

September 23, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:20 a.m.

Snow Fence

Mr. Bowles stated that the Rotary Club has requested about 400 feet of snow fence to be erected at the fairgrounds for the Oyster Festival on October 4. Mr. Burch requested Mr. Bond to take care of this matter.

TAP Committee

Mr. John Hall, Mr. Dan Connelly and Mr. William Groome. Mr. Donnelly stated that, since their previous meeting with the Commissioners, they have drawn up recommendations for land use. The Commissioners reviewed said recommendations. It was suggested that possibly they could be incorporated in the Master Plan. Mr. Donnelly stated that the Tri-County Council has received a HUD grant for studies of this type for land use.

Watershed

It was brought to the Commissioners attention that the watershed project must be approved this week by the governor so that the project can be started this year. Mr. Burch telephoned Mr. Herb Sachs, Dept. of Water Resources, and was informed that a letter will go to Governor Mandell tomorrow for signature and then will be presented to Congress for approval.

Civil Defense

Mr. Otis Wood presented a letter from Mr. John G. Purnell, State Civil Defense Agency, in which a project application has been approved for sidewalks and curbing and a chain-link fence for a federal contribution of \$345. Mr. Bowles suggested the construction of a fence around the antenna pole. He felt that the wires should be enclosed into a pipe along side of the antenna pole. Mr. Wood stated he would check to see if they will be able to obtain federal funds if a pipe is used instead of a fence.

Mr. Wood requested the purchase of speakers for the console units at the Control Center for the purpose of training new personnel. The speakers will not cut down on the volume on the consoles. The installation charge by the telephone company will be \$51.00 and \$6.00 per month. Mr. Wood feels he can work this in with their budget. The Commissioners unanimously agreed to the installation of said speakers.

Mr. Wood received a request from the Fire Board for purchase of two radios, one for the Third and Sixth District Rescue Squad and the other for the Second District Fire Department. Also requested purchase of three crystals. Mr. Wood stated there was \$3,000 in the new equipment fund and he hopes that this would cover cost of this equipment. The Commissioners approved request for purchase of said equipment.

Mr. Wood also inquired about establishing a hurricane disaster plan whereby people who needed assistance could be given food. He felt that possibly a school cafeteria could be opened for the preparation of the food and the Board of Education reimbursed for the use of school facilities.

The Commissioners reviewed an ordinance for fallout shelters in new county-owned buildings.

Valley Lee Fill

Mr. Francis Cutchember informed the Commissioners that he desired to be hired to work at the Valley Lee fill to direct people where to dump and be general overseer at the fill. He stated the fill would probably have to be closed at night so that people could not come in and dump in the road. The Commissioners agreed to leave the dump open at first to see how it would work out without having someone there at night. Mr. Cutchember will be paid \$1.60 per hour, and Mr. Bond is to supply him with necessary tools.

Roads

Messrs. Louis Dicken, Red Focer, Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill; D. Bond, SRC. Mr. Dicken requested that the Commissioners widen Peggs Lane in Lexington Park and prepare a letter of intent of this for the Planning and Zoning Commission. He stated he will write the Commissioners a letter stating the amount of right-of-way he would provide for this.

Mr. Bond presented a list of roads that have been surface treated and roads scheduled for patching.

The Commissioners received a request from Mrs. Oliver Tippet to have bushes cut on Tippet Road. She was informed that the school bus was going to stop running on this road unless the bushes are cut. The Commissioners discussed this and decided to have the bushcutter sent down after completing one side of Rich Neck Road.

Mr. Aud requested that Camp Merryelande Road be surface treated, which is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long.

Bond Issue

The Commissioners reviewed letters from Miss Eloise Pickrell, County Council of PTA's, and Mr. W. B. Wagoner, President, Greenview Knolls PTA, urging the Commissioners to approve the bond issue referendum for this fall. Mr. Bowles stated he had learned that the governor had formed a committee to study school construction and possibility of the state taking over construction of schools. Dr. R. E. King and Mr. J. H. Ogden, BOE, joined the meeting at this point. Mr. Burch informed Dr. King that no additional information is necessary and that the Commissioners feelings toward the bond issue remain the same.

The Commissioners also discussed with Dr. King the possibility of not being able to sell the bonds because of such high interest rates. Dr. King said that Senator Bailey had stated a bill could be introduced in January and possibly then the bond issue could be placed on referendum. He asked if the Commissioners would consider this. Mr. Ogden stated if something is not done, they will have

to purchase more mobile units. He said they will have 12 additional classrooms at Piney Point and 6 at White Marsh after construction of additions. Margaret Brent is scheduled for reconstruction by December and is to be completed in the fall of 1971.

Also discussed fallout facilities for schools and expense involved. Dr. King stated they had tried this at Park Hall School, but it proved to be too expensive.

Mr. Burch stated if legislation is enacted to relieve the ceiling on the interest rate, the Commissioners will consider holding the election in January, but would have to take another look at it, as well as weigh all factors including enrollments.

Invoices Approved

Approved payment of \$450 to Wilson Higgs for transportation of retarded children for summer 1969.

Approved \$27,750 to State Department of Health, for county's share of General Local Health Services for Fiscal Year July 1 to September 30, 1969.

Approved \$50 to Charles A. Norris for counsel fees in case of State of Maryland vs. Howard Waldon Evans, Criminal No. 2675.

Approved \$18 for sheriff's expense while attending FBI Conference in Delaware.

Approved \$240 to Beavin Company for tax maps in connection with Master Plan for Water and Sewerage.

Approved \$77 to Hayden's Auto Supply for purchase of a sander for SRC.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$17,612.80 to Dean and Beavers in reference to Airport Road.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$4,842.90 to Dean and Beavers for excavating, gravel, prime and pave 300 feet by 75 feet parking area at airport.

Nursing Scholarship

The Commissioners agreed to send Mercy Hospital School of Nursing \$500 as nursing scholarship grant for Miss Judith Lynn Sanger, for year 1969-1970.

Pine Trees

Mr. Raley informed the Commissioners that Mr. Rudy Baliko could obtain some loblolly pine trees free to be planted on the fairgrounds.

School Bus Contracts

The Commissioners reviewed letter from Mr. James M. Hodges, Jr., in which he relinquished his school bus contract to become effective September 19. Mr. Joseph E. Bean, Great Mills, and Mr. William A. Huseman have been granted contract for these two buses.

St. Mary's City Commission

Reviewed letter from Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom in which he requests that the old roadbed in front of the Father White Memorial be included in their landscaping plans for the entire memorial site with the understanding that they would continue to maintain it as part of the site as a whole.

Mental Health Advisory Committee

Reviewed letters from Mr. Joseph A. Mattingly and Mrs. Margaret Burch in which they accept reappointment for three year terms to subject committee.

Oakville Fill

Mr. Burch stated he had talked with Mr. J. D. Raley and he is of the opinion that we should blacktop the road to subject fill. The Commissioners agreed to have this done.

Old Rolling Road West

The Commissioners agreed to accept subject road into the county system without receiving credit for additional mileage for purposes of distribution of gasoline tax revenues.

Holly-Gaf Acres Subdivision

Reviewed deed from Hugh Allston and Joseph M. Gough in which they are deeding to the Commissioners a parcel of land in the Sixth District for a road to be taken into the county system. It will be necessary for Mr. Allston to submit a deed for the 30' right-of-way and the 20' right-of-way, making a total right-of-way of 50', and seven copies of a plat.

Tall Timbers Bulkhead

Reviewed letter from Mr. A. W. Tate, District Engineer, SRC, in which he requested that the Commissioners send the SRC a letter requesting them to handle the design work necessary for the construction of a new bulkhead at Tall Timbers. Mr. Raley gave names of two companies that would possibly be interested in bulkhead work in county. They are Henry F. Bowman, Southern Maryland Pile Driver Company, Newburg, Maryland, and Saunders Marine Construction Company, Cobb Island, Maryland. Mr. Burch stated if we could get a local contractor to do this work, then we possibly would not have to go through the expense of a consultant.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President