

December 9, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

Invoices Approved

Approved payment of \$272.50 to the County Commissioners of Talbot County in Case No. 3522 Law Norwood S. Sothern et ux vs Ralph L. Moore.

Approved payment of \$4,129.99 to the SRC for inspection and construction on St. Andrews Road for the period of October, 1969.

Approved payment of \$36,964.80 to the Board of Education for the White Marsh Elementary School, and \$43,020.00 for the Piney Point Elementary School.

Approved payment of \$26,844.83 to Dean & Beavers, Inc., for construction work on St. Andrews Road for period ending November 30, 1969.

An invoice in the amount of \$2,150 from J. R. McCrone, Inc., was presented for the Commissioners approval, for the plat, survey, description and setting of markers on 30 acres adjacent to the Sandgates fill. \$350 of this invoice was for the revision of incorrect outline survey, setting corners, iron pipe and concrete monuments (14). Mr. R. Moore outlined in detail the reasons for the revision and said invoice was approved by the Commissioners.

Shore Erosion Control Application - Coykendall

Mr. Burch signed an Application for State Aid Shore Erosion Control for Mr. Frederick W. Coykendall, to be submitted to CBA.

School Bus Route

The compensation and bus route currently being run by Mr. Joe Bean was discussed. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Stanley O. Schrader be called into the meeting to discuss the methods of compensation used by the Board of Education. Mr. Schrader presented a copy of the formula used by the Board of Education, and stated their lowest route consists of 70 miles. They require that all contractors meet the minimum of a 60 passenger bus. According to this formula, the contractor receives 15 cents per mile which includes gas mileage, tires, oil, etc. The contract currently utilized by the Board of Education is renewable each year. It was suggested that we could use the formula used by the Board of Education and check out mileage before next June.

Center Gardens Tax Abatement

The Commissioners reviewed resolutions for Center Gardens Tax Abatement for years 1968-1969 and 1969-1970. In September, a letter was received which showed the amount of P.L. 874 aid to the Board of Education in the amount of \$86,175.10. Mr. Donaldson said the tax credit is given for the amount shown in the letter

which exceeds the amount of taxes they owe for 1968-1969. The Wherry Act entitles the navy to a tax credit for Center Gardens. The Commissioners approved and signed said resolutions.

#### Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department

Messrs. Leslie Hanson, James B. Fairfax, Robert Stevens, Jack Frost, T. R. McKee, Robert Strain, John Shilling (Enterprise), and R. Myers, WKIK Radio Station. Mr. Strain stated they would like to make a proposal to the Commissioners for the purchase of a new fire truck. A slide presentation was offered and Mr. Strain stated their prime concern is water supply for hydrants in the residential area, as they are not adequate for fire prevention. The present pumper being utilized is a 1941 model and has been in service for 13 years. It has a capacity of 2,000 gallons of water. This tanker no longer meets the requirements for fire prevention as recommended by the National Fire Prevention Service. To replace the tanker it will cost \$33,000 not including 1,000 feet of hose and other tools and equipment. Engine 34 is 16 years old and is in need of replacement which would cost at least \$34,000. This would be a total of \$67,000 and they feel it impractical to spend this amount of money. Mr. Strain stated they could purchase an attack pumper which is equipped with a large tank that would be capable of carrying 2,000 gallons of water and will provide a flow of 500 gallons per minute without interruption. This type of tanker would cost approximately \$49,000, but it does not include a portable generator, light reels and portable lights, etc. Mr. Donaldson reported the account for the Lexington Park Fire Department contained a balance of \$19,000. It was the general consensus that this money could be used toward the purchase of the new tanker. The group was advised that their check would be forthcoming.

#### County Employees

The Commissioners agreed to retain Mrs. Barbara Dotson and Miss Carol Poe in their present positions as they passed the examination administered for Secretary A and Stenographer, respectively, on November 1, 1969, at Chopticon High School. It was agreed that a letter would be written to Mrs. Dotson and Miss Poe notifying them of this decision and that they are required to serve a 6 month probationary period under the State Merit System.

#### Oakville Sanitary Landfill

Messrs. H. M. McCoy, Consultant to State Health Department; Fred Grasinger, State Health Department; and August H. Wagener, County Engineer. Mr. McCoy stated he is now briefing Mr. Wagener relative to the landfill and requirements for approval of Phase II. Mr. Grasinger stated all information that has been submitted is in order for the approval of Phase II as the major plans have already been submitted by Mr. McCoy. He said formal approval is not given from the State Health Department until after the public hearing.

#### Junk Cars

Messrs. John A. Combs and Ronnie Lewis expressed their concerns relative to the junking of automobiles and the new rules as set forth by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The law requires that a wrecker have a Trader's License and a form must be filled out for processing a junk car. Two copies must be submitted to the

processor, one for his records and one he turns in to the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect a bounty of \$10.00 from the state. Mr. Combs stated there will be a meeting Friday at the Department of Motor Vehicles to discuss the new law. He further stated each county in the state will be represented and their goal is to cancel the bounty law.

### Courthouse Expansion

Delegates John H. Briscoe and Henry J. Fowler, Mr. D. Williams, County Attorney. Discussion was had relative to the plans drawn up for the renovation and expansion of the Courthouse to provide additional space for the overcrowded agencies such as the Trial Magistrate's Office and the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners stated legislation will have to be passed to borrow the necessary funds and the project is estimated to cost approximately \$300,000. This includes air conditioning and a heating system for the total addition. Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners would like to have Mr. J. Crumbling prepare the necessary plans and specifications. Delegate Briscoe stated if legislation is passed during the regular session, work could probably start next July, but if emergency legislation is passed, the project can be started immediately. He felt that the Commissioners could get public opinion on the matter and then determine whether or not to introduce emergency legislation. He suggested that the Bar Association could be of assistance since they are familiar with the overcrowded condition. It was also suggested that the public be informed that the plans are available for inspection at the Commissioners office.

### Roads

Mr. Burch stated he has received a request from Mr. Dick Caywood to have a 40 mile per hour sign placed on Bull Road, off the Compton Road, to the Society Hill Road, and that a yield sign be placed on the road to the Abell property. This will be taken care of by Mr. Bond.

### Three Notch Road Civic Organization

Messrs. E. Thompson, Temporary Chairman, Clarence Davis, J. Arthur LeBlanc, Mrs. Louise H. LeBlanc, Mrs. Betty Ogden, A. C. Wood, Mrs. Mary A. Tazelaar, Edward A. Tazelaar, Dennis R. Adams, Charles D. Goldsborough, Mrs. Ann L. Goldsborough, D. Williams, John Shilling (Enterprise) and D. Myers, WKIK Radio Station. Mr. James Bowling and Mr. Forrest Coakley represented the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. Mr. Thompson informed the Commissioners of the objectives of this newly formed organization and its intention to obtain membership from the area between the Half-way House and Ridge. He stated their immediate concern is the power lines running over and near homes in the Oakville area. Another matter of concern is the dualization of Route 235 and homes that will have to be removed if the SRC cannot use the railroad bed. Mr. Thompson referred to a conversation he had with Mr. Wolff of the SRC in which he stated that if the railroad is not used for the dualization of the road, then approximately 50 homes will have to be removed. Mr. Burch informed Mr. Thompson that Route 235 had been on the SRC top priority list since 1961. He informed the group that the Commissioners have made application to GSA for the purchase of the railroad and the SMECO has furnished the down payment. The county retains ownership in fee simple of the entire right-of-way. The Co-op has an easement to construct a power line overhead or underground. This will not interfere with any public service or use of the

railroad. Mr. Burch informed the group that the Commissioners have little power over the dualization of Route 235 and there is no problem of right-of-way with the railroad from Lexington Park up to St. Andrews Road. He went on to say that at a meeting with the SRC, the Commissioners were informed that work will not be started until 1971 on the dualization of this road.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the purchase of the railroad be held up until something can be worked out between the SRC and the SMECO. Mr. Burch asked if there are any immediate plans to upgrade these power lines. Mr. Coakley stated the electric lines were put up some 23 years ago and now require upgrading. This will have to be done by next June to provide power to the lower part of the county. The lines may be five feet higher and a larger conductor will have to be used. The group felt that the power lines should be placed in a rural area where they will not be near homes. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Burch informed the group that the Commissioners will take the matter under advisement with the SMECO.

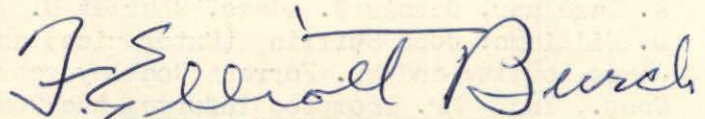
#### Recreation and Parks

Mr. J. Baggett reported he had been to the Department of HUD in Philadelphia to obtain information relative to matching funds for the county so that when a project application is submitted, he will know what can be obtained on matching funds.

The application for St. George's Park must be submitted to the Department of Forests and Parks by December 31. \$5,000 was the original cost of the land, plus interest and legal fees. Mr. Baggett felt that we could apply to CBA for assistance in the park development as this will cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Mr. Burch signed the application to be submitted to Forests and Parks. It was agreed to have Mr. Raley contact Mr. Curley in reference to the purchase of the land.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President