

February 26, 1952

Commissioners met today with all members and their attorney present.

Willow-Glen Road

Mr and Mrs Gladstone and Mrs. Stahl called to see the Board relative to status of the Willow-Glenn road. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Guy will look over the ground and report at the next meeting. Matter first came up Nov 1950- road was to be accepted April 1951 after R of W was deeded to Commissioners.

Leonardtwn PTA- Leonard School

A group of members from the Leonardtown PTA- Mrs. Piercey Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Bailey with Mrs. Chas. E. Fenwick, principal of the Ltn school and Mr. K.B. Duke representing the Town Commissioners inquired into the matter of building a new public school in Leonardtown.

Mrs. Fenwick reported that a recent census showed that 450 children would be eligible to attend this school; there are at present 39 in the 3-4-5-6-7 grades and 36 in 1-2; there are not sufficient facilities for these children; that several years ago when the State School Loan first came up, she with a group had met with the Board of Education and asked that a new public school be erected in Leonardtown and they had been told it would; that later the PTA had been given the runaround and the school built in Hollywood- they referred to the Program prepared by the Bd of Educa in 1949- Feb which shows Ltn Pub. school to be the 3rd major project- program is on file in Minutes of this date) Mrs. Fenwick said she felt a 10 room school would answer the needs of this area for the next 10 years. She then commended RBDuke for realizing the growing possibility of Leonardtown and giving streets etc for this purpose. Then commended the former Bd of Com for purchasing the site for the new school- Note- the Bd. of Cms paid \$2,000 towards this and the balance was secured from the State School Loan)

Mr. Afvey advised that the Comms. realized the need for a new public school here, and that they had wanted to be sure no Fed. funds could be secured before putting additional taxes on the people of the County. Their meeting of Feb 8th had determined that, and the funds for the new school must be secured through the State School Loan and other means. He said the Bd of Educa is definitely in accord with the Comms. that the new school must be built and have agreed to allocate certain sums for that purpose. He advised that the County's power to borrow up to \$550,000.00 had not been used, but it is hoped funds can be secured and bonds not necessary.

Mr. Guy remarked that ^{Public} Leonardtown is the only County seat in the State without a high school. He feels the County seat should have a fine school and perhaps more people will reside here, and thus increase the size of the Disrict as there is

a possibility of moving the County seat to a larger District but that if possible must be prevented. He said both Town and County Commissioners want the new public school here and must work together to build it.

Mr. Duke asked if the Board would like the Town Commissioners to state in writing how far they would be willing to assist the County Commissioners in building this new school, if so the Town Comms. would consult their attorney to determine what they could do in the matter. He said the Town Coms would like to have a letter from the County Comms. outlining what they propose to do, then they would hold a discussion on the subject. Mr. Duke said the Pub. Sch bus starts at ~~Marionville~~ up St. Andrews rd to Bennett's gas station, to Wise corner, to White Pt. and after a run of 1½ hours it returns to Wise corner, thence to Great Mills School. It requires over 2 hrs a day on this bus for school transportation and many children who should attend the school in Leonardtown attend the catholic school rather than spend so much time in transit. The Academy is already overcrowded with as many as 72 children in one class room. If we had a consolidated school many who attend Great Mills and Margaret Brent schools would come here and would save money in transportation. (Gov McKeldin says the new schools are the responsibility of the Counties at this time and that it looks oike no additional help from that source.) He asked how long it would take to have the necessary plans approved by the Bd of Educa, County and State, before actual building could be started. He further stated that he could give no reply for what the Town Commissioners would do, but knew they were anxious to have a new school here.

Mr. Sterling said it would be easy to bond the County and borrow the money but it would have to be repaid and the County already is indebted for over \$600,000.00 and the Coms are cognizant of the taxpayers' part in paying this back.

Mr. Guy advised that our present public school system is costing more than all the rest of the County government and expenses put together; that the levy is for 65¢ for general appropriation 5¢ for the Incentive fund (70¢ out of every tax dollar the County receives) that the County must pay \$50,000.00 on the present existing loan which means 25¢ more or 95¢ from the 1952 taxes, which is still not sufficient

Mr. Alvey assured the group that the County Commissioners are very anxious to start on this new school for Leonardtown area; that they will do everything in their power to have a new school without putting too great a burden on the taxpayers. He requested the clerk to write the Board of Education, asking that they allocate all available money from the State School Loan, approx \$158,000.00 also of the Incentive funds now on hand and the Incentive funds due June 30, 1952

\$158,000.00
25,000.00
<u>9,515.56</u>
192,515.56
<u>18,000.00</u>

and other sources must be located to yield about as the Coms feel the school sufficient for this area can be built to cost not over 12 class rooms, cafeteria, auditorium for 450 etc.

\$210,000.00

In the afternoon Miss Dent came in for a short session and intimated that such a request would meet with the approval of the Bd. of Education, she thought. Letter was written.

Roads. Cornfield Harbor

If County receives R of W, it will maintain the road, it passes over a 250 A at Pt. Lookout Creek, fishing etc. there Mr. Thompson had viewed the land- Mr. Brinkley said he will have R of W surveyed- 30 ft Mr. Stone and Mr. Thompson will look the land over and will report. The road bed is said to be a good one, needs gravel. Report at next meeting.

Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Thompson, Civil Defense director to secure Communications radio equipment for Civ Def

Clyde Lawrence and John Hodges, ask for 3/4 mi road which will serve 4 families and 3 farms. Matter delegated to Mr. Guy and Mr. Thompson who will report at next meeting.

American Legion Psts suggested the name of Mr. Plavidal for Director of Civil Defense - also Geo. Quade for the 7th District

Commissioners requested county newspapers insert notices that they will meet March 11 and March 18 as their regular meeting day of March 25 is holiday

Clerk instructed to write letters to Miss Alma Wathen, Miss Rosa Milburn and Abraham Butler that the Feb check may be their last pension check as there is a question of the legality of the Coms paying State employees. This was done. Opinion stated by Mr. Sterling, not written, that Comms. should not pay this amount

James C. Greenwell came again about the lots he desires to purchase on the Alms House property. The Comms. will meet him Sunday at the Alms House and go over the ground and report their decision at their next meeting.

Commissioners accepted two checks from Chas. J. Mattingly, late Treas. of St. Mary's County to settle his official business as Treas from 1947-48-49-50

Chas. J. Mattingly, Acct #2	1st Nat Bank	\$118,361.04
" " Gen Acct	" " "	10,604.83

The Comms. will pay any expense that may grow out of the accounts of the former Treas. Letter to Mr. Mattingly to this effect. Entire amount turned over to Treas. for County expenses. Feb. 22, 1952.

Clerk instructed to write State Tax Commission, giving names and addresses of applicants for the position of Supervisor of Assessments vice the late Geo. L. Lawrence,

J. Ralph Abell, Leonardtown, Md.
Wm. F. Herbert, Oakley Md
J. Claude Johnson, Morganza, Md.
Walter B. Raley, Leonardtown, Md
J. Wayne Russell, Clements, Md.

The Board will abide by the decision of the State Tax Commission in their appointment.

Soil Conservation Commission and FMA desire to change the partitions in the new Health Bldg. Mr. Alvey will meet with them, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Tilp on Monday for decision.

Board adjourned at 6 pm

Approved

Leonard J. Alvey

President.

Deposits

March 13, 1952

Building Fund County Trust Co., Mechanicsville, Md.

Bd. of Electrical Examiners \$800.00

1st National Bank, Leonardtown, Md
State School Loan Acct
State of Md. grant

\$55000.00

1st National Bank, Leonardtown, Md.
CGF #1

C.B.Greenwell, clk. t.ct. for Feb, 1952

Court fees

10.00

report

21.38

State of Md. $\frac{1}{2}$ forest fires

3.45

W.B.Long, sheriff Jan report

34.00

St. Mary's County Welfare Bd Feb rent

50.00

118.83

Deposited CGF #1 1st Nat Bank Leonardtown, Md. Mar 17-52

Cash BldgPermits	14.00
A. Lewis dw. 7500	
W. Bronson dw. 2500	
L. Pegg dw 4000.00	
H. Davis dw. 4500	
Bacon & Paserreli com 25,000	
G.C.Price dw 350.	
Prk Pharmacy com 7,500	
LS Alvey barn 1,000	
G. Hopkins dw 5,000	
G. Hopkins com 20,000	
R. Jennier dw 1500.	
F. Moreland barn 2000.	
L. Chance dw 3700	
J. Diskins dw 3000.	
H. Mann dw 3000	check 1.00

J.D.Hurry, Tr. Mag	
fines & costs Feb	204.25

C.B.Greenwell, clk.ct.ct	
stamps Feb	2164.72

State of Md.	
Feb motor cases	336.00
	<u>\$ 2719.97</u>

Received report of Trial Magistrate
for Feb 1952

Criminal	\$170.00
Civil	<u>34.25</u>
	\$204.25