

September 30, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:20 a.m.

Old Rolling Road West

Mr. Burch requested that in the letter accepting subject road, the county receive credit for purposes of distribution of gasoline tax revenues.

Police Protection Meeting

Mr. Burch reported he attended a meeting with the State Police, Sheriff and Health Department, in reference to making plans for police protection during the Pop Festival held on September 27 and 28. Rooms were authorized at the Leonardtown Motel for State Police from out of the county. Payment was approved by the Commissioners.

Mrs. Cecelia Battenfield Adams - Employment

The Commissioners discussed two checks that were sent out by Mrs. Adams without instructions. It was also brought out that on Monday she released information over the phone regarding bids on clearing of ten acres at the Airport, that was not acted upon. She had stated the bids were rejected. This was not the case, as the Commissioners had not seen the bids and no action had been taken.

Discussion was had relative to the suspension or dismissal of this employee. According to state law, the department head is to present to the Commissioners his recommendations as to a suspension or dismissal. The Commissioners, after receiving these recommendations, will then make a final decision.

At this point, Mrs. Adams was called into the meeting and was questioned relative to the two checks and the passing of unofficial information. Mrs. Adams stated she sent one of the checks to Mechanicsville and the other to Oraville to the name that appeared first on the check. Mr. Burch stated he had contacted both Mr. Hill and Mrs. Bankins but the checks had not been received by them on Monday. Mr. Burch questioned Mrs. Adams relative to giving out information on the bids. She stated she received a telephone call from a Mr. Thompson, who is connected with the airport. She said he wanted to know who the bidders were and who was awarded the bid. She told him that the bids were possibly going to be reviewed again on Tuesday and, as far as she know, the Commissioners were going to reject them. Mr. Burch asked why she thought she should be passing out this information. She stated she felt this to be public information. She stated she had heard in the office that the bids were probably going to be rejected. Mr. Raley said she must have overheard him say that there was a mistake on one of the bids.

The Commissioners reviewed the outgoing mail log book to see what day the checks were sent out. Mr. Adams stated she was not sure if the checks went out on Friday or Monday, but she had logged them out on Friday. It was also noted that

Mrs. Adams was logging out checks when she received them from the Treasurer's Office instead of logging them out the day they actually went out. Mrs. Adams was instructed to keep more accurate records.

Information Booth

Mr. Bernard Delahay and Mr. Frank D. Combs. Mr. Delahay informed the Commissioners that they are interested in having an information center in the northern part of the county, either at the triangle near the Modern Restaurant or at the picnic area in New Market. They presented a drawing of what the booth would look like. This booth would have pamphlets, maps, etc., of the county. The Commissioners felt this to be a good idea and possibly the site near the Modern Restaurant would be best. This plot is owned by the state and permission would have to be obtained for its use.

Mr. Aud informed Mr. Delahay that the Maryland Environmental Trust Committee has been doing work along this line and could be of assistance. Mr. Burch asked if the Jaycee's could contribute to getting this started. Mr. Combs stated the Jaycee's are making plans to work on the second part of the town grounds but as a second alternate, the Jaycee's could possibly furnish the labor on the building. Mr. Delahay stated they came to the Commissioners with the idea that the county would build the booth. Mr. Combs stated they do not have a budget for anything like this. Mr. Aud requested that Mr. Delahay and Mr. Combs attend the next meeting of the Maryland Environmental Trust Committee to be held October 13, at 8:00 p.m., and discuss this with the Committee.

Building Permits - Millison

Messrs. Charles A. Norris, Larry Millison, and David Williams. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 14 trailer apartments located adjacent to the Belvedere Motor Inn. Mr. Millison has bricked the front of these trailers and a building permit was not obtained for this additional construction. This was brought to the Commissioners attention by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Norris and Mr. Millison both stated they knew of another trailer park that had done similar work and had not acquired a building permit. Mr. Norris felt that the Commissioners were singling out Mr. Millison. Mr. Burch stated this was the only case that had been brought to the Commissioners attention and there was no intention of singling anyone out. Mr. Norris feels the word "structure" should be better defined in the law and that the law is not an adequate one. Mr. Millison stated the trailers are taxed by Internal Revenue and that he uses a depreciation basis. If these trailers were classified as apartments, they would have to be classified as real estate and taxed as such. Mr. Burch asked if these trailers were ones that \$6.00 must be paid per month per trailer. Mr. Millison said he didn't know and would have to check with Mr. Dubrow.

Mr. Norris suggested that the Attorney General's Office would be of assistance in this case and that Mr. Williams contact him relative to a ruling on this case. Mr. Williams stated in cases he has reviewed units become structures when the wheels were removed. The Commissioners requested that Mr. Williams get a ruling from the Attorney General. Mr. Norris requested that Mr. Williams go down to look at the trailers with him today.

St. George Island Creek

Mr. David Sayre informed the Commissioners that the channel near the bridge has filled up and that oyster boats will be unable to get up to the ramp unless the area is dredged. This filling in was caused by easterly storms that occurred during the summer months. It was decided CBA would be called to see what can be done.

Inspection of Old Sheriff's Car

Mrs. Alice V. Bailey submitted two bills to the Commissioners for payment for inspection and repair work on the old sheriff's car purchased by her when the cars were sold by the Commissioners on bid. Mr. Williams stated that the car was sold as is and that it was the purchaser's responsibility to have the car inspected. The Commissioners stated this would be checked with Mr. Dyson of the Department of Motor Vehicles and ^{they} would be in contact with her relative to his reply.

County Council of PTA's

Miss Eloise Pickrell, Mrs. Dudley Lindsley, Mrs. Douglas Ritchie, Mrs. George A. Eikamp, Mr. Bill Wagoner and Mr. Hall W. Venetta. This group wished to express their concerns relative to the bond issue referendum, the increased enrollments at the schools and the future expansion of personnel on the base. Mr. Burch stated the main reason for the Commissioners decision was because of the ceiling now on the interest rate and the possibility of not being able to get the bonds sold if the referendum is passed. Mr. Burch said if a special session of the legislature was held, maybe the state would do something to help with it. Because of the state's financial problems, a special session could possibly be held this fall. Mr. Venetta asked if an election could be held shortly after a special session. Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners would have to consider this. It was brought out that if the bond issue did pass, when heB, the tax rate would go up fifty cents at the 6% bond interest rate.

Miss Pickrell requested the Commissioners to declare the week of October 12- 18 as PTA Week and have this published in the papers. The Commissioners approved and signed said Proclamation.

Bushwood Ramp

The bid for construction of a bulkhead at Bushwood Ramp was awarded to Pratt Marine Construction, Scotland, Maryland, in the amount of \$4,375.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud gave approval for the Parks and Recreation Commission to hire Mr. John V. Baggett as Director of said Commission.

Approved proposal from Walter Wise for installing of playground equipment at Nicolet Park at \$200 and to furnish and place 2" asphalt paving on existing road and parking area for \$1,650.00.

Amendments to Merit System

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud signed a resolution which provides amendments to the Merit System, to be known as 16-5, which states that subject to the approval of the Commissioners, where the department head has been unable to fill a vacancy at the existing minimum salary rate with a qualified applicant, the Commissioners, with the approval of the Standard Salary Board, shall be authorized to approve the employment of applicants at an intermediate rate of the designated grade. This should not exceed the second increment and in no event shall it exceed the fourth increment.

Navy Day

The Commissioners approved and signed a Proclamation submitted by Dr. Robert E. King, President of the Navy League, proclaiming October 27 as Navy Day.

Oakville Landfill Road

Mr. J. D. Raley informed the Commissioners of the necessary materials required for the blacktopping of the subject road. Bids will be opened on October 21 at 2:30 p.m. for providing said material.

Airport - Bids for Clearing 10 Acres

The Commissioners received two bids for the clearing of 10 acres on the airport property. Two bids received were: J. O. Hills and Son, \$14,870.00, and Lester Mattingly and Sons, \$450.00 per acre for total of \$4,500. It was later found that the Mattingly bid should have been \$750 per acre. The Commissioners officially rejected all bids on said project.

Nursing Home Board of Directors

Mrs. Anna Hodges notified the Commissioners she wished to accept appointment to said Board of Directors.

Airport Lighting Agreement

Mr. Burch signed an agreement with Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative for lighting for the county airport in the amount of \$71.80 per month for a five-year period.

Roads

Mr. Aud requested Mr. Bond to have ditches cleaned out on both sides of road in Andover Estates. A pipe is needed at entrance of Medley's Bar in Oakville on Route 247.

It was decided that Mattapanay Road be posted at 40 miles per hour. Mr. Bond was requested to check with Mr. A. W. Tate on speed zone for Bushwood as requested in our letter of May 8, 1969.

Mr. Aud stated the pipe in front of Hopewell Manor entrance is too small. Mr. Bond was requested to check into this matter.

Received request from Mrs. O. H. Brubacker to have River Road dragged. Mr. Bond stated he had received this request, also, and that the road is being worked on today.

Mr. Aud requested that a stop sign be erected on Jutland Road off Beachville Road

In 1967, a \$1,000 bond was issued by Curtis Brothers Real Estate, for work to be done in Breezy Knolls Subdivision, located on the east side of Coskey's Swamp Road in the Fifth District. This work was to have been completed in two years, but, to date, has not been completed. It was decided by the Commissioners that the bond should be renewed.

Invoices Approved

Approved payment of \$90 to Clerk of the Circuit Court for 6 reciprocal non-support cases.

Approved \$5.00 to U. S. Marshall in Case Paternity No. 434, Shorter vs. Williams.

Approved \$40.00 to Week's Photography for seven 8 by 10 pictures of Steuart's oil tank foundations and Millison's mobile homes.

Approved \$142.40 to Mrs. E. L. Tillman for preparation of deed index of county property.


Approved \$1,994.77 to SRC for inspection, supervision and construction work on St. Andrews Road, for month of August 1969.

Approved \$773.58 to SRC for inspection, supervision and construction work on St. Andrews Road for month of July 1969.

Approved \$75.00 to Charles C. Raley in case of Joseph Leaner Hill, approved by Judge Philip H. Dorsey, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved,


 F. Elliott Burch, President