Mr. T. Waring, Calvert Trailer Park

Mr. Waring said that this group had asked to meet with the Commissioners to protest the proposed occupancy fee increase. They have heard rumors of the proposed increase, and wanted an opportunity to discuss the matter and acquaint the Commissioners with their problems. Mr. Weiner stated that he is of the opinion that if the trailer park rentals are increased too much, the navy will establish a trailer park on the base, which would be detrimental to all of them.

Mr. Daugherty reviewed tax increases under new legislation recently passed, and it is his opinion that the 8th District is being discriminated against so far as taxes are concerned. He feels that any increase in taxes should be put on the property owners. However, if the trailer tax is going to be raised, it should be done gradually over a period of several years, and not all at one time.

Mr. Burch stated that it is not pleasant for the Commissioners to increase anyone's taxes, but the board has to consider all avenues of additional revenue. He reminded those present that the families living in the trailer parks demand the same services as other citizens in the county, such as roads, schools, etc., and these things must be taken into consideration. He then thanked these people for coming in to express their views on the subject.

Steuart Petroleum Company

Mr. Jerry M. Colvin, Bjorn Egeli, Raymond Czarra, Mrs. Mary Van Dike, Mrs. June

A. Thomas, Walter R. Thomas, Eric Janssen, John B. Paradis, Adm. C. H. Duerfeldt, Mrs. Dudley Lindsley, William F. O'Brien.

Mrs. Lindsley stated that these people were representing various civic groups in the county, and these groups were delighted when the Commissioners rejected the foreign trade zone contemplated by Steuart. They are now asking what position the Commissioners will take regarding the oil refinery that is now being considered for that area.

Mr. Burch explained that there is no zoning in effect at present, and even when it does come into being, it will not effect the refinery. He further explained that the Commissioners cannot legally do anything to stop the project. The Commissioners declined to issue a building permit and were taken to court and forced to issue one.

Mr. Janssen asked if it would be possible to pass an ordinance to ban noxious plants being established in the county. Mr. Burch said that our attorney would have to advise the Commissioners whether or not they have the authority to do this.

After some discussion regarding taxes, and the fact that a desulphurization plant will emit a foul odor, Mr. Colvin said they are requesting that the Commissioners write to the Department of the Interior, stating that they rejected the oil refinery and foreign trade zone, and request that they deny the oil quota to Steuart. Can further state that they feel that the Board and the people of the county should have some say in the matter. They also asked that the Commissioners proceed with county-wide zoning immediately.

Sheriff

Sheriff B. Burroughs and Mr. H. Lancaster. Sheriff Burroughs requested that the Commissioners approve advertising for four (4) cars immediately, with no trade-in, and that two Mercurys be purchased in January 1970, as they have over 60,000 miles at the present time. It was agreed that the cars being replaced would be sold at public sale to the highest bidder.

Sheriff Burroughs stated he would like to make another complaint against Mr. Leonard Cryer, County Inspector. He alleged that the case against Senator J. Mattingly's son was dismissed because of Mr. Cryer's interference. He further stated that in the case against the La Piccolo Club, Mr. Cryer was seen coming of Judge Briscoe's chambers prior to the trial, and had spoken with the judge and given him a copy of a letter sent to all tavern owners by the Liquor Board. The sheriff further alleged that Mr. Cryer is acting in the capacity of a defense attorney, inviting these people to his house to discuss these matters.

The sheriff stated that it is most difficult to make an arrest, as Mr. Cryer has a radio in his car and knows when they are going to a specific place, implying that Mr. Cryer was interfering in this respect. Sheriff said he felt that Mr. Cryer should be retired.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King requested procedure to be followed to dispose of the VW bus used for the retarded children at Little Flower School. The Commissioners agreed that the Board of Education should advertise and sell the bus and turn the proceeds over to the county.

Secretarial Interviews

Resume of interviews in files.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President