

December 12, 1961

All officials present.

Johns Dixon and a group of 12 additional men came to speak on behalf of Ben Smith being appointed County Agent. They felt he was best qualified of all applicants to this position. They consider Mr. Smith as one of the best tobacco experts in the State, as well as being familiar with other crops; he is most important to the County where tobacco is the chief crop and he was instrumental in instructing them to improve the quality and increase the weight of this product. They feel a person working in the Extension Service should be promoted in a case like this, and it is important to the morale of the employees. The Commissioners joined in a general discussion, and while they agree that Mr. Smith is well qualified for the position they were interested in having a County man appointed. Dr. Nystrum will be here Dec 19th and it is thought the appointment will be made then.

Robt. Stevens, Hermanville, advised that his newly surface treated road is in bad condition. Commissioners informed they knew of this and same would be remedied.

Mr. Tilp was instructed to prepare plans and specs for the Welfare Bldg, with alternates including removal of stairway and 2 chimneys. Bids for this work will be advertised in Feb and opened in Mar-62.

Jr. Raley came in for a short general discussion on roads.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

approved

president

*Leonard Schvey*