

April 16, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Oliver Guyther, Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Mr. John H. Briscoe.

#### Treasurer's Office - Cabinets

Mr. Cecil and Mr. Zollinhofer, of Holli-wood Products, were present. Mr. Cecil felt that the drawers and cabinets installed in his office by Mr. Zollinhofer had not been according to specifications, as they were all legal size. According to Mr. Cecil only two of the drawers were to be legal size, and the other six regular size. Mr. Zollinhofer said he assumed that all of the drawers were to be legal size. Mr. Burch said he thought that one of the drawers could be divided to hold the cards to be filed, and a folder type filing system could be used in the other drawers.

#### Slots Bill

Senator Raley read the bill and explained the intent of the bill as to owners of machines. It was suggested that perhaps the sale of licenses could be taken away from the Clerk of the Court and sold through the commissioners office. Senator Raley said there was no question about this, that it could be done. Mr. Guyther suggested setting certain dates for machine owners to come in for licenses.

Mr. Donaldson said the county will lose \$45,000 of their anticipated budget if the licenses are allowed to be bought in June instead of now. The present commissioners would have anticipated this same amount if the law had not been changed. We had a deficit budget to start with and now we are going to have a deficit budget this year, also. Mr. Donaldson said the county was going to pick up only \$17,500 on the new bill. Senator Raley said that under the new bill the commissioners have the power to do whatever they feel is reasonable, and admitted that this bill was a poor piece of legislation.

#### Budget

Mr. Donaldson reviewed the budget and explained that he and Mr. Gruber had gone over it and cut some figures. Senator Raley suggested cutting the contingent fund in half, and if additional money was needed it could be borrowed. He said he couldn't see why anyone should have to pay additional taxes if the money was not needed, and would prefer an austerity program as long as possible. Mr. Burch said we might cut the fund down, then find out it would be necessary to borrow or raise taxes next year more than they are being raised this year.

If some of the back taxes were collected this would put an additional \$75,000 in the budget next year. Senator Raley will bring a copy of this bill to clarify the commissioners' position relative to collecting back taxes. He then listed revenues to be gotten back from the state by the county as follows: income tax - \$117,000, admission tax - \$202,000, Corp. franchise tax - \$1,500, horse racing - \$32,500, motor vehicle fuel tax - \$266,817, motor vehicle revenue - \$47,845, distilled spirits - \$31,000, tobacco tax - \$130,000, business licenses - \$22,300, recordation tax - \$23,500.

Senator Raley said the commissioners should think about the additional assessments that have been put on some people and not on others. This should be reviewed right away so an equal assessment would be put on everybody, as there should be an equalization of assessment.

Mr. Donaldson said that the budget and tax rate would have to be completed so that the tax bills could be made up.

#### Liquor Board and School Board Appointments

Senator Raley presented names of people to serve on these boards. Liquor Board - Gen. Peabody (Rep.), R. F. Gabrelcik, and B. Norris (Dem.). For the School Board, Leo Young and Harry Graves were named. Mr. Young is already a member of the School Board but his appointment will soon expire.

#### Other Appointments

Senator Raley said three appointments must be made to the Appeals Board, and two to the Zoning Board, the latter does not draw salaries. The Human Relations Commission must also be discussed and formulated some time in the near future.

#### Rescue Squad

Have requested a place in Lexington Park to keep their vehicles. The Board of Education has acquired the Community Building in this area, and there is a garage at one end of this building that would be ideal for the squad. Some pressure might have to be put on the Board of Education to get them to allow the rescue squad to have the garage for their use.

#### Sheriff's Office

Senator Raley stated that there would probably be difficulty in getting this organized and if there was any way he could help he would be glad to do so. He suggested that a formula for setting up this department might be obtained from the state police. Mr. Burch said that perhaps a group could be formed to work on this problem and present ideas, and that the commissioners would help in any way possible.

#### Roads

Mr. T. Hall reviewed types of trucks used for road work, and suggested that two of the trucks might be replaced as they were in very poor condition. There are six trucks in use every day, and one is used around the shop. There is also one spare truck. Mr. Hall said they could really get along with seven trucks instead of eight. New graders are also needed. There are four now. Mr. Burch said he would like a description of these graders to give to an equipment man to review and decide what would be the best kind of equipment to purchase. Bids for the graders could be gotten by advertising in the papers.

St. Georges Island seawall needs to be extended as the water has washed away the land within five or six feet of the road. The state is going to extend their portion and the county will have to do the same. There will be about 150 feet for the county to extend. This could be put out on contract or an X number of dollars could be allowed. The regular maintenance budget could not stand this expense. Mr. Hall will work out a cost sheet on this.

Mr. Hall would like signs placed at the dump sites ordering no burning on the dumps. Mr. Burch said the State Foresters or the Fire Wardens should do this as there orders would probably carry more weight.

The Boy Scouts might clean up the dump at Mechanicsville. The 4H Club will be contacted about building a fence along the front of this dump as one of their projects, and try to have needed materials donated.

Mr. Hall suggested that the commissioners publish an article in local papers asking people to place trash on the side of the highways, and trucks would pick it up. A schedule was presented and this will be sent to local papers and radio stations for publication.

Mechanicsville Road - approval has come back from the government and \$46,200 is needed for this road. Federal funds are \$15,900. All that is needed now is permission from the commissioners to begin work on this road. This will be surface treatment.

Maintenance sheet presented of expenditures for the month. Mr. Hall stated that some of the patching will have to be discontinued as the money is running out. The oiling schedule was reviewed by Mr. Hall and the commissioners.

Mr. Hall will ride over the Marva Point Road to study the condition of it. Also investigate area near Bushwood where there is stagnant water standing. Mrs. Gladstone's Road - the commissioners will have to decide whether they want to build  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of road in this area. The county will have to build the ditch, and right-of-way will have to be obtained from Dr. Jacobs. Mr. Guyther said he could get this from the doctor. Then this would be a county road and the state would no longer have to maintain the ditch.

Mr. Hall stated that he would find out where money to purchase new trucks comes from.

#### Board of Education

Mr. R. King, Superintendent of Schools, was informed that \$199,725 will be granted for his budget, an increase of approximately 43% over last year's budget. Mr. King said he would like to come over with Mrs. Hayden, review the budget thoroughly, and would appreciate suggestions as to how to use this money to the best possible advantage. An appointment was made for two weeks from today. Mr. King thanked the commissioners for their efforts in behalf of the schools and said that all of the \$199,725 would be used for teachers salaries, some of it for summer teachers.

Mr. King reported that the deal for the Scott Callaway site for a new school fell through. Another site being considered is where the Hermanville Road meets Route 5. He asked if this road (Hermanville Rd.) is going to be paved all the way through, as it would be needed for the school buses to travel over. This property has been approved by the Health Department. There are about 37 acres priced at over \$200 per acre. Mr. King will bring the commissioners up to date on this as soon as they are through checking it out. On the Lupe Duke property the appraisal was made with timber rights reserved, which would be all right if the cost was taken off the tab to us.

Mr. King, Dr. Houser and Mr. Burch are planning to go to Washington Friday to find out about the Community Building and land in Carver Heights in Lexington Park.

Deputy Director of Civil Defense

Mr. Kenneth Duke was appointed to this position, effective immediately, and will be so notified.

Assessments

Mr. Herbert, Supervisor of Assessments, was called in concerning claims presented for travel allowance. He explained that in the past, all out of county traveling done by his department has been paid for by the commissioners. There are three affairs a year, and the State Tax Commission requests that all three of the men in his office attend these meetings. The expense account submitted was a little over \$100. The commissioners agreed to pay the bill.

Painting

The commissioners agreed to pay the bill presented by Mr. L. Buckler for painting the Conference Room, and to accept his bid for painting the office and waiting room for \$45.00. Painting the jail was tabled until next meeting.

Slot Licenses

Possibility of selling these licenses through the treasurer's office was discussed. A schedule would have to be formed as to how this would be done, such as names beginning with A to K would purchase at a certain date, and L to Z another. Mr. Guyther will check the legality of making such a change. Mr. Greenwell will be instructed not to sell any licenses of any kind until June, 1963. (Letter sent to this effect.)

Mr. Guyther informed office that commissioners have legal right to transfer sale of licenses from Clerk of the Court to Treasurer's Office, or to commissioners office.

Cash Register Service

A man from the National Cash Register Company will come in three times per year to service register at cost of \$76.30. This amount covers parts, labor and any repair. Mr. Paul Raley will discuss with this man arrangements for a contract on Tuesday.

Tax Rate

The tax rate was set at \$1.95.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch  
President