

December 30, 1969

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

Recording: Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 16, 1969, were read, amended, and approved.

Invoices Approved

Payment of \$21,850.59 to the Board of Library Trustees, for the second half of their 1969-70 appropriation, was approved.

Payment of \$50.00 attorney's fees to Oliver R. Guyther, appointed by the Court, to represent Larry Darnel Dyson, was approved.

Payment of \$50.00 attorney's fees to Oliver R. Guyther, appointed by the Court, to represent Joseph Patrick Brooks, was approved.

An aggregate payment of \$1,808.54 to Waring Oil Co., Inc., was approved - \$1,666.29 for county-maintained buildings; \$40.70 for the Office of Civil Defense; and \$101.55 for landfill projects. The Waring Oil Co., Inc., was requested to revise their billing system by submitting separate bills for the separate buildings and departments being serviced.

Voucher Numbers 36170 through 36239 were approved and signed by Mr. Burch.

Resolution - Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan for St. Mary's County

Resolution No. 69-22, entitled "Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan for St. Mary's County" was approved and signed by the Board of County Commissioners. The document was dated December 23, 1969, to conform with resolution forwarded to the State of Maryland, on the same subject, on December 23, 1969, and which comprised part of the text of the official plan.

Trash Disposal - Office of Civil Defense (EOC)

The Commissioners disapproved Mr. Otis F. Wood's request to construct a plywood enclosure for the trash barrels used by the Emergency Operations Center, which are presently located at the corner of the Courthouse Parking Lot, near the Control Tower. It was suggested that Mr. Wood obtain two trash cans with covers and place them inside the entrance to the EOC at street level. Mr. Wood was advised of this action and agreed to undertake the arrangement on a trial basis.

Aluminum Entryway to front Courthouse Door

The Commissioners disapproved the installation of a "Quincy" Armaclad Entryway to the Courthouse. It was felt that the entryway would be aesthetically out-of-keeping with the architecture of the Courthouse.

Jack (Kershaw) Armstrong nomination to Human Relations Commission

The Commissioners reviewed Mr. J. Frank Raley, Jr.'s nomination of Jack (Kershaw) Armstrong to the local Human Relations Commission. This appointment will be held in abeyance until such time as the Commissioners have conducted an all-inclusive review of Board, Committee, and Commission memberships.

Appointment to Board of Library Trustees

The Commissioners reviewed the nomination of Mrs. Allen MacDonald to the Library Board, submitted by Mrs. Mary B. Jansson, President, Board of Library Trustees. The Commissioners reserved action until an all-inclusive review of Board, Committee, and Commission memberships has been accomplished.

Compilation of Board, Committee, and Commission Memberships

Mr. F. Elliot Burch requested the Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Bailey, to submit a compilation of Board, Committee, and Commission memberships, showing memberships, terms of office, and vacancies, at her earliest convenience.

Half-Way House Sanitary Fill

The Commissioners deferred appointment of James Wallace Downs of Oraville, Maryland, as caretaker of the Half-Way House Sanitary Fill, pending further investigation by Mr. Burch.

St. Mary's County Airport

Four sets of "As Built" (title sheets only), having been approved by the County Engineer for accuracy, were approved by Messrs. Burch and Aud, and signed off by Mr. Burch. The four title sheets are to be returned to Rader and Associates for incorporation into final sets, and thence forwarded to the FAA for their review.

Mr. Joseph Suter re junk dealers and junk cars

Mr. Joseph Suter, Route 1, Box 38, Mechanicsville, Maryland, telephone 373-2964, was interviewed by Mr. Aud. Mr. Aud advised Mr. Suter that if we get any information about restrictions, etc., concerning junk cars, we would forward a letter to him apprising him of the information and regulations. Such regulations are now under review and revision by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Hermanville Road Project

Mr. Burch explained to Mr. Hugh Wilkerson that the Commissioners would like to have the existing Hermanville Road engineered to extend it on through the 60 foot right-of-way which C. Maurice Dixon is giving to the county. The extension would be directed behind the Robert Stevens residence. Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, said that we would need a survey for alignment, as well as a description of the right-of-way and a metes and bounds description. Mr. Wilkerson said that he anticipated no problem, but that he would be unable to start it before the middle of January, 1970. Mr. Dixon stated that he foresaw no problems in obtaining rights-of-way, but that if this road were put through, there would be a lot of

traffic on it and it wouldn't be too many years before the county would have to do something about the road from Robert Stevens house on out to Route 235. Messrs. Wilkerson, Wagener, and Dixon will meet and go over the ground together within a week or ten days.

St. Andrews Church Road

With regard to the survey on St. Andrews Church Road, Mr. Wilkerson said that he had surveyed that portion of the road which includes the sharp turn and stated that it would not take too much more time to finish the survey in entirety upon direction from the Commissioners.

Carver Heights Sub-Division

Mr. Joseph D. Weiner, President of the St. Mary's Realty Company, Inc., stated that he wished to deed the roads in the Carver Heights Sub-Division over to the county for maintenance. All the roads have been black-topped except Lincoln Avenue, which is the main street. The curbing will be completed within the next week or two. Upon request, four sets of the plats were furnished for the use of the Commissioners. There are .8 mile of roads, which includes Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Weiner presented a deed, which he had prepared in advance.

Mrs. Leila Rogers, Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Mr. August H. Wagener, went over the history of this sub-division with the Commissioners after Mr. Weiner had departed. Mrs. Rogers read the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission dated November 7, 1968, as well as the minutes of the Board of Appeals which were dated November 26, 1968, concerning the Carver Heights Sub-Division. Mr. Burch stated that he was reluctant to establish a precedent in accepting the sub-division streets into the county system without first having a look at the development to decide whether some of the streets should not be made one-way. The documentation concerning the streets appears to be inconsistent since they refer to widths varying from 26 feet to 40 feet. The Commissioners decided to postpone decision until they had personally surveyed the area. During their survey, they will also take a look at the entrance to Lincoln Avenue, since we have had a complaint from the Board of Education that this entrance is not wide enough for the school bus to make a turn if another vehicle is standing or passing at the entrance.

State Roads Commission

Mr. Aubrey Cusic attended the meeting since Mr. Bond is on leave.

Gunston Drive and Spruce Road in Lexington Park - Mr. Cusic was given a copy of a letter received from Lcdr. Peter T. Smith, complaining that the gravel used to fill in wash areas is washed down into the creek bed during rain storms, doing damage to trees, etc. Mr. Cusic will look into this problem.

Directional Signs to Lexington Park on Route 235 above the Half-Way House - A copy of a letter received from Jack Kershaw, President of the Lexington Park Lions Club, regarding directional signs to Lexington Park on Route 235, above the Half-Way House and Route 5 turn-off, was given to Mr. Cusic. The matter was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that a new sign reading "Lexington Park Straight Ahead" should be erected north of the intersection of Routes 235 and 5.

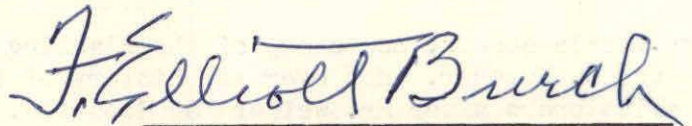
State Route 712 from Route 235 to the Naval Air Station Hermanville Gate - A copy of a letter received from Capt. F. W. Day, Public Works Officer at the NATC, was given to Mr. Cusic. The letter invited attention to the seriously deteriorated condition of drainage ditches and culverts on State Route 712 from Route 235 to the Naval Air Station Hermanville Gate. Mr. Cusic stated that the condition had been remedied.

Hermanville Road - The condition of Hermanville Road was discussed in detail. Since it had been reported as impassable and washed out on December 29, Mr. Cusic stated that he would investigate the matter immediately and take care of it.

Tippetts Road - Mr. Cusic advised the County Commissioners that Tippetts Road had been fixed, and that there should be no problem for the school bus driver and mail carrier, both of whom had previously threatened to discontinue services to the residents of Tippetts Road because of its dangerous state of disrepair.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President