

December 18, 1962

Present: All commissioners, Oliver Guyther, attorney, Kenneth B. Duke, Administrative Assistant.

The County Treasurer, Mr. Roe Cecil, requested full time employment for Katherine Leila Norris, and that Mr. Wilkinson be retired with substantial payment after 40 years of service.

Miss Harriet Reeder and Miss Huff, representing the Historical Society of Southern Maryland, stated they desired the old county jail to preserve as a landmark and to use as its headquarters. The society will present a formal letter.

Mr. William Loker, attorney representing Mr. P. J. Spagnuolo of Jean's Sportswear, appeared regarding the 1961 Tax Bill in the amount of \$794.45 received by the company. Mr. Loker read a paragraph from a letter from Buck Briscoe to Mr. Wm. Boorstein of the Bee-Wayne Co., an affiliate of Jean's, promising ten years free taxes on the premises and a paragraph from the St. Mary's Journal of August 20, 1959, quoting Webster Bell and Senator Dorsey, and Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1959, Codification Section 9 (46) of Article 81, Annotated Code of Md., making tax free for ten years any industry locating in St. Mary's County and employing 75 or more people. He asked that the Commissioners extend the date of advertising to January 27 in order to have time to study the situation. The Commissioners will look into the matter and act on it.

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr., regarding county roads, agreed to come in weekly and also to submit reports monthly. He is working with the Golden Beach Assn. to get the change in the road surveyed, plans drawn and approved and deeded to the county. Mr. Ridgell requested a 30 mile limit sign be placed on Route 235 near St. Michaels so traffic will know the limit when reaching #5. There is a total of \$10,399.52 not programmed from 1961 and 2 State Bonds and 1962 Local Bond. Money set aside for Luke Mattingly Road, 6th District, and Graves Graves Corner, 2nd District. Mr. Raley to furnish map and list showing all county roads, names, mileage, type of surface, present condition and recommendation as to what needs to be done at present. Will furnish list of projects not completed but money available, also list of county-owned equipment. Maintenance amounts to \$22,000 per month, \$8,000 for overhead and equipment and payroll of \$14,000; from gasoline taxes amounting to \$315,000 to \$320,000 and other appropriations. There are 370 miles of county roads and 199½ of state roads to be maintained. Cost from July to July, approximately \$700,000.

Afternoon Session - Additional attendees were W. S. Donaldson, David Gruber, Thomas A. Cero, Wm. H. Riley, Carroll H. Fleharty, Jr., A. L. Cole, William Herbert, W. S. Lawrence, and Roe Cecil.

Mr. Riley asked for conference because of condition of the assessments and records of the Assessor's Office, in an effort to aid new supervisor. State Auditor ran into difficulty as records are not completed and rates not in accordance with the requirements.

Mr. Fleharty read report on the Treasurer's Office and Mr. Gruber stated all criticisms listed were valid and could be remedied by additional personnel.

Mr. Riley explained the new forms they desired to use in the Assessor's Office and the new rates and the application thereof, and uncollectable accounts. He also stated that since 1959, the commissioners are the Appeals Authority and the Assessor the Assessor. Mr. Cero said that due to lack of time and personnel, all of Leonardtown could not be reassessed at one time and those that were had to go on the books or would run into budget problems. Mr. Guyther asked that the raise in taxes be done in three steps so as not to cause local problems with the town and the newly elected officials. Mr. Riley said that where taxes needed to be raised, they should be raised as fast as they can be put on, go ahead and get them reassessed and sent out and let them appeal. Mr. Guyther pointed out they should consider a mass appeal.

Mr. Cecil and Mr. Donaldson were called in to meet with Senator Raley and the commissioners. Mr. Burch stated that Mr. Donaldson has been appointed County Financial Director and would set up the system of records, etc., in all offices.

Mr. Raley stated he will work in the Treasurer's Office and be responsible to the commissioners. He also suggested the commissioners give serious consideration to a retirement system.

Senator Raley resigned from the EDC but requested he be an ex-officio member. The following have been recommended by the EDC for membership: Francis Smith, George Sparling and Bernard Cullins. Mr. Burch will be an ex-officio member.

Submitted to the Welfare Board for consideration: Marvin Joy, Rev. Hall, James Lanham, Mrs. Rose Hutchins, Rev. Milton Collins and John Francis Butler.

Submitted to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation: Wellington Hewitt, Ralph Bowles and Upton Thompson.

Senator Raley suggested a Resolution to the Governor regarding St. Clements Island (Blakistone), \$100,000 appropriated and read letter. Further suggested agreement on a retirement system and recodification of the laws, about \$3,600, and should be included in the budget.

Re Jean's Sportswear, Mr. Guyther will look into this. Ask assessor not to advertise for 30 days. No decision made regarding Mr. Cecil, but Mr. Raley stated his fees to continue.

Vouchers signed and Mr. Ridgell suggested that the supplementing of the salary of Mrs. Ella Davis of the Health Department, be investigated. Mr. Burch stated he thought Katherine Norris should be paid at the rate of \$50 per week.

Motion by Mr. Bowles, seconded by Mr. Ridgell, and passed that the courthouse be closed Dec. 22 through 25. Unanimous decision to pay the retired commissioners and attorney through December 1962.

Reading of the minutes of December 11th, 1962, called for insertion of, "The Chairman of the Board to serve on the EDC as an ex-officio member" and approved.

Meeting was adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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President

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October 11, 1961

County Commissioners
St. Mary's County
Court House
Leonardtown, Maryland

Re: Effluent Discharge
Luckland Run

Gentlemen:

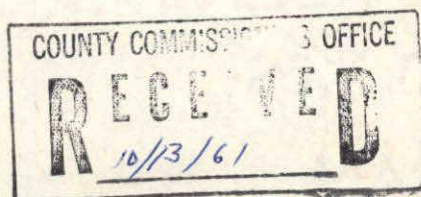
The Aviation Yacht and Country Club proposes the establishment of a stabilization lagoon system to treat domestic sewage on its 1000 acre tract (Felecity Manor) near Budds Creek, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The Corporation will request from the State Health Department within fifteen (15) days of date, permission to discharge effluent from said facilities into Luckland Run, approximately 0.6 miles from the tidewaters of the Wicomico River.

This notice to the Board is given at the request of the State Health Department prior to requesting permit to discharge the effluent.

Very sincerely,

Terrill Brazelton
Terrill Brazelton
President

Registered Mail



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