

County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, July 14, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
George R. Aud, Commissioner
Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
Elinor Mattingly (Mrs.), Secretary, Recording

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were not read.

Payments Approved

Mr. Burch signed Voucher Nos. 37134 through 37274.

Payment was approved on a bill from the Delahay Pile Driving Service in the amount of \$3,188.14 for work accomplished on the Shore Erosion Project at Tall Timbers.

Scenic River Review

Mr. Burch read a copy of a letter from Mr. Wahbe, Department of State Planning outlining a report on the Scenic River Review Board's program for protecting scenic rivers in our County. He suggested that this letter be acknowledged.

Mary Gatton - Raise in Salary

Messrs. Donaldson and Sterling from the Finance Office were requested to come in to discuss Mrs. Gatton's request for a salary increase, as Committing Magistrate. Mr. Sterling read a letter from Mrs. Gatton in which she requested a raise due to the heavy workload. Her salary as Jailor's wife is included in Mr. Gatton's salary. It was suggested that we study Mary Agnes Buckler's salary as Committing Magistrate. She no longer works in this capacity. Mrs. Gatton was asked to come in and talk with the Commissioners. She stated she needed more money -- or help -- or both. From 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. are her busiest hours. Also, on weekends, she is compelled to stay at home, as she has to make all of the commitments.

Mr. Burch asked Mrs. Gatton if she would be agreeable to a 25% increase in salary, which is \$300.00 per year. She stated that she would be. It was resolved that we look into the matter of getting some help in the near future for Mr. and Mrs. Gatton.

Wayne DeLozier - Dog Warden

Mr. DeLozier brought information on different equipment he needs for his work. He stated he needed a new catch-all, which we have in stock. Mr. Raley was asked to order two cables at \$5.00 each, two dog traps at \$60.00 each, and two cat traps.

Mr. DeLozier was asked if he had any suggestions in reference to his work. He stated that he would like to have a uniform, also a tranquilizer gun. (\$150.00 estimate, rifle type). Mr. DeLozier was asked to see that proper security measures were taken to make sure the gun would not be stolen from the truck. The Commissioners asked Mr. Paul Raley to do something about getting a new truck, also uniforms for Mr. DeLozier. When we get a new truck, have the radio transferred from the old truck. The radio that was taken out of Mr. Cryer's car is to be installed in the Dog Warden's truck to keep Mr. DeLozier in contact with the Emergency Operations Center, as well as the Animal Shelter. In addition, all calls should be re-directed to the Emergency Operations Center -- those that come into the County Commissioners Office.

It was agreed that Mr. DeLozier's work is satisfactory and that he be placed on permanent status.

Colony Development Corporation

Messrs. Wagener and Beavin presented an agreement they had prepared which states all of the different restrictions the Colony will have to adhere to in order for them to proceed with their plans for construction. Mr. Leon Etzler was also in touch with Mr. Wagener and Mr. Beavin by telephone while the agreement was under preparation. Mr. Beavin stated that six copies of the map which go along with the agreement had been sent to the Metropolitan Commission for signature. After signature, they are to be returned to the County Commissioners' Office. The agreement was read by Mr. Burch. A few suggestions as to changing the wording of the agreement were made. Mr. Bowles was asked to see Mr. Wagener in regard to this later, and Mr. Wagener will submit a corrected copy when it is finished.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Jack Kershaw from the Enterprise came in for the meeting with the State Roads Commission. Mr. Douglas Bond and Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. represented the State Roads Commission.

Mr. Bond reported that 30, 40 and 50 MPH signs are up as directed on St. John's Road. They have erected a "slow" sign on St. Andrews Road. Breton Bay Estates has requested a change of location of the speed signs, which will be taken care of today. Calcium chloride has been put on Camp SAYSF Road and Cedar Lane Road.

A letter was read from Mr. Brodsky, Deputy Comptroller of the SRC, authorizing us to charge part of the oiling program against "Maintenance" in the budget. This letter was read after Mr. Bond was questioned as to the cash deficit in the Roads Expense Report.

Mr. Bond requested permission to purchase a new power saw which sells for \$189.95 minus trade-in. This brings the price to \$110.00. Mr. Bond was requested to pick up the new saw and have the bill sent to us.

Commissioner Aud asked about the line in front of the Courthouse, which he thought was supposed to be painted. After discussion, Mr. Wagener stated he would look over the situation and put some marks showing where the line should be.

Mr. Bond was requested to have a sign reading "No Parking" "Within 100 Feet of Bridge" on south branch bridge on Cornfield Harbor Road. The ditches need cleaning on Bayne Road and also the ditch on left-hand side of Seven Gables Road, from Abell's store down past North Town Creek. Seven Gables Road needs delineators down by the Hotel. Mr. Red Hewitt has requested that a bigger pipe be put in piperbedput in this road. It is located on St. Andrews Road before you get to the dump coming in from Route 235. Fresh Pond Neck Road needs 36 well rings down where the County road ends. Check the entrance to Mill Point Shores from Route 238. Try cutting bushes and if that doesn't work, put Hidden Entrance signs. Have some tar put at end of ramp on Clark's Landing Road for people to be able to launch their boats. Last, the ditches on Richneck Road need cleaning out.

Horse Landing Bridge

Mr. Jr. Raley read some of his figures on the Horse Landing Bridge. He said the estimate for construction will be well under \$6,000.00. If we have to requisition the material, it will be at least 90 days before delivery, but if we get it locally, it will only take 30 days. The Commissioners asked Mr. Raley to make up an itemized list of the material needed as soon as possible.

Mr. George Dent of the Beavin Company

Mr. Dent asked whether we had any new roads planned, which needed surveying. Mr. Burch stated that whatever money we had now would be needed for black-topping and that no new road projects were planned in the near future. Mr. Burch told Mr. Dent that if anything came up, he would be glad to get in touch with him.

Johnsongrass Program

Mr. Ben Smith was accompanied by Mr. Johns Dixon and Mr. Malcolm Sarna, Assistant to the Director, State Board of Agricultural Programs. Mr. Dixon stated they now have two people working for them who are making a survey of the County and talking with the various farmers who have a control problem with Johnsongrass. Mr. Smith would like to have these two people employed on the County payroll. They will be on a part-time basis, and work mainly during the summer months. \$5,000.00 has been appropriated for this project and the same amount will be matched by the State. These people will be using their own cars and will be reimbursed on mileage. Mr. Dixon stated that certain chemicals have proven effective in controlling Johnsongrass, but they have to be applied over and over. Mr. Harris Sterling from the Finance Office was asked to come into the meeting. Mr. Dixon stated that they would be paying the two men \$3.00 per hour and reimburse them 10¢ a mile. Ben Smith said that his office would handle all of the paper work. At this point in the meeting, Mr. Robert E. Wigginton came in. Mr. Sterling stated his office would handle the payroll if he could be assured that the pay records would get to him in time to meet the bi-weekly county payroll. Otherwise, the employees would have to wait until the following pay period to receive their checks. The payroll must be in on a Monday. Mr. Smith was requested to have the two employees come in to see Mr. Sterling to fill out the necessary employment papers.

Mrs. Elinor Peabody
Board of Election Supervisors

Mrs. Elinor Peabody stated she wants to have registration at lease one day in every district. She would like to know as soon as possible if the Board of County Commissioners agree since arrangements must be completed prior to August 17, and several weeks' publicity will be required. Mr. Wigginton was asked to look up the law on this and let Mrs. Peabody know by next Tuesday. Mrs. Peabody requested registration hours between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Other Business

Mr. Burch made a motion, and it was carried, that we grant an easement to SMECO over the railroad track to some property that they are buying.

Mr. Paul R. Raley read a letter from GSA about the 12-mile segment of railroad north of the 28-mile segment purchased by St. Mary's County that has been declared surplus. GSA is going to proceed with a public sale and this office will get a copy of the invitation when bids are opened. He also read Mrs. Bailey's suggested reply. It was decided to hold the suggested reply for further review at the meeting next week.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
Approved,

J. Elliott Burch