Present: All Commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther, attorney.

Commissioners called Kenneth Duke in and asked if they could accept his resignation as of March 1st in lieu of December 31st. He stated he felt he owed his regisnation to the new commissioners.

Paul Raley applied for position of Administrative Assistant to Commissioners. Stated he would appreciate opportunity to be considered for position. Gave his background as to B.A. degree. Likes people, would be interested in government. Salary scale pointed out to applicant.

Discussed Jean's Sports Wear tax matter. Called Mr. Duke in with minutes of previous meetings. Found payment of \$5,000 to Jean's Sports Wear for training paid by EDC budget. (a) In June Jean's Sports Wear came in and requested \$1,500 to buy sewing machines for training. This was denied. (b) Previous minutes show company had requested old commissioners to abate taxes. This denied.

Called Treasurer, Roe Cecil, in re tax on Jean's Sports Wear; he stated tax sales would be advertised about January 15 due to fact his office would complete sales notices then send to Clerk's Office for verification as to Book and Page number of properties. When this comes back, then they are advertised four times.

Chairman then discussed ordering stationery for commissioners without names so any Board can use. Mr. Bowles will order.

Met with Senator Raley and Delegates Briscoe and Fowler.

Senator requested commissioners to write Mr. Thompson, SRC, to install picnic area on Route 5 below Leonardtown and one below Lexington Park on Route 235.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

President

Meeting of Commissioners with Legislators.

Present: All commissioners, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Delegates Fowler and Briscoe, and Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Director of Finance.

On Sanitation Fees, Mr. Raley suggested the commissioners get together with the Health Department (Mr. Hartwell), and work out the percentages.

Road Side Dumps

Commissioners to get together with Mr. Hartwell and have him investigate other counties and see how they are operated, maintained and the costs and ascertain if legislation is needed or right of local ordinance to clean up the existing conditions. Mr. Sterling had informed Senator Raley the SRC has the power to remove the dumps provided the commissioners sue the property owners.

Tax Exemption, Over 65

Senator Raley had a letter from James Lanham of the American Legion requesting relief from property taxes after reaching age 65. After it was brought out that some counties exempt up to \$3,000, Mr. Raley suggested some of the present laws be investigated and see if some relief could be granted without cost to the county. He and Mr. Fowler will look into this.

Budget

Letter from the Legislative Council of Maryland was read and Mr. Donaldson pointed out the proposed change in collecting interest on property taxes beginning October 1st instead of July 1st, which will cut the interest money the county receives. Presently amounts to \$5,000 to \$6,000, the better part being collected the first quarter. The county bills in the middle of the year for the calendar year. The question of change in date deferred until later.

Jean's Sports Wear

Mr. Burch stated the commissioners had no authority to direct the Assessor not to advertise on January 15 and he has asked Mr. Duke to index the old minutes so they can go over them and see what transpired and make a complete study. Action held until January 15.

Sheriff's Fees

The attorney is working on these and will take up later.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

President