

February 26, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Board of Education

Mr. Robert E. King asked if it would be possible, if sites were obtained, to go ahead and program these sites now, and at such time as the bond issues are available, to be reimbursed for same. The schools must have some relief from overcrowding or they will be forced to go on double shifts. There are 20 acres on Route 5 suitable for the Carver Heights Elementary School, costing approximately \$500 per acre. A probable site for the senior high school is the property owned by Mrs. Lupe Duke, approximately 40 to 50 acres, costing about \$20,000. The elementary school to take care of the Clements and River Springs area will also require 40 to 50 acres. Mr. Burch will write letter this afternoon concerning this request.

Mr. King asked if any plans had been made concerning the bond issues, and was informed no plans had been made to date. Approximate costs to build the three schools is as follows: Carver Heights, 18 classrooms and all facilities, and land - \$467,000. Senior high, 27 classrooms and vocational unit, and all facilities - \$1,200,000. Clements school, 6 classrooms with provisions for additions later on, \$244,000.

It was decided that the commissioners would meet with Mr. King, Mr. Carl Mace, and Mr. Gruber, auditing consultant, to further discuss this matter. Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 1963, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. King stated that St. Mary's County was in competition with neighboring counties in securing teachers due to salary scales. He presented a sheet of salary scales in force at present and requested increases. Particular interest was expressed in the Certificated Degree scale which is now \$4300 to \$6300, and requested this scale be increased to \$4600 to \$6600. Mr. King asked for a decision on this matter immediately so that some figure could be quoted when teacher recruitment is in effect. He asked the commissioners for an actual commitment on this one area of the salary scale presented for review. Mr. Burch will call Mr. King to inform him of the commissioners' decision.

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser presented budget for review. Budget estimated at \$187,375.00 and the county requirement would be \$52,260.00. The school for retarded children is the only new item in the budget. Dr. Houser reviewed and explained various expenditures listed, with the commissioners.

Dr. Houser said he had had an inquiry regarding the vacancy for a sanitarian, and the man wanted to discuss this position with him. Only new position is part-time summer physician for shoreline survey work. Dr. Houser feels two such people are needed to thoroughly check all of the shoreline. He also suggested the commissioners consider buying an outboard motor to do this work as boats must be rented for areas reached by water.

Dr. Houser and Mr. King will have to arrange a meeting to discuss the Health Education program. It is felt that there should be a more comprehensive school health program than there is at present.

Dr. Houser explained that this budget must be approved by the State Board of Health and if they do not approve it, they can decide that this county does not need a Health Department and remove everyone but him. The state feels the Health Department must operate with an adequate budget in order to do the right kind of job. Whatever the state approves, the county will also have to be responsible for.

Dr. Houser stated that each county must provide money in the budget to pay for ambulance transfer service and the local funeral homes are contacted to submit bids. On June 12 both directors will be asked to submit bids and the lowest one will be accepted. These bills can be paid on the BM-93 forms for the Health Department, and were supposed to be sent to the Health Department.

Dr. Houser said he needed a decision from the commissioners before this budget can be sent to the state for approval. He also wanted opinion of commissioners as to whether the health building needs repairs and maintenance.

Sewage Disposal - Greenview Knolls and Town Point

Dr. Houser said he had applications from two subdivisions to put in sewage disposal facilities; one which he felt should be approved and the other disapproved. Greenview Knolls will put in sewage lagoon which will be treated and discharged into a stream which goes into a branch of the St. Mary's River, at no hazard to the river. This will not be approved by the state unless the commissioners approve it also.

The other area is Town Point, which was turned down by the former commissioners, and they have re-applied. They want to discharge sewage directly into the Patuxent River, and Dr. Houser feels this should not be approved.

Taxicab Permit

Mr. J. Giardina, Director of Transportation, and Mr. J. L. Lau, Jr., Transportation Supervisor, of the Maryland Public Service Commission, requested that one of the commissioners be present at the hearing on the application of Henry D. Bennett for a permit for the operation of a taxicab in St. Mary's County. Date of the hearing is March 10, 1963.

Maintenance Man

Mr. Quentin Bean reported to the commissioners that he felt that four hours per day would be sufficient for general maintenance duties, unless something unforeseen happened that would warrant extra attention. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Bean what he would estimate as being a reasonable salary and Mr. Bean suggested \$40.00 per week. This amount was agreeable with the commissioners as Mr. Bean will be handling all types of maintenance work in all county buildings. The actual working schedule will be flexible.

Job Assignments

The commissioners agreed to have some of their responsibilities relegated to each of them in specific categories. Mr. Burch will handle Roads, Mr. Bowles Health and Welfare, and Mr. Ridgell Transportation and Buildings.

Administrative Assistant

Names suggested for this position were Mr. Lester Schlup, Mr. Leon S. Hill, and Mr. Paul Raley.

Roads

Mr. Chandler and Mr. Scheible said that Warham Road was to be tarred this summer, but now understand that this is not going to be done. This road is extremely dusty due to heavy traffic, and was scarified with the intention of putting six inches of gravel on it. Mr. Raley said that there were other roads having priority over this one and this is the reason Warham Road was not tarred, but it was graveled last fall. At present there are no funds available for surface treatment, but if some funds are available after the present program is completed there is a possibility that this road could be taken care of.

Mr. T. Hall, Mr. M. C. Thompson, Mr. Raley and Mr. Bond discussed matching federal aid money. Mr. Thompson said he talked with Mr. Weiland who said the bond issue money could be used to match federal aid. The federal aid jobs could be programmed and use this year's state bond issue money to match it. There is about \$40,000 in the construction account. Would recommend canceling the X numbers and using that money plus what little is in maintenance and get surface treatment jobs done before July 1st. Then go ahead with construction out of the bond issue money. A letter will be received this month concerning the bond issue, which must be back by the 1st of April.

Mr. Burch said he did not understand that the county had to put up all the money. Mr. Thompson said that under this setup you get a better road. It is up to the board to decide whether they want better roads or low cost roads. The average road costs about \$10,000 per mile, but the federal roads cost about \$12,000 per mile. The federal matching funds available are \$57,000 and Mr. Burch said he wanted to find enough money to match this amount so the county would not lose it. Mr. Thompson said the state will accept your letter on the bond issue money which will become available in August. This money is for construction or reconstruction of county roads, and may also be used for surface treatment, due to the bad weather. Federal funds are also for construction and reconstruction only. Bond issue limit participation is \$121,000.

Mr. Burch stated that the \$30,000 remaining could be frozen and if the county put \$27,000 to this the federal government will put up the additional \$57,000. The federal government will not participate in the engineering unless you get an engineering firm to do the work. Roads must be built to specifications or the federal government will not participate. If roads are built to specifications, you would have a guarantee of the recovery of the \$57,000. About \$10,950 will be gotten back on the Chaptico Road, and all of the money has already been gotten back on the Town Creek Road, except \$286.

Mr. Donaldson said he understood that if they county participated in this \$180,000 bond issue, some of this money could be used for oiling the roads. Mr. Raley said that last year the money could be used for maintenance or anything the commissioners saw fit because of the bad weather. He said if the \$30,000 was used to surface treat roads there would not be any money available for the roads already committed for repairs. After all the roads are completed there will be nothing left. The gas tax would be the only money available at present for maintenance. The gas tax and the bond issue are only possible sources of money.

Mr. Raley suggested blacktopping Willows Road. This project would cost about \$18,000 to complete and the federal government will participate in 50% of this. The Chaptico Road is being programmed for federal funds right now.

Mr. Thompson suggested using the money available to get surface treatment done and take advantage of the bond issue. Present commitments could still be met when the money from the bond issue comes in. The bond issue was set up based on the increase of your gas tax. There will be probably be a reshuffling of the gas tax and title tax will increase the revenue. Mr. Thompson said probably a little could be gotten out of the maintenance money for surface treatment. Mr. Raley said there were three tight commitments - Luke Mattingly Road, Langley Road, and Gardner Mill Road. These roads are figured in the \$30,000. He asked where the money would come from to work from now until May, as they were \$14,000 in the red this month.

Buzzard Point Road - cost \$6500 to grade it and put gravel on it. Is good road now and a few passing places could be made. Received request to widen Camp Saysf Road.

Mr. Thompson will draw layout of parking area requested, estimate cost, and present commissioners with this information at a later date. He will also present a road program using money available, plus bond issue, and will meet with Mr. Burch to discuss same.

Mr. Thompson presented list of new assignments as follows: Charles G. Barnes, Eng. Associate IV, Asst. to Resident Maintenance Engineer, Anne Arundel County; Eugene C. Cullum, Eng. Associate V, assigned to Dist. 5 office at Upper Marlboro under the supervision of the Dist. Eng. to process all applications for permits. Thom W. Hall, Jr., Eng. Associate V, Acting Resident Maintenance Engineer, St. Mary's County; J. Douglas Bond, Eng. Associate VI, Assigned to Dist. 5 office at Benedict under supervision of Asst. Dist. Eng. - Maintenance and responsible for engineering reports and estimates as assigned.

Teachers' Pay Increase

Mr. Burch said he will definitely give Mr. King an answer on Friday, March 1st, concerning the Certificated Scale increase in salary. This matter was reviewed by the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson, Director of Finance, and it was decided the teacher increment would be \$4500 - \$6500 per year.

Animal Shelter

Mr. Burch read letter from the Humane Society and also reviewed portions of the Tri-County Humane Society Agreement. He stated he will attend a meeting this evening with Mr. Gott of Calvert County, and Mr. Robey of Charles County, to discuss the budget of the society. The budget for the Humane Society was accepted and approved by the commissioners.


Maintenance Man

The commissioners agreed to hire Mr. Quentin Bean for maintenance of county buildings to assume duties on March 4, 1963.

Vouchers approved for payment as presented.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President