

February 23, 1949 *regular*

Board met at 10 a.m., all members present.

Following accounts were passed and paid

Voucher

76	Chas.J.Mattingly,	\$156.25
76A	Leila Abell, clerk to Tr & Sp Asmt	50.00
77	Sam Bailey Trspt.	453.00
78	" " "	345.00
79	Frank Ellis (less 4 mi day .80	316.20

13 days  
\$14.40

extra mileage disctd

Dec overpaid Jan 14.40

" Dec 14.40

28.80

Jan check was \$ 345.64

28.80

due \$316.84

His new contract will be \$ 330.60

80	Paul Bell	412.68
81	Ambrose Wood	315.00
82	Ray Quade	384.00
83	Rev. M.C.Kavanaugh, SJ	249.12
84	Lieut. A.L.Ritchie	50.00
85	James Mattingly	50.00
86	Elias Gant	400.00
87	LeRoy Thompson	250.00
88	Leon Roberts	240.00
89	Earl Gatton	795.20
90	Alex Hebb	549.20
91	J.F.Bean	899.00
92	Jos.P.Wilkinson,	125.00
93	A.F.King, clerk less wht \$10	140.00
94	A.F.King, custodian	50.00
95	J.H.T.Briscoe, st. atty	166.66
96	Jodie Cusic, jailor	90.00
97	W.J.Bennett, jailor	72.00
98	J.Ralph Abell, Tr Mag less wht \$1.60	123.40
99	R.S.Burroughs, Sub Tr Mag less wht 1.60	98.60
100	J.J.Johnson, ext serv	113.16
101	Ethel Joy ext ser	41.66
102	Sam Burch 4-H	41.66
103	Harlan Stahl, sanitarian	50.00
104	John Cooper, Insp. Liq.Lic less wht 10	190.00
105	Sara M. King, clerical work 1 1/2 year	600.00
106	So.Md. Elec In	40.14
107	C & P Telephone	
108	Stationers' Inc fiel cases for CoCom	
109	St. Mary's Beacon, advg date of finality Pers. Prop. Sched	

110	R. Stevens, forest fires claim #2	\$7.50
111	Lex Pk Fire Co " " " #3	11.20
112	1st Nat Bank hawks & Crows	3.35
113	1st Nat Bank Court Orders	75.15
114	Bd. Education 1947 in lieu of auto taxes 65¢ on 1.50 22,253.50 43-1/3%	9,635.38 ✓
115	Bd. Education 1948 in lieu of auto taxes 65¢ on 1.25 23128.00	12,026.56 ✓
116	Jos. M. Hancock, Trsnp	254.00
117	State Roads Comm, monthly allotment	2,000.00
118	St. Mary's County Planning Com semi yearly	2,500.00 9/1/49
119	J.J. Johnson, janitor & supplies	10.30
120	Geo. Lawrence, special work on per. prop sched 2 holidays & 2 sundays and after hours in personal calls	100.00

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Regular meeting held Wednesday February 23, 1949 all members present.

Request of W.O. Bennett to transfer slot machine on his premises to those of R. Taylor on 3 Notch Rd, granted.

Advis. Bd. The Commissioners having called their School Program Advis. Bd. to meet with them on this morning, all repaired to the office of the Tr. Magistrate. Mr. Briscoe conducted the meeting and explained that its' purpose was to assist the Commissioners in the very important problem of working out the School Bldg. program. Members of the Advis. Bd., ladies and gentlemen- white and colored- had been selected from the various sections of the county to consider the program from every angle, and to make recommendations to the Bd. They desired to secure help from the very best brains in the county, and carefully selected the Ad. Bd. with a view to having a representative group, and they expected a lot of help from them.

In May 1948 the St. Mary's Educa. Planning Com. presented a School Program to the Commissioners, which called for nearly one million dollars. On this program the Commissioners did not act. Two Enabling Acts had been passed by the Legislature- one in 1947 authorizing the Comm. to borrow \$200,000.00, the other in 1948 (by referendum) authorizing them to borrow \$350,000.00 at not exceeding 3% per annum- making a total of \$550,000.00 which could be borrowed for the School program use. On Feb 8, 1949 the Bd. of Educa. of St. Mary's Co., presented a definite program, the first the Comm. had received from them, which in its entirety called for the expenditure of \$630,000.00. It was quite obvious that the entire program could not be carried out, therefore, it would be the work of the Advs. Bd. to select from that program those projects which they considered the most important, and after considering them from every point- location, size, etc., they were to present their findings with recommendations to the Comm. who would then consider what action should be taken. The method of raising money to defray the cost of school building would be by bonds, etc., which money could also be used to pay for remodelling, refurnishing etc., schools now in use.

Interest and Sinking Fund were to come from the Incentive Fund which is raised by Levy. The County is allowed to set aside as much as 5% on each \$1.00 of taxes for the Incentive Fund, (and the County has always set aside that amt) the State then matches it with so much per pupil in Pub. Schs- about 4 times as much as the County levies, and it is called the Incentive Fund to encourage the counties. Miss Dent remarked that the creation of the Incentive Fund was the first step of the State to put money into school construction. The 1947 Incentive Fund was used to purchase Carver Hts. Dormitory \$3,500.00 and remodelling of same was allocated \$10,000.00. However, should more be necessary for that work it would be forthcoming. Thus Carver Hts. is one project the Bd. need not consider. Estimated amt from Incentive Fund for 1949

is \$9,990.00 and for 1950 is \$25,000.00 This money can only be used for Debt Service on the bonds, if and when they are issued.

Mr. Briscoe suggested the Advs. Bd. organize, elect chairman, secretary etc. and proceed along the lines they deem best. After a lengthy and deliberate study of the Sch. Bldg Pro. they are to make a detailed report to the Comm. The services of Mr. Briscoe in a legal capacity, and of A.F. King in clerical capacity, were offered to the Ad. Bd. Miss Dent also offered all the material in her files relative to the Pro to which the Ad. Bd. was welcome should they desire to use same, in order to reach best conclusions. When Mr. Broun asked if the purpose of the Ad. Bd. was to aid the Comm. in allocating funds, he was told it was. Mr. Burch was then advised that the present estimate of the Incentive Fund was based on the taxable basis for 1949- \$15,000,000.00. Mr. Broun then remarked that \$350,000.00 at 2½% could be retired in 14 yrs. and the int. cost of \$78,750.00 would make the total cost of that amt. reach \$428,750.00.

Miss Dent advised that unless some buildings were initiated by 1951 the increase in pupils would necessitate holding school in 2 sessions which is now being done in some counties in the state. She advised the Feb 1949 Sch. Bldg. Pro. was the outgrowth of very careful study on the part of the Bd. of Educa and could not meet the entire needs of the county, but they were listed in order of priority the Bd. of Educa feels the schools should receive.

The Comm. then retired to their offices and the Adv. Bd. elected Mr. R.B. Broun, Jr., chairman (at his request Mrs. A.F. King was made secretary) and 3 members were appointed as the Exec. Comm. Mrs. Howard Chesser, St. Geo. Isl; Mr. Zach Fowler, Chaptico and Mr. F. Elliott Burch, Charlotte Hall- one from either end and the center of the county. This Comm. will study the program, meet with the full Advs. Bd. to present their findings, and later the recommendations of the entire Advs. Bd will be presented to the Comm.

Afternoon session was spent with the Electrical Bd. and complainants Allan Dameron, Lloyd Brown and Riley Fletcher.

Mr. Brown says that Oct 1946 he applied for renewal license but same was never granted. He was a former member of the Elec. Bd. but resigned. Mr. Smith said Brown resigned his license as he was working on the Naval Base, but Mr. Br. said ne he didnt. Mr. Chas. Moore- also of the Elec. Bd- said he understood Mr. Brown desired to clear up all his wiring as he, Br. felt no one in the county should have outside license. They asked if the Naval Base was in the County and Mr. Briscoe said it was not. Then they asked is Ex. Pk in the Naval Base and Mr. Briscoe said it is.

Mr. Smith said there was some contention as to the boys working on the base having a license and wiring on Sundays and holidays, and it was decided to cancel such licenses. Mr. Wm. E. Sterling said it could not be done without a Court Order, and the matter was dropped at that time. Mr. Brown said those in the electrical trade didnt make much, and the cost of living was so high they had to do other jobs in order that their families might have some of the things they were entitled to... He said electricians usually have other things to do, such as heating, plumbing etc. He said he maintained a place of business and his wife is his clerk.

changed his address, didnt notify the Elec. Bd of change because he didnt want to. (Very independent attitude all thru hearing, inclined to be impudent, too.) Mr. Briscoe said Mr. Fletcher should also take the exam on April 1st and follow the others in the matter of appealing if he is not satisfied with results of his exam.

Chas. J. Mattingly said his son-in-law Robt. Brown had made application in Dec and not been notified of date of exam, Mr. Smith said applications had to be in 30 days before exams and the application was recd. Dec 15 and exam held Jan 7, so he would be notified to appear April 1st, with the others.

Mr. Briscoe said he felt the blame for the mix-up was due to laxity on part of both Bd of Elec Spv and complainants. His instructions were to "follow the rules and regulations and appeal to the Bd of Arbitration if not satisfied with their marks."

Discussion lasted 2½ hours. due to complainants who repeated same questions so many times

Mr. Paul Bell- overcrowded bus- ~~Mr. Bell~~ says the Bd of Com just kept adding children to his route without suggesting he add another bus, so he just went along and altho he started collecting the children at 7 a.m. it was 9:30 before he got the last to school but teachers said nothing since they felt he was doing the best he could do. Bd. insists that something must be done. Mr. Briscoe will handle the matter.

Alms House Report in full received from Mr. Hobler, sanitarian read by Mr. Briscoe, attached hereto. Conditions insanitary and deplorable. Matter will be considered later.

Board adjourned at 5 pm.

clerk

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When Mr. Briscoe inquired what steps he had taken since 1946 to get his renewal, Mr. Brown replied none.

Mr. Briscoe explained that Lex. Park is considered Naval territory but he understood licenses were granted electricians from St. Mary's to operate in Calvert

Allan Dameron repeated his testimony of last Aug- he had made 3 applications for exams and felt that since he worked for Mr. Brown it wasnt necessary for him to take an exam, just applying for the license was enough; that he took 2 exams and was advised he "didnt wualify" but that didnt mean he didnt pass. He is anxious to take an exam with his Code Book at hadn for reference, this Mr. Briscoe said he could not do. Mr. Sterling is his atty., and he advised Mr. Dameron to make application again - and Mr. Wigginton said to make another application- and he would be notified of date of exam. He did this, but Mr. Smith said he didnt use the proper form; then he got another form. Mr. Smith said that Dameron took the exam June 7 with 3 members of the Bd present and was notified June 18 that he "didnt qualify." Mr. D insisted in going over his papers but was not permitted to do so On Aug 27 at a meeting Mr. Briscoe said they were to abide by the "rules and regulations in the book." Mr. Br. further said that when Dameron took the exam and didnt pass, his atty should have advised him that his remedy was to take the matter to the Bd. of Appeals. Dameron insisted that he should see his papers, go over them and see what was wrong. Mr. Briscoe repeated that he should have appealed to the Bd. of Arbitration. Again Dameron asked if he could use his Code Book when next he took an exam and Mr. Briscoe replied no. Dameron said he noticed Mr. Briscoe kept referring to his law books whenever he wanted to answer a question and it wasnt fair to refuse him the Code Book at time of exam. Mr. Briscoe said he was not allowed to use the Code book when examined for the bar. Mr. Briscoe then said Mr. Dameron should take another exam, if he failed to pass the Bd. of Arbitration should be able to decide whether or not it was a fair exam, and his atty should take the matter up with this Bd. of Arb.

Mr. Smith said Mr. Sterling was present at the time-Aug 28- when Mr. Briscoe advise him -S- to follow the rules and regulations in the book and everything would be alright.

Examintion was set for April 1, 1949 at 8 p.m. in the Court House. Applications must be filed Mar 1, after exam those who do not pass can resort to a Bd of Arbitration which is composed of 1 person selected by complainant, 1 selected by the Bd. of Elec. Exam and 1 selected by these 2.

Riley Fletcher said he took exam Feb 19-48 didnt qualify- says he made application in 1946 but was refused because he was still in Navy- has taken 3 exams and says the "book was thrown at him" and he doesnt know the result of the 3rd exam, never notified. Mr. Smith said he was notified at Hollywood address and Mr. F said he had moved and told the party present when he took the test last Feb that he had