

County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, June 30, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President  
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
George R. Aud, Commissioner  
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant  
Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Jack Kershaw of the Enterprise was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Tuesday, June 16, 1970 were not read.

Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director, Office of Civil Defense

Mr. Otis F. Wood appeared to request raises in pay from \$1.60 per hour to \$2.00 per hour for temporary and part-time radio dispatchers employed at the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Wood stated that the EOC was using from 60 to 70 hours of part-time help each week; indicated the need by presentation of flow charts for increased employment during the peak hours of the week as well as the week-ends; and indicated that the hours of "slack time" had diminished to a maximum of four hours within the twenty-four hour period -- i.e., from three to seven a.m. The Board of County Commissioners approved a pay increase from \$1.60 per hour to \$2.00 per hour for part-time and temporary help. Approval was also granted for the transfer of unobligated funds from the 1969-70 budget into the 1970-71 budget. Such funds will be used for the purchase of emergency food (as required by Federal Civil Defense regulations) and the shelving required for its storage.

### Percolation Ordinance

The Board of County Commissioners requested Mr. Walter Raum to prepare a preliminary draft County percolation ordinance, which has been recommended and requested by the County Department of Health. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Walter Raum to work in collaboration with Mr. Dick Anderson, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, Mr. William Groome of the Farmers Home Administration, the County Engineer, August H. Wagener, and the County Attorney, Robert E. Wigginton in this regard. During the meeting, Mr. Dick Anderson narrated a pictorial presentation of soil types present in St. Mary's County and illustrations of the technical problems which exist and cause problems with septic and water systems.

Colony Development Corporation -- During the course of the meeting, the Board of County Commissioners requested that the Soil Conservation Service conduct a detailed analysis of the soil types present on the property the Colony Development Corporation wishes to develop, with a view toward providing the Board of Commissioners with the technical advice needed to make a decision on the adequacy of the water and sewerage system proposals submitted by the Colony Development Corporation. Mr. Anderson stated that the work could be accomplished within the next couple of weeks.

### Restoration of Tudor Hall (Library)

Mesdames Jansson and Hurrey of the Library Board appeared to apprise the County Commissioners that the preliminary sketches for the restoration of the interior of Tudor Hall had been prepared by the Architect, Mr. Orin M. Bullock, and that the Library Board was pleased with the submission. Mr. Bullock will present the plans to the Board of County Commissioners within a couple of weeks.

Up-Keep of Library Buildings -- Mesdames Jansson and Hurrey stated that they had not budgeted for painting of the outside of the Lexington Park Library and the restrooms, and requested permission to expend approximately \$200.00 for paint and labor for this purpose. The request was approved.

With regard to grass-cutting and snow-removal at Tudor Hall, the ladies inquired whether they should budget, or could the work be accomplished as part of the maintenance performed for the Courthouse. Mr. Burch stated that the matter would be taken under consideration.

Salaries -- Mrs. Hurrey stated that a crisis had arisen concerning salaries and that in order to retain several valuable employees, it had become necessary to increase salaries by an award of an additional increment or so to five of their employees. The problem was occasioned by the award of elevated starting salaries for new personnel. In order to accomplish the salary increases, salary monies set aside for a position vacancy were allocated. Mr. Burch requested that the Office of Finance be apprised of the changes made, in writing.

Railroad Right-of-Way (Passing of Papers)

Messrs. L. E. Nunnally, Nathaniel K. Smith, and William Tenerowicz of the General Services Administration appeared to officially pass papers for County ownership of the railroad right-of-way. The County Attorney, Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, was also present.

The quitclaim deed, Purchase Money Mortgage in the amount of \$202,500.00 and Promissory Note in a like amount, were duly executed by all parties concerned, and recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Copies of these documents have been placed in the official files of St. Mary's County.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Allen W. Tate, District Engineer  
 Mr. Douglas Bond, Resident Engineer  
 Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Chancellor's Run Road

Technical advice received from Mr. Tate resulted in the consensus that it would be highly desirable to finish Chancellor's Run Road with 2 inches of asphalt. Mr. Tate estimated the cost at approximately \$36,000.00 and that monies from the \$300,000 bond issue granted St. Mary's County could be used for this purpose. Mr. Tate agreed to make a personal inspection of the road and to examine the shoulders and ditches. In resurfacing the road, it was agreed to attempt five-foot shoulders. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to black-top the road; and that the State Roads Commission should advertise for and let the bid.

### St. Mary's City By-Pass

General Robert E. Hogaboom and President Jackson of St. Mary's College appeared to inquire into the status of the proposed by-pass in St. Mary's City. Mr. Burch stated that we have had no communication from the State Roads Commission about this particular project, but that it had been on "priority No. 1" for at least a year. Mr. Bowles suggested that it might be well to write a letter to the SRC stating exactly what the St. Mary's City Commission had in mind concerning the by-pass and to request that a comprehensive study be made. The Board of County Commissioners offered their full support to Messrs. Hogaboom and Jackson, if needed, in finalizing an official request to the State Roads Commission.

### Radar Control during Rush Hours in St. Mary's City

President Jackson indicated the need for speed controls on Route 5, through St. Mary's City, during the rush hours and stated with the increased number of students on foot that additional safety precautions were highly desirable. It was agreed that radar control should be exercised during the rush hours; and, accordingly, the Maryland State Police were requested to provide this protection on an intermittent basis.

### Parking Problem

President Jackson outlined the parking problem which is caused by the increasing number of visitors to the former President's house, which is used as a guest house, and the need for reserving parking space for the use of students and faculty in the dormitory, administrative, and recreational areas.

Mr. Wigginton suggested that the College might be well advised to begin exercising their rights by erecting "no trespassing" signs in the affected areas, in order to keep unauthorized persons out of the areas concerned. President Jackson agreed to look into the statutory rights of the college which could be enforced on school property.

### Public Trash Disposal Area Maintenance

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. of the SRC was present to describe a problem occasioned by travel necessary for refueling the vehicles assigned to Trash Disposal Area maintenance. Mr. Burch motioned and it was carried that two tanks -- one for

fuel and one for gasoline -- be strategically located in the 7th District, thereby providing easy access for the drivers of the vehicles and eliminating unnecessary travel time and labor. Arrangements were made for the installation of the tanks with the Thrift Oil Company.

Maypole Road -- Mr. Jr. Raley reported that the work on Maypole Road was progressing rapidly and that he estimated a final cost of between \$14 - \$16,000 for the 20-foot roadway, properly ditched.

Horse Landing Bridge -- Mr. Jr. Raley reported that he would have the final figures on the cost of the Horse Landing Bridge next week.

#### Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project

Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, reported that no work had been started at Tall Timbers by Mark Pratt and that his equipment had been left on private property in the vicinity, thereby causing distress to the inhabitants of the area.

It was motioned and carried that Mark Pratt should be served with a "release order", which was subsequently prepared by Mr. Robert E. Wigginton and served by Deputy Sheriff Ron Clarke this date, releasing the County Commissioners fully and completely from the verbal contract entered for the performance of repair work and to remove from the site all equipment, and that his equipment be vacated from the premises by July 4, 1970.

#### Payments Approved

Loker and Wigginton for services re Robert Magee vs. County Commissioners and the Planning Board, Nos. 5882 and 3986 in the amount of \$930.00.

Briscoe and Kenny for representation for Liquor Board -- two cases (Robert Hunt and John R. Fowler) in the amount of \$480.00.

Bussells and Company for surveying and engineering in connection with Richneck Road improvements in the amount of \$582.00.

Citizens Protest against Dredging Operation at the  
Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship

Mrs. Rene DesJardins, a member of the Piney Point Citizens Association and the Potomac River Association, headed a delegation in protest of activities at the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship involving dredging and other alleged activities of an undesirable nature. Mrs. DesJardins stated that the dredging continues all night and that the noise disturbs the peace and tranquillity of the neighborhood -- a public nuisance. Mrs. DesJardins further stated that the raucous activity of the trainees, their behavior and language, fighting, etc., is uncalled for and objectionable and requested that remedial action be taken by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Wigginton counseled that he had searched unsuccessfully for statutory authority for the Board of County Commissioners to act and thus far could offer no advice except that the citizens themselves might be well advised to file for a "cease and desist order" through the St. Mary's County Courts.

Mrs. DesJardins indicated that the citizens involved would discuss the matter and that in all probability they would decide to go through the Court for satisfaction.

Metropolitan Commission

Admiral Thurston B. Clark, Director, appeared to state that the Metropolitan Commission would be taking over the Patuxent Water Company on July 1, 1970 and that it would be necessary for him to employ additional people to accomplish the work. Further, Adm. Clark stated that the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Commission had approved his plans for additional employment and for increased salaries for two employees already on the payroll, plus his own salary, which would be raised from \$7,000 per annum to \$8,500 per annum. Adm. Clark agreed to submit a detailed report regarding the personnel actions in writing, said report to be signed by the Chairman of the Metropolitan Commission.

Mobile Home Park

Mr. Ronald Strickland appeared to request approval for a five-unit mobile home park in the Horsehead Road/Chancellors Run Road area. The Board of County Commissioners gave tentative approval subject to approvals from the Fire Board and the Department of Health.

Air Conditioner for Conference Room

Mr. Aud motioned and it was carried that an air-conditioner be purchased for use in the County Commissioners Conference Room.

Personnel

Employment of Mrs. Mary Jane Alvey as Account Clerk B in the office of the Director of Finance was approved.

Leave Accrued during Probationary Periods (Carole Poe)

The Board of County Commissioners approved the granting of ten days' annual leave, accrued during an extended probationary period (which was occasioned by administrative delay) to Carole Poe, employed in the Sheriff's Department. This action was taken in accordance with the rules and regulations in effect and prescribed by the Commissioner of Personnel for the State of Maryland.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed that this precedent shall be followed in all cases where an employee has been placed on permanent status, or terminates his employment, following an extended probationary term.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved,

*J. Elliott Burch*