

September 9, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

Sandgates Fill

Mr. Willis Moton, 259 Evans Lane, Alexandria, Va., stated he owns two lots (13 & 14) near the subject fill. He requested that the Commissioners have part of Lot 13 cleaned up because of trash being dumped on his lot. Plats were reviewed showing location of the two lots. The Commissioners informed Mr. Moton that they will notify him when work can be started.

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser stated that the Health Department has received application for a trailer park near Charlotte Hall. The owner proposes to locate 139 trailers on approximately 60 acres. Dr. Houser stated there is no way that the Health Department can stop this because the soil is good and has met percolation tests. He feels if this is put in the septic facilities will fail because of the large number of trailers to be installed.

The Health Department does not feel this to be a good location, since Charles and Prince George's Counties prohibit trailer courts, and the fact that it would attract military people of these two counties. The Commissioners agreed this would cause a problem in that area. Dr. Houser said there are plats in the Lexington Park office. He requested that the Commissioners adopt a resolution for a moratorium on new trailer courts until such time as the Master Plan goes into effect. He stated even some of the small trailer courts have failed because of sewage. The Commissioners will take this under advisement and be in further contact with Dr. Houser.

Invoices Approved

The Commissioners approved payment of \$15,711.44 to Dean and Beavers for work performed on the Great Mills High School Recreation Park, as approved by Capt. Henderson.

Approved payment of \$21,042.61 to Dean and Beavers for construction work on St. Andrews Church Road.

Approved payment of \$50 to Mr. Robert E. Wigginton in case of State of Maryland vs. James H. White, approved by Judge J. H. T. Briscoe.

Approved payment of \$150 to Maryland Association of Counties for registration fees, 1969 Summer Conference.

Approved \$77.92 for motel expenses for Mrs. Elinor Peabody and Mrs. Patricia A. Raley, while attending Maryland Election Supervisors Summer Conference.

Approved payment of \$1,200 to J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., for survey, plat and description of a 50' right-of-way for the road to the Oakville Sanitary Landfill.

Shore Erosion Control - Clarke

Mr. Burch signed an Application for State Aid for Shore Erosion Control, for Mr. and Mrs. Claude Clarke, to be submitted to CBA.

Proposed Legislation

Senator Paul J. Bailey, Delegates Henry J. Fowler and John Hanson Briscoe. Mr. Burch stated a study has been made for expansion of the courthouse, and that the county will need legislation to borrow money for the expansion. Senator Bailey stated he did not feel that the county should continue to have county agencies in the courthouse. He stated most of the counties have located agencies outside of the town and St. Mary's County will also have to acquire land outside of town for these purposes. It was pointed out that the county owns 60 to 70 acres of land across from the fairgrounds. It was the consensus of the three legislators that this would be an ideal place and would give their support. Delegate Briscoe stated that the courthouse is mainly for the purpose of the courts and some of the agencies could very easily be moved out. It was pointed out that parking space is becoming very limited around the courthouse and if the courthouse is expanded, there will be less parking facilities.

Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners would also like to request legislation for funds to construct a county maintenance building for county roads as the Commissioners plan to start maintaining roads next July 1. He stated plans have been drawn up for the building and that the project has been bid, but because of the excessively high bids received, the project will have to be rebid. Senator Bailey stated he is not in favor of this change at this time because of the county not having the sources of revenue. He feels we should keep the same setup we now have with the SRC. Mr. Burch stated there are six counties in the state that have the SRC doing the county work for them. Senator Bailey stated that the county is in trouble with the roads if Steuart Petroleum Company uses the roads as a means of transporting oil. Delegate Fowler stated after talking with some of the SRC employees, they feel it is a duplication of services already provided. Delegate Briscoe stated the county has an administrative problem with the SRC and should get together with some of the higher officials to work the problem out. One of the major problems is with Route 235, and the navy has asked about ways of relieving some of the traffic problems at the main gate of the base. Also, people are having difficulty getting on Route 235 from north Town Creek and Seven Gables. Delegate Briscoe suggested a meeting be arranged with the SRC to obtain the status of this road and the Patuxent River Bridge, and the Commissioners were in agreement with this.

Senator Bailey asked if the railroad has been resolved. Mr. Burch stated that the county has a deposit on the railroad and is waiting approval from Congress. As far as Route 235 dualization is concerned, the railroad would not be effected from the base up to St. Andrews Road.

The Commissioners informed the legislators that they were to meet with CBA engineers this afternoon relative to shore erosion projects in the county. Senator Bailey stated he would be present at the meeting.

Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners and Mr. Leon Etzler have gone through the zoning ordinance and are now waiting for him to present it back to them. It is hoped that this will be ready by the end of the year so that a public hearing can be held.

Shore Erosion Projects.

Capt. Roy Hutchins, Messrs. Ed Mohl, Louis Phipps, and Marshall Cook, CBA. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the status of erosion projects in the county. Mr. Burch stated Tall Timbers and Scotland Beach were the top priority projects.

Scotland Beach - Tanner Creek

Mr. Phipps stated the state does not have funds for this project and that this should go under a shore erosion district with the Commissioners collecting taxes from property owners. A new law gave CBA an appropriation of \$500,000 per year. Before, this money came from general construction loan and could do more projects under this type setup. In order that CBA can participate in projects, the county must justify the number of boat users there are in the area.

In order for a shore erosion district to be set up, they must have the consent of 75% of the property owners. The state could participate in some small portion. They are now limited to participate 50% for first \$10,000, 25% for the second \$10,000, and 10% for the remainder. The Maryland Geological Survey sets the priority. Mr. Phipps stated Waterway Improvements money comes from taxes on boating. The law was changed and amended this year and feels sure there will be no new legislation. No bonds were sold and the state is in a financial crisis and has curtailed new construction.

McKay's Beach

Mr. Phipps stated in April the Commissioners were requested \$18,187.50 as their share of funds but did not receive same. They advertised for bids and received two which were rather high. Mr. Burch stated he had talked with Mr. Jack Koegel and plans had been discussed to finance their share of \$18,187.50 through the bank. Then after the rebid of \$37,850 came in the property owners became very discouraged and the project was dropped. They stated \$8,000 has been appropriated for the project. The increase was due to increased costs and strict standards that the state has required the contractors to meet. Mr. Phipps feels it would be worthwhile for the people to pay their share through shore erosion control district and could negotiate a cheaper bid. Discussion was had relative to the feasibility of obtaining rock for the project or the use of wood. The Commissioners felt contractors would bid if it were wood because the rock would have to come by barge from Virginia. Mr. Phipps stated they will send the Commissioners plans they have drawn up.

Camp Merryelande

Mr. Mohl stated they are trying to get proposals from contractors and are now waiting a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Cook stated they are asking the state to negotiate bids for projects under \$5,000. It was suggested that plans and specifications be sent to the Commissioners in order to get a local contractor to do the bulkheading.

Tall Timbers

Mr. Phipps stated status of this project is to rebuild. \$3,000 was appropriated in 1968 for the project. The total project was estimated to be \$12,000, and the Commissioners will need to contribute \$9,000. Mr. Phipps stated as soon as the Commissioners get plans and specifications for this project, he can have an answer relative to the \$3,000, which would come from the Department of Public Improvements. It was suggested a contractor propose the work he would do and then have CBA approve it.

Tanner Creek

Senator Paul J. Bailey, Mr. James Cecil, Mr. Paul Bradburn, Mr. Charles S. Monroe, Mrs. Tillie D. Monroe, Mrs. Francis H. Bradburn, Mrs. Louise Blosser, Mrs. Mildred Cecil and Mr. John Wilkerson. This delegation met with the Commissioners and the CBA engineers relative to the status of Tanner Creek. Mr. Phipps informed them of the recent laws that have been put into effect and that money is not available for this project through the state. He stated Article 25 provides for the counties to create a shore erosion district and this can be done by petition of 75% of the property owners. Mr. Monroe stated there would be approximately 118 property owners involved. These people were concerned about putting in a permanent sluiceway from the creek to the bay to help keep the creek open. Mr. Phipps said he would be glad to have a member of his department look over the problem. He stated if there are 80 boats in the area, he could possibly have \$2,000 appropriated for a dragline to open up the channel. Mr. Cecil stated if something was put out into the bay to keep the sand out, it would help solve the problem for possibly six months. They are requesting having a 40 or 50 foot entrance constructed. Mr. Phipps stated he would take charge of having a dragline open up the channel.

St. George Creek

Mr. Phipps stated there are no funds available for the subject project. The Commissioners stated a ramp and some bulkheading was put in last year, but the people now want the bulkhead extended and a pier constructed.

Dukehart's Creek

Mr. Phipps stated they will have to know the number of boats being utilized and justify spending \$65,000 on this project. Also, must show that it will be maintained and developed. The Commissioners are to notify CBA in writing of all the property owners in the area.

Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks

Mr. Phipps stated, according to plats he has seen, there are no right-of-ways to the water, public landing or access. He said when he had this included in the budget, it was with the hope that there was a public landing. Mr. Burch stated a ramp and pier is needed in Kingston Creek. The number of boats, property owners must be justified and must get public access, according to Mr. Phipps. Senator Bailey stated that finding out if people in the back have access to the creek would help the situation. Mr. Phipps stated \$30,000 would not do both creeks. He asked if the property owners would be willing to contribute to this. He stated under Article 14B, the county can set up waterway improvements project

and taxing district. The county must provide easements required for maintenance and spoil disposal area. Mr. Aud is to get the number of property owners and number of boats owned and submit list to Mr. Phipps.

Lewis Creek

Mr. Phipps stated that the county must also justify usage of this creek and comply with Form 31.

Potomac Shores

Mr. Phipps checked his records regarding status of Potomac Shores, and found the project to be cancelled by the county. \$11,068 is available for the project if the property owners contributed their share. Mr. Phipps suggested that copies of Form 31 be given to people so they would know necessary requirements when they apply for state aid.

Bushwood Ramp Bid Opening

A sealed bid was received and opened from Pratt Marine Construction Company, for construction of a bulkhead at Bushwood Ramp. The total bid was \$4,375 at \$35.00 per foot. The Commissioners informed Mr. Mark Pratt that they would take the bid under advisement and be in touch with him. The Commissioners asked Mr. Pratt if he would be interested in other projects such as Camp Merryelande. Mr. Pratt said he would be interested and requested that he be sent sets of the plans and specifications. The Commissioners agreed to send the plans and specifications as requested.

Board of Education

Mr. Henry Kanowicz reported on status of sale of bonds for school bond issue. He stated some of the companies he talked with said it would be difficult to predict market value within the next few months, but he feels the county would gain by putting on the referendum at this time, and could possibly come under 6% restriction.

Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners have not made a final decision relative to this and that Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Sterling were requested to check with bond companies. At this time, we have not received any information from them. Mr. Kanowicz stated that the Board of Education is concerned with the time limit involved. Also, they are now over their anticipated enrollment from 10,000 to 10,219. The Commissioners will notify the Board of Education of a decision.

Mental Health Advisory Committee

The Commissioners agreed to reappoint for a three-year term to this committee, Mr. Joseph Mattingly, Dr. Robert E. King, Delegate Henry J. Fowler, and Mrs. Margaret Burch. Mr. Aud stated there are also two more appointments to replace Father Schubert and Rev. R. Mordhorst.

Scholarships

It was brought to the Commissioners attention that Joseph Scott Ridgell had cancelled his scholarship to St. Mary's College of Maryland, and that Stacey Bacon had cancelled his scholarship after completing one year of college. Mr. Aud is to present names of two eligible candidates for these scholarships.

Mr. Bowles motioned that he would like to see the scholarship law changed so that scholarships could be granted for engineering, business administration and accounting. Could have a \$500 per year scholarship with the understanding that the grantee would have to return to the county to work for two years.

Board of Education

The Commissioners approved \$3,499.20 to Loffler Construction Company, for Dynard Elementary School; \$26,029.81 to Loffler for White Marsh Elementary; \$37,620 to Mervell M. Dean, Inc., for Piney Point Elementary; \$14,458.16 to Belinky and Schick for Margaret Brent; and \$337.89 to Belinky and Schick for alterations and additions to White Marsh.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President