

August 12, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Open Space Lands

A letter from Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom, St. Mary's City Commission, was reviewed, in which he requested approval for the acquisition of two additional tracts of land located in St. Mary's City. One is the Lore Tract, 98.12 acres, for \$278,000, and the other is the Elwell Tract, 30 acres for \$93,500. The application is to be submitted to the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Camper Regulations

Mr. Burch reported that he met with Mr. Bud Mattingly and Mr. Stanton Guy on Saturday at the proposed camper site on St. Patrick's Creek. Mr. Burch informed them that the Commissioners have received recommended regulations from the Health Department and are in the process of drafting final regulations. They have put up a wharf for boats, improved the well, installed 2,000 gallon septic tank and 300 feet of field. They already have a double privy on the property. The lot is 80' by 400'.

Mr. Etzler suggests that the Commissioners give him temporary approval, require a minimum footage and do not record the plat.

Bond Issue for School Construction

A special election was discussed as requested by the Board of Education for the School Bond Issue. Mr. D. Williams checked the current law regarding this. It states that the Commissioners could pass a resolution and refer it to the Election Supervisors and have them set the election up. A law enacted in May states that the Commissioners may set a special election for a bond issue. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners unanimously agreed that the bond issue should be placed on the 1970 ballot and that the Board of Education be notified of this decision.

Kindergartens

Mr. Bowles pointed out that the Governor signed into effect a law that all counties must have kindergartens and the Attorney General has ruled that this is mandatory. The law requires the Board of Education to provide the kindergarten program for children requesting same. The county appropriation to this program would be about \$100,000.

Kingston Creek

Mr. Aud talked with Mr. Roy Hutchins, CBA, relative to Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks. Mr. Hutchins said CBA would go ahead with the construction of

two openings. This has been approved in their budget for this year and Mr. Hutchins will send the Commissioners a letter to this effect.

Building Permits - Steuart's

Mr. D. Williams suggested that a letter be written to Mr. Charles Norris, Attorney, informing him that the Commissioners have written to Mr. Robert Sweeney, Assistant Attorney General, about the fees to be charged Steuart and are awaiting a reply from him.

Certificate of Deposit

Mr. Burch spoke with Mr. Kennedy Abell, Maryland National Bank, about certificates of deposit for \$200,000. If the Commissioners placed these certificates in the bank for 60 days, they would draw 5-3/4% interest, and for 30 days, 5 1/2% interest. It was decided to deposit \$200,000 for 90 days, school fund construction, and \$200,000 from the general fund for 90 days.

Mr. Sterling reported to the Commissioners that he has not received a proper needs schedule from the Board of Education relative to school construction.

Tri-County Council

Mr. John Mills, Mr. George Burnett. Mr. Mills introduced Mr. Burnett as the Governor's designated liaison for the Tri-County area. The Commissioners informed him of some of the erosion projects in the county and the need for State assistance. Mr. Burnett stated he would be glad to assist with any county problems. He took information regarding Scotland Beach back with him and is going to check on getting something done about the erosion problem. Mr. Burch requested that he look at Route 235 and check into the dualization of the rest of the road. Also, discussed the Patuxent River Bridge, and Mr. Aud stated that the Navy has approved a lower type bridge. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Burnett for coming and appreciate his willingness to help with county problems.

Metropolitan Commission

The Commissioners set August 28 as a tentative date for meeting with the Metropolitan Commission and Mr. David Gruber. Adm. Clark and Mr. Gruber notified of meeting date.

Roads

Discussed two roads in Esperanza and four in Town Creek, to be taken into the system. The deeds are to be prepared and seven copies of plats are to be submitted to the Commissioners.

Mr. Harry Leonard requests that gravel be cleaned out of the run at Great Mills. Mr. Bond is to take care of this request.

Mr. Burch requested that the right-of-way be taken care of in Patuxent Beach. Mr. Bond explained that many of the SRC men are not being replaced after someone leaves. Mr. Bond feels possibly Mr. J. D. Raley could look into this.

Received request from Mr. Frank Sowell relative to taking Blacksmith Road into the county system. It was reported that this road is in the system. The Commissioners decided that the road should be graded.

Mrs. Frank Lee, Old Rolling Road, California, requests that ditches be dug out near the end of the road. She states water is running on people's properties.

Mr. Les Shaw requested that the pipe be installed at the entrance of Southern Maryland Concrete as previously approved. He stated an inspector for Dean and Beavers had not received word to place the pipe at his entrance. Mr. Burch telephoned Mr. A. W. Tate, District Engineer, SRC, and he is to get in touch with the proper person and have the pipe installed.

Road Equipment - Use at Landfills

The Commissioners were informed that the new dump truck will be delivered from McKay Implement Company on Friday afternoon. This piece of equipment is to be used at sanitary landfills.

Mr. Ben Smith, County Extension Office, presented Mr. Burch with some information regarding trapping of rats at fill area. Mr. Smith will obtain some further information to present to the Commissioners.

Watershed Agreement

Reviewed two copies of agreement for the watershed project. The agreement states that the county shall acquire land (476 acres) in fee simple title and transfer ownership to the State of Maryland for use of Department of Game and Inland Fish. Upon acquisition, legal and surveying expenses of easements and costs in excess of \$100,000, the county will be reimbursed for all costs not to exceed \$30,000.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

Approved payment of \$450 to Mr. Richard O. Reeder for trailer to be used at Oakville Sanitary Landfill. Mr. P. Raley checked and found title to be free and clear of any liens. Mr. Williams is to have Mr. Reeder sign a statement to this effect.

Jail

Reviewed request from Sheriff Burroughs relative to giving information to the Control Center before anyone is put in jail and released from jail. The Commissioners agreed that the letter should be rewritten and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Gatton and that reasons for the request be stated in the letter.

Board of Education Budget

The Commissioners received copies of the Board of Education approved 1970 budget.

Bus Routes

The Commissioners discussed at some length bus routes for Mr. Earl Gatton and the

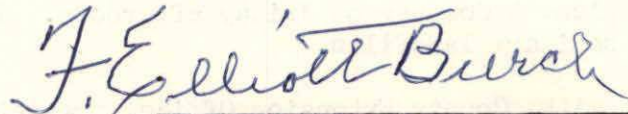
possibility of transferring some of Mr. Gatton's buses to Mr. Emerick Stone, Thomas Bradburn, and Leroy Thompson, if this was acceptable to him. This year's rate has not been set, and it was decided that the contract should state that when a bus becomes 10 years old, it must be replaced. Also discussed bus routes held by other contractors.

Gasoline Tax Revenues

Mr. Burch requested that, in the future, all letters to Mr. A. W. Tate, requesting roads to be taken into the County Road System, insure that the county receives credit for additional mileage for purposes of distribution of gasoline tax revenues.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President