

February 5, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, and in the afternoon session, Mr. Oliver Guyther, attorney.

Citizens Bank of St. Mary's

Mr. Jack Daugherty, representing this organization, requested that the county commissioners consider giving this bank an equal share of county deposits instead of confining the deposits to one bank. He stated that except for \$42,000 deposited the commissioners had made no further attempt to do business with the Citizens Bank. The commissioners and Mr. Donaldson will study this matter.

Mr. Daugherty said he would come up and get the daily deposits, if necessary. Whoever carried the money would have to be bonded. Mr. Donaldson explained it is done the present way in order to simplify bookkeeping and check writing. Mr. Burch asked if Mr. Daugherty would rather have an account that a large number of checks are drawn on. Mr. Daugherty said he wanted equal share of accounts as given to the bank in Leonardtown.

Womack Industries

Mr. Rumsey and Mr. Bean.

Mr. Rumsey said this service consists of sanitation, germicide, and deodorizing the restrooms, and exterminating all rooms in the building. The courthouse is serviced on a once per month basis, as is the jail. This includes spraying 15 bunks and mattresses. Breakdown on bills recently received as follows: Jail - \$7.00, courthouse - \$21.00, courthouse ext. including jailer's quarters - \$20.00, Welfare - \$4.00, Health Building - \$4.00. These charges are per month. Mr. Rumsey said that if the commissioners wanted Mrs. Buckler to do this work, he would leave the materials needed at no additional cost. This will have to be discussed with Mrs. Buckler. Monthly statement requested for these charges and Mr. Rumsey said this will be done.

Jean's Sportswear

Mr. Wm. Loker, Mr. W. Bell, and Mr. Briscoe.

Mr. Loker, representing Mr. Spagnuolo, stated that St. Mary's County will be faced with the loss of its only outside industry unless something is done about this situation. Mr. Spagnuolo has been instructed by the parent company to close up and leave if he is not relieved of this tax burden. Mr. Loker quoted the law involved in this matter and said that if this law is interpreted literally, to mean exactly what it says, then Jean's Sportswear employed 75 or more people - in other areas - then located in St. Mary's County, and would be entitled to the tax exemption.

Mr. Guyther mentioned that this company had used \$5,000 of the county's money for training purposes, and this was the equivalent of seven and half years free taxes. They owe \$423 in taxes which the state has nothing to do with, and they have not paid this amount.

The commissioners agreed to give serious thought to this matter and would consult with Mr. Guyther on a solution to the problem.

Scholarship Week

Mr. Rysticken presented a resolution declaring February 16 to 23 St. Mary's County Scholarship Week, for the commissioners approval. Mr. Ridgell made a motion to adopt this resolution, Mr. Bowles seconded it, and the motion was approved.

Donable Foods Program

Mr. Brugger, Mr. Kellum, Mr. J. Hodges.

Mr. Brugger stated that there is still restitution in the amount of about \$20 to be made from the last time the county participated in this program, for food stolen. He explained that it is the commissioners responsibility to see that the food is properly stored, distributed, and that applications are made for each family. Food can be given to people in addition to their welfare payments. Food is distributed once a month, except to very small families, when it is distributed once every three months. A supervisor must be appointed to handle this program and he must be deputized.

Mr. Burch said a decision on this would be made within a few days.

Roads

Mr. Perillo of Lexington Park said he would like to have something done to alleviate the accumulation of water by his house, located on Midway Drive and Princeton Road.

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Raley if he had committed himself to do any road work other than was presented on the schedule. Mr. Raley said he never made any commitments, as this is left up to the commissioners.

Locks Hill Road extension should be graded and graveled after the right-of-way is obtained. Mr. Raley said this must be deeded to the county.

Mr. Burch reported that the legal right-of-way has been granted to the Carver Heights Lincoln Avenue Extension and work should be done immediately. A letter will be sent to Mr. Thrower advising him of this.

Gardner Mill Road - Mr. Beck would not grant right-of-way unless county took this road over and maintained it. Forty foot right-of-way has been granted by other property owner, Mr. Yowaiski. Mr. Raley said if this road was opened up it would probably be six or seven miles long, and will investigate cost and work involved in such a project.

Mrs. S. Mattingly requested gravel be put in the bus turn around point on her property as it was becoming a mud hole. Mr. Burch granted permission for Mr. Raley to do this.

Estimated cost of parking lot at courthouse is \$260 for good job and \$150 for poor job. Mr. Raley said signs could be made from old metal ones repainted. Mr. Thompson can also make signs at a reasonable rate. The parking lot will be marked off, lined, and signs placed designating reserved parking.

Jean's Sportswear (afternoon session)

Mr. Richardson, Mr. Gough, Mr. Bell.

These gentlemen asked to tell what they could about this business, as to whether they felt it was an asset to the county and how far they recommend the commissioners go to keep them here.

Mr. Richardson said he did not hear any commissioner say Jean's would get tax exemption, but did hear this from other sources. Also, at some of the meetings the former commissioners were present and did not contradict this plan when it was mentioned.

Mr. Gough said it was mentioned by a number of people that there would be a real estate tax exemption for this operation for a period of ten years.

Mr. Bell said that the very man who introduced this bill made the statement at a meeting that this company would get free taxes for ten years.

(A verbatim report of the above conversation is in the files.)

Keys and Locks

Replacement of keys and locks in courthouse was further discussed. A locksmith will be called in.

SRC - Mr. D. Bond

Mr. Burch asked about the man replacing Mr. D. Bond. Mr. Thompson is planning to transfer Mr. T. Hall from Charles County to St. Mary's County. Mr. Guyther said the commissioners might be blamed for the removal of Mr. Bond and replacing him with an out of county man. They should investigate this and try to place a county man in this position. Mr. Guyther suggested the commissioners call in Mr. Reeder and Mr. Duncan and discuss this matter with them.

Dog Damage Claim

Commissioners agreed to pay chicken damage claims by Mr. Butler and Mrs. Thompson.

Jean's Sportswear

Mr. Burch asked for a decision this matter. Wanted to know if they could increase the EDC budget to take care of this. Mr. Guyther stated that this could be the best way to do this legally under the statute. Mr. Donaldson said to let the EDC pay the taxes for them, then the commissioners would get it back. Mr. Burch said that Mr. Spagnuolo should indicate how long he intends to stay in the county and some concrete evidence be gotten as to his answer. Mr. Guyther advised the commissioners to decide what they wish to do and he will frame a letter to protect them. He would prepare an agreement between Mr. Spagnuolo and the county. The commissioners were in agreement with this and also with letting EDC pay the amount owed. The agreement will be drawn up and Mr. Loker and Mr. Spagnuolo will be called in for the next meeting. Mr. Guyther will make the appointment.

Miscellaneous

Resolution passed adopting the schedule of holidays as listed in the Maryland Manual.

Commissioners will meet on Wednesday of next week as Tuesday is a legal holiday.

Judge Dorsey has requested a speaker in the witness box in the courtroom as the jurors cannot hear what is being said. The Mobile Communications Center will be contacted about installing one microphone and two speakers where needed.

Mr. Ridgell said he would like to make a motion that commissioners serving time on committees be only two years, then change committees on a voluntary basis. Mr. Bowles objected. Mr. Burch said he thought they had decided that any committee they were on they were representing the county commissioners and could have discussions with the other commissioners. He decided to table this matter for the time being.

The commissioners reviewed and approved vouchers and statements presented for payment.

Mr. Guyther suggested the commissioners pass a resolution that the county will not take over any road for maintenance until it has been built to required specifications. This resolution should be publicized.

Slot Machine Bill

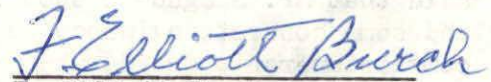
Mr. Guyther and Mr. Norris presented the contents of this bill to the commissioners. There will be a charge of \$164 plus \$50 fee for privilege of operating a machine. There are 1029 licensed machines in the county. A graduated tax scale will be used as follows:

1 - 3 machines	-	\$150	per machine
3 - 5	"	175	"
5 - 10	"	200	"
10 - 15	"	250	"
15 - 20	"	300	"
20 - 25	"	350	"
25 - 35	"	400	"

The bill would place a 35 machine limitation on any one person or establishment. An owner could get a distributors license at a \$10,000 annual license fee.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President

Old County road from Ridge to St. Peter's - Mr. Harold Clarke asked that new pipe be placed at entrance and the road gravelled to keep it in condition until Route 5 is completed. Mr. Ridgell will call to see about getting right-of-way on this road.

Mr. Donaldson asked who owned the shovel? Mr. Raley said the county owns it. Four companies made bids and the SRC negotiated the deal. The shovel is one of the most used pieces of equipment in the county, being in use nearly every day on county roads. The county owns about 18 pieces of equipment.

Mr. Raley will furnish information concerning cost to complete the Chaptico Road program next Tuesday.

EDC Appointment

Motion made by Mr. Bowles, seconded by Mr. Ridgell for the appointment of Mr. Frank Barley and Mr. Bernard Cullins to fill vacancies on the EDC. Motion approved.

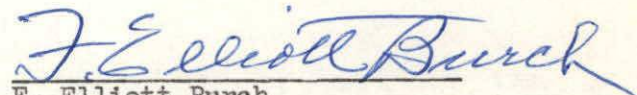
LD Telephone Calls

Memorandums will be sent to all department heads requesting that all long distance calls be placed through the switchboard.

Vouchers presented for payment were approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President