

July 18, 1961

When the meeting was held this morning all officials were present.

Mr. John Riley, State Dept. Assessment and Taxation came in with J. Ralph Abell, Supervisor of Assessments, to discuss the 20% blanket assessment to be placed on all Districts not completed by the end of the year. The Commissioners felt this was not the proper way to do, that each piece of property should be assessed and reviewed. Mr. Riley explained that a committee from the State were making a survey to see that St. Mary's and all counties were assessed equally and that St. Mary's must be at least 50% by then. Survey will probably take place some time at the beginning of the calendar year. He further explained that the County Commissioners were not responsible for the assessment, that full responsibility rests with the Supervisor of Assessments. He read a letter he had written to Mr. Abell about this and asked if the Commissioners would like a copy to be published. They felt this was not necessary. <sup>So County</sup> ~~Supvr of Assmt~~ can lower the assessment after it has been appealed in the office of the County Supervisor, after which the Dept. of Assessments and Taxation can advise the Supervisor to appeal to the State Tax Court. Commissioners desire Mr. Sterling to write a letter of protest at the blanket assessment.

J. Louis Mattingly, recently appointed General Inspector of Bldg Permits, Trailer Parks and Coin Op. machines, came to discuss his salary. It is to be \$2500.00 per year, effective July 1, 1961.

SRC- Jr. Raley advised they are making rapid progress on road work. \$20,000.00 was advanced to keep work going until Bond issue money is received, this makes \$31,216.90 advanced from the Commissioners General Funds, to be replaced in that account on receipt of Bond issue money.

Mr. J.J. Johnson was requested to present a requisition for the Mimeograph machine. When he asked about the dictaphone the Commissioners requested him to have a representative of the IBM Co meet with them regarding this machine. Mr. Myers of the IBM Co will be here 11:30 a.m. Tues. July 25.

Mr. Caros, new Director of Welfare for St. Mary's advised that filters in the air condition machines in the Welfare office were bad and should be replaced. He then asked if any plans had been made for remodelling and additions to the present building. He was informed Commissioners would contact Architect Fred Tilp to bring in plans he has made for this and they would discuss the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm to go to the Animal Shelter at Benedict.

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president.