

March 19, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Paul Raley, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Welfare Department

Mr. Carros and Mr. H. Ocker explained various items in the budget, and that there is a 10 cents per \$100 evaluation set up by the state. It was explained that a person drawing social security may be eligible for welfare if his needs are greater than the amount of income. In this instance, the Welfare Board will make up the difference. Persons with an income under \$3,000 per year usually receive this relief. If a person receiving relief secures employment and does not so inform the department, he is referred to the state's attorney for fraud. Mr. Carros stated that the \$500 increase requested is to be used to train personnel in more efficient methods of giving away money, and this is the first time he has ever asked for more than is legally required.

Maryland State Planning Department

Mr. Kenneth Creveling, of this department, and Mr. Wm. Loker, were present. Mr. Creveling explained that the foremost purpose of this department is to encourage communities throughout the state to develop and continue comprehensive planning programs for the creation and preservation of economic, physical and social well being. He reviewed at length brochures presented to the commissioners, and discussed overall development program for the three southern Maryland counties. Said program is the 701 Program, A Comprehensive Planning Program, and Calvert County has already submitted application for same. Mr. Creveling said he had also contacted Charles County, and now wanted to try to interest St. Mary's County, too. The 701 Program is an FHA Agency, through the Urban Renewal Administration, and the government can grant a total of two-thirds of the cost of a planning program to any eligible community. The only requirement is that the county does not have the money to carry out the program by itself and population does not exceed 50,000, and the area is unincorporated.

A study of the three counties would be made by an economic consultant, to determine if three individual programs should be started, or one common one, having a degree of overlap in the counties. There would be three programs but they would be coordinated. Leonardtown proper, would be included in the study of St. Mary's County. The study would cost about \$40,000 and the county has to pay about one-fourth of this. A municipal planning program could be included in a county planning program at a slightly higher cost. It would not cost the county anymore to have Leonardtown included, but the cost would be less if the town is not included. In order to get an accurate economic basis, Leonardtown should get a separate study made, and would have to pay for this, at a cost of \$4,000 - \$5,000, two-thirds of which would be paid for by the government.

An overall county study would take about 24 months to compete in detail, but some shorter studies take 12 months.

Mr. Creveling said he would like to have a meeting with Planning and Zoning, but it was necessary to see the commissioners first, as they must sanction all plans and make final decision. A meeting was arranged for Monday, April 8, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. at the courthouse, attendees to be the commissioners, Planning and Zoning Board, Leonardtown Commissioners, EDC and sub-committee, Lexington Park Committee, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Delegates Fowler and Briscoe, and Mr. R. M. Sparks, Mr. Creveling, and Mr. R. Gucker from the State Planning Department.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall reported that the mileage tabulation book is being compiled by Mr. Bond. Mr. Miles said the St. Clements Shore Road is flooding near his home. Mr. Raley will check this situation. Complaint received from Mrs. Lee that school buses were turning around in her driveway and causing damage. Mr. Raley will gravel the area in question. Reported that Far Cry Road is flooding and Mr. Raley will investigate tomorrow. This road is in the county maintenance system.

Mrs. Gladstone's Road, Mr. Raley is waiting for permission to work on this road from Mr. Webb in the district office. Mr. Webb is coming down to look at this road personally, to find out whether we are obligated to clean this road or not, as the ditch is private property. Mr. Hall will call Mr. Webb this afternoon to discuss this matter further.

Mr. Hall said he is waiting to hear about using prison labor on the roads and that Mr. Thompson is trying to get such labor at no cost to the county.

Snow Hill Manor Road was worked on yesterday and cleaned out. The county has a 50 foot right-of-way through this entire road, and there are about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to be constructed. Mr. Burch requested estimate of cost to finish this road. Mr. Raley said he tries to maintain this road every week, but there are several slick spots that never dry out. He suggested cutting down some of the trees to relieve heavily shaded areas.

Mr. Nastelli, Drumcliffs, road complaint. All of the subdivision in this area is private property and the county cannot get the right-of-way. Mr. Burch will check with Mr. Nastelli, find out just what the trouble is, and get touch with Mr. Raley.

Woodburn Road looks good at present, but unable to tell what the weather will do to it. This road was cut down to hard bottom and now it is passable.

Mr. Raley said he called Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Morris and they have necessary right-of-way needed on their road. Commissioners must grant permission to have this road surveyed and deeded over to the county. There is about 1000 feet of road involved. Mr. Burch stated that a decision on this road will have to be made today, and he will contact the people involved concerning this matter.

Mr. Raley asked about leveling baseball fields with grader. The commissioners agreed this should not be done.

Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road - letter presented to Mr. Burch with details on this road construction, and Mr. Raley said that all the right-of-way necessary on this road has not yet been procured. Federal government cost is \$31,805.86, and our share is half, plus \$14,373.10. Breakdown of how figures were arrived at was attached to the letter.

Mr. Raley said there is about \$5,000 left in the maintenance fund.

Luke Mattingly Road - persons requesting building permits for construction on county or state roads, sent to the SRC for permit to close the ditch and be advised as to what size pipe should be installed. Mr. Burch will check with Mr. Guyther to see what authority the commissioners have in this matter.

Rosecroft Road - subdivision here. Melvin Jarboe is building a road to county specifications and this road will not be surface treated until the amount of traffic warrants it.

Mr. Burch said that some decision should be made as to borrowing money to fix the roads. The commissioners agreed to apply for the maximum amount allowed under the Federal Aid Program for the road bond issue. Necessary forms will be completed and mailed immediately. The law states that the program must be followed. If a change in the way the money is being used is desired, a letter must be written to Mr. Hall. Part of the bond money can be used for matching funds. The money will be received September, but may be used now if a letter is sent to the state. Mr. Donaldson remarked that the county will have to program \$114,000 of road construction before June 30th, and this would have to be worked out with Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson is working on a program recommendation for the county and may have this ready by Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Hall said the county will have to put up all of the \$31,000 for the Chaptico Road but will get it back. Mr. Thompson said the money for this road could be diverted somewhere else in the county and re-programmed, but Mr. Hall said this road has been all programmed and set on paper, and all that is needed is the money. Mr. Hall also said that the correct amount to be programmed by June 1st, is \$54,000 not \$57,000.

Trapp Road could be blacktopped when the money is programmed. The commissioners agreed to go ahead with the Luke Mattingly Road as soon as the weather permits. Sandgates Bridge - Mr. Thompson is to find out something about this and get a man to make tests to see if this bottom could hold concrete pipes. Asphalt coated pipes could be used and this would save on construction costs. Mr. Hall will ask Mr. Thompson how to get in touch with the Corp of Engineers on this matter. Golden Beach Road - short forms have to be signed and funds have to be provided for this road.

Roads in order of priority are: Luke Mattingly Road, Golden Beach Road, Sandgates Bridge, Yowaiski Road, Graves Road (Langley).

Mr. Raley explained that there are 7 foremen taking care of county road work and 45 men to work with them, according to district. We have 5 foremen working on county roads, each averaging about 5 men in a crew. Blacktopping would have to be done by contract, as the county does not have the proper equipment. The county could prepare the road for blacktopping but the actual work would have to be contracted. Blacktopping costs \$9,000 per mile (2 inches thick) and would last 12 years, and surface treatment, done every three years, cost \$1500 per mile. After blacktopping, if the road needed repair it would be surface treated and this would last 5 or 6 more years.

County Agent - Mr. Smith

Mr. Ben Smith explained how savings in salaries in the budget would be used to purchase two typewriters. The Model C, IBM electric machine, costing \$350.00 is the one chosen, and with the trade-in allowed on the old typewriters, the new ones would cost about \$300.00 each. Through this month the county agent will have a savings of \$574.98 that is already in the budget. If this money is not used, about 25% of it comes back to the commissioners. Mr. Burch will contact Mr. Smith tomorrow and advise him of the final decision on this request.

Tall Timbers Tax

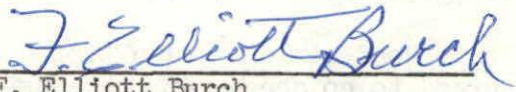
Mr. Donaldson read a letter from Mr. Robert W. Beall concerning Mr. Beall's tax payment for 1954. Mr. Beall stated that due to no fault of his own, the delinquent bills were missent and he felt that, since he had always paid his tax bills promptly, the interest owing should be waived. The commissioners agreed to waive interest in question and a letter will be written to Mr. Beall to this effect.

Library Week

Commissioners agreed to issue proclamation of "Library Week" April 21 to 27, 1963, said proclamation to be released to the press April 15, 1963.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President