

February 19, 1963

Present: All commissioners. Mr. W. S. Donaldson. Mr. Oliver Guyther was present for the afternoon portion of the meeting.

#### Sheriff - Office Clerks

Sheriff Miedzinski requested that Mrs. Combs, who now works four days per week, be allowed to work five days per week, and requested a 5% increase in salary for her and Mrs. Boyd, the other clerk. There is an item to this effect in the Sheriff's budget, but nothing can be done until final decisions have been made in Annapolis concerning the Sheriff's Bill. Mr. Donaldson suggested the sheriff prepare a budget with whatever requirements are necessary under the present operation. In the event the bill does not go through, the commissioners will have the budget. If the bill does go through, then the budget can be revised accordingly.

#### Physical Fitness

Mr. J. Hodges presented program of this commission. One of their aims is to have all school children given physical examinations every four years, and they will meet with the Health Department on February 27th to discuss this. They would also like to form a committee to establish a set of by-laws for the commission. Mr. Hodges said it is the group's opinion that a member of the Board of County Commissioners be on this commission, and he requested this, also.

Mr. Hodges asked for a small appropriation for stationery and stamps, about \$100, or less. Mr. Donaldson suggested members of the Physical Fitness Commission be asked to pay a small dues to take care of this expense.

Mr. Hodges said he will try to arrange meetings for the first Monday of each month. The commissioners will discuss this and one of them will be present at the meeting. Mr. Hodges said he would like to be advised about one of the commissioners being on the committee by the 18th of March.

#### Custodian

Mr. Burch stated that a custodian is needed to take care of all county buildings. Mr. Bowles said he knew a man who might be interested in this position, and who was acquainted with all types of maintenance work, Mr. Quentin Bean.

Mr. Bean was contacted and came in to see the commissioners at 3:00 p.m. Custodial duties were discussed and Mr. Bean was given a set of courthouse plans to review and will later inform the commissioners as to what maintenance requirements are necessary and what he would desire as a salary.

Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Bean might join Mr. Dean and Mr. Garner when they make a survey of the courthouse. Mr. Bean will be contacted about this.

#### Treasurer's Office - Improvements

Two bids reviewed for shelving and counter space additions in this office, Nuskievicz and Holli-wood Products, and agreed by commissioners to accept the bid of the latter, as it was less. A letter will be sent to Mr. Zollin~~ho~~fer of Holli-wood Products, advising him of same. Mr. Zollin~~ho~~fer was contacted by telephone and agreed that this work would be started on Feb. 25th and completed and installed by March. 5th. This agreement was incorporated in the acceptance letter.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Guyther what should be done about the releasing of deer in the county. Mr. Guyther said the commissioners would have to decide what would be most beneficial to the county in the long run.

Mr. Guyther reviewed the proposed dog law and thinks this law gives the Humane Society policing power, and is a good law. Mr. Burch will call Charles County and Calvert County to set up a meeting date for discussion of the dog law and the budget presented by the Humane Society.

Mr. Guyther suggested the commissioners review all duties and perhaps give each commissioner a specific set of responsibilities. One commissioner could handle roads, another health and welfare, and the third, transportation and public buildings. The administrative assistant could gather all necessary information to help decide issues.

Mr. Bowles suggested that the commissioners proceed to employ an administrative assistant and submitted the name of Mr. Paul Raley to be hired in this capacity for the time being. He also stated that the relocation of offices should be completed so that necessary responsibilities could be fulfilled.

Mr. Burch stated that the Historical Society should be answered concerning their request for acquisition of the Welfare Building. Mr. Guyther said it is the commissioners responsibility to set forth a list of conditions under which this can be done.

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 Committee. Motion approved.

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

Roads

Mr. Raley reported that Mr. Thompson would like to talk with the commissioners about the parking area before anything is done. Mr. Thompson is going to send a surveyor down to draw up a plat to be presented to the commissioners.

Reported that there are more than 800 cars using Willows Road daily, which requires a 50 foot right-of-way. This is a manual count, but Mr. Raley said he can request a traffic count be made by the SRC.

Mr. Thom Hall will be asked to come to the meeting next Tuesday with Mr. Raley to explain fully all matters pertaining to road funds and expenditures.

Mr. Raley said he needed authorization for pipes at Chaptico.

Buzzard Point Road was gravelled and new pipes put in last year. Mr. Curry said one of the pipes has been mashed and the water is not running off. This is just a single lane in one area and cars cannot pass, and there have been three accidents on this road. Mr. Raley said this road is on the regular blading schedule and he would take care of the drainage problem tomorrow. Mr. Curry requested widening the road at the narrowest end. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Raley to present an estimate next week of the cost to widen this road.

Afternoon Session


Mr. Bowles stated he was getting an increasing number of complaints concerning the practice of the Welfare Board as to eligibility of the people who are receiving assistance. He said he considers himself a representative of this board and did not wish to pursue or investigate any case or cases unless authorized by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bowles said he would like to know what the other commissioners thought he should do about this. These people will have to present their cases to the commissioners. It was mentioned that the state's attorney is to take care of these matters. Judge Dorsey will meet with them when he returns and settle this problem.

Mr. Burch decided to table the matter of the Humane Society representative until Tuesday's meeting.

The commissioners read and reviewed mail.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

  
F. Elliott Burch  
President