

Regular Meeting
February 13, 1951

All members were present today when the Board of County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting.

Leases for Fair Ground and BaseBall park filed in safe in office of Tax Assessor.

Hearing between Mr. Frank Ellis, bus driver, Fr. Behr, pastor of Holy Angels, Jimmy Morris and Mrs. Ernest Morris, relative to swearing by Jimmy on bus. Mr. Frank Ellis had advised Mr. Alvey of unseemly behavior of Jimmy on his bus on Monday afternoon and the above folks were requested to attend the meeting to ascertain cause of the disturbance.

Jimmy says when he left the bus on Monday afternoon Cullins Hill threw a stone which hit him in the head. Jimmy returned to the bus and started fighting and swearing. Mr. Ellis put him off the bus with the instructions that he could not ride on that bus again until he had received permission from the County Commissioners to do so. Mrs. Morris said Jimmy had a large knot on his head when he came in from school Monday evening. She also said his aunt heard him swear and that later his father gave him a good whipping and she feels Jimmy will not use bad language on the bus again. Fr. Behr said the Hill boy who threw the stone is a bad boy, and they are considering expelling him from school. He said Jimmy usually gives no trouble and makes good marks in school. Mrs. Morris had sent Jimmy out to apologize to Mr. Ellis Tuesday but he would not stop for him, thinking Jimmy wanted to ride to school on the bus. It was the feeling of the Board that since this was the first offense of Jimmy, he should be given a second chance and they hope to have no further trouble. Jimmy assured them he would behave better. Mr. Ellis was advised that while the children were on his bus they should behave, or he should report them and they be brought in for a hearing with this Board.

Roads.

Mr. Lawrence Henderson was present to request additional repairs to the roads on St. Geo. Island. Mr. Stone was ill last week so Mr. Alvey with Mr. Thompson made a survey of the roads on the Island and considered them not too bad. In view of the fact that so much has been done on the Island in the past few years they felt other sections should receive attention first. However, they did say it was their intention to do some more repair work on the Island as soon as it could be gotten to, and they would not set a definite date.

Mr. R. Sears appeared to ask that repairs be made to a road near Compton which had been in bad condition since the survey in 1941 and nothing had been done. In many places the road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass. Board feels this road needs attention as soon as possible

Library

Miss Eloise Pickrell, librarian of St. Mary's County Mem. Library

requested check for the 1951 Budget. The Board agreed to make check for one-half the allotment, and the other half later in the year. At present they do not have sufficient funds to meet all such requests in full, but will have funds after May when licenses are due.

Transportation.

Ambrose Wood was instructed to change his bus route commencing March 1st- "instead of retracing route at W. Vallindingham's continuing to Pincushion- turn left at Loveville to St. Joseph's school, a distance of 6.9 mi

Jos. M. Hancock was instructed "discontinue going to Geo. Thompson's lane and retracing. 1.2 mi

Mrs. Bernard Bowles was instructed "due to putting on of other bus route, we are changing routes and ask that you bring your child to John Somerville's lane to meet Mr. Hancock's bus, commencing Mar. 1"

Microfilm for Clerk's Office and file cabinets agreed upon

Mr. C.B. Greenwell, clerk to the circuit court asked the Board to purchase a microfilm machine for use in his office, filming DEEDS Mortgages and Land Records. The machine will cost about \$2500.00 Mrs. Anne Fowler has been taught to operate the machine and it will save a lot of time etc., and all records with photos of signatures will be available in less space than they formerly took. Mr. Greenwell explained that he could withhold 5% of Whiskey License and with this purchase the machine, but the County would do better to take the full amount of the licenses and make the purchase. This was agreed upon. Payment of the machine will be made after May 1st.

Bd. of Education, in re; additional office space

In the afternoon the Board of Education with Miss Dent appeared. Their intention was to ask for additional office space in the building to be erected for the Health Clinic. The Commissioners had already taken up that matter with the Health Dept and had made a request for the architect to appear this week to go over plans to include extra office room. (This meeting is set for 10 a.m. Friday February 16th with Dr. Houser, Mr. Tilp, architect, Mr. Tolbert engineer of the State Bd. of Health, and the Bd. of Education represented by Miss Dent, and Mrs. Lorena Burch of the Welfare Dept.) Oct, 1950 Bd of Education completed transaction with Mr. Macguire Mattingly for the purchase of a Public School Site in Leonardtown for the sum of \$15,090.00 and \$30.00 survey Geo.W.Joy. The Bd. explained that it will be necessary to borrow further funds from the State School Loan to erect the Public school at Leonardtown, as the \$570,000.00 received in September 1950 was allocated, to schools not including Leonardtown.

Combination of Bus Routes

The Board of Education went on record as approving the combination of the two County bus systems, with the exception of Mr. Geo. Thomas. The Commissioners feel it would be a savings to the County to make this combination and employ someone to be Director of Transportation for

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both systems. This would save a lot of trouble to both the Bd. of Education and the County Commissioners in the locating of routes. Mr. Johnson said he thought that under the present law the system could be set up, but Miss Dent informed that Public school transportation is from Government money that cannot be used for private enterprise. There are at present 3 different laws on the Statute Books relative to transportation. It would not be possible to operate new lines now until the laws are changed

Dept. of Health

Mr. Fritz of the Md. State Health Dept with Dr. Houser called with relation to Out-Patient service in Baltimore. The State will match dollar for dollar what the County puts up for this service which is to take care of any patient who cannot be handled through the hospital here. In case of xrays which the Health Dept or hospital cannot take, these can be gotten in Baltimore and the Doctor attending the patient can certify that he- or she- is unable to pay for the extra service and the State and County together pay for it. There is \$1740.00 available for St. Mary's up to June 30th, and the Board felt it would not be necessary to put up this much for such service. All bills for this service would be approved by the State Health Officer- Dr. Houser- before being paid. Money is not for any special hospital, can be used wherever the service needed can be obtained. This service was requested by the Medical profession and is not government medicine.

Bus Road at Godcharles

Mr. Guy informed Mr. Thompson that the road at the entrance to the Godcharles property, where the bus has to turn, is in very bad condition and has deep holes in it. Needs immediate attention.

Planning Commission

Letters requesting Mr. Hiram Millison and Mr. T. Webster Bell asking them to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Millison's appointment will be until 1954, Mr. Bell until 1952

Civil Defense

Letter from Civil Defense read. Mr. Thompson said he had been to Annapolis, Gov. McKeldin spoke on Civil Defense and advised the Govt. will furnish medical supplies and alarm system. State Police use car siren which can be purchased for \$38.12, the large sirens are not available and would cost much more. The 3rd and 8th Districts would need 2 sirens. Mr. Thompson will advise later what has been done in the County towards preparing for air raids. Pamphlets are available at his office for care in the event of a raid.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 to meet again Friday Feb 16 at 10 a.m.

approved
Leonard Alvey