

April 30, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. Wm. Loker.

Health Department Budget

Mr. Donaldson stated that when the Health Department budget was cut, the matching funds were not taken into consideration and this must now be done.

Slot Machines

Mr. Ridgell stated that the slot operators were combining several machines in one console in order to get away from having to pay the fees for each machine. Mr. Buyther said the commissioners have the authority to do whatever they wish to do in this matter, and has drafted a resolution to take care of it. Mr. Burch said the people have been asking if these monies could be paid semi-annually instead of all at once. Mr. Donaldson said he would like to collect 5% of the license fees sold in the town. Mr. Loker said this could not be done according to the statute.

Trial Magistrate

Mr. Wm. Loker, the new magistrate, presented to the commissioners several ideas about the administration of the trial magistrate's court. He proposed to divide this office into three departments; Traffic, Criminal, and Civil, and would like to hire another clerk. Formerly, the substitute trial magistrate acted as clerk, but will no longer do this, and it is the responsibility of the commissioners to furnish this additional help, which would be full time. Mr. Loker said the two people now working in the office should be working for the trial magistrate and the sheriff should have his own help. Each clerk would handle one set of dockets and this would eliminate a great deal of confusion. Traffic cases would be handled on Friday, criminal cases on Monday morning and civil cases on Monday afternoon. Mr. Loker said he would like to have someone who could take shorthand. This would give him three people working full time and would necessitate hiring someone to work for the sheriff. The commissioners will give Mr. Loker their decision on this matter as soon as possible.

Board of Education

Mr. R. King and Mr. E. Hayden reviewed their budget in detail to familiarize the commissioners with their planned expenditures. There are two budgets, one for current expenses and one for construction. The amount of money given by the state is determined by the factual report made in June.

Disbursements were reviewed and explained by Mrs. Hayden. Funds for the schools are allotted according to the number of pupils, so there is no argument as to one school getting more than another. Mr. King explained that portions of some salaries are underwritten by the state and the rest is paid locally. The formula for bus contractors was discussed and mention was made that Mr. Donaldson has a copy of same.

Mr. King said a big problem was getting the schools in good condition, and this is slowly being done. The school loan has been the salvation of St. Mary's County

so far as schools are concerned. Mr. King said he would like to talk with the commissioners in the future about the 2 schools the Amish children are attending, as they are not adequate. The Board of Education now has 10 mobile units and will have to get 4 more. When the new schools are completed these units will be disposed of.

Sites for new schools are the Duke property, about 60 acres at \$350 per acre (this is the most expensive one), \$10,000 for the site in Clements - Silver Springs are (no definite site has been gotten here). The state department is looking at the site near the Hermanville Road at Route 5 today, and if this is approved, it will be purchased at a cost of \$67,000.

Electrical Board

Mr. B. Smith and Mr. J. P. Connelly of the St. Mary's County Electrical Board, discussed the housing sold in Lexington Park by the GSA. The navy furnished current for 30 days to this area, but will not furnish current to the Carver Heights. It was suggested that the Electrical Board of St. Mary's County suggest to the Underwriters that they give the people who buy these houses 90 days. The REA will have to buy the navy line, but cannot hook on to it until they get an Underwriters permit. These houses cannot possibly be wired within 30 days, and it was suggested they be given 90 days under a temporary permit, without renewal. Mr. Smith said he felt the Underwriters would go along with this provided that the inspection fee is paid. This fee would have to be paid by the purchasers of this project, and this stipulation would be put in the contract. The REA will cut them off in 90 days if they do not do what they are supposed to. The Electrical Board will write to the REA asking them for a temporary card to arrange this matter, and Mr. Guyther will draw up this letter.

Mr. Smith explained that electrical examinations are taken every 3 months and application is made accordingly. These exams are given in Washington and Baltimore, and the law states they must be administered 4 times yearly. Electrical licenses cost \$25, then \$15 for renewal. The county gets any money left over from the Electrical Board. All the licenses are sent through the mail, usually in the month of May.

Roads

Approximately \$23,000 spent during the month of April. Complete list of work areas will be furnished next week. Plans for the Sandgates Bridge have not been received to date. Blackstone Road - have to clean out this ditch about twice a year. Would like to put a 200' blacktop gutter in here, at a cost of about \$300. Costs about \$500 yearly to keep this ditch clean. Part could be done this year and part next year. Would take a 6' wide gutter. Mr. Bowles will look at this today. Mr. Raley will get a decision on this next week. Luke Mattingly Road - coming along. Willows Road - would be cheaper to dig a ditch and get rid of the trash in this area. Mr. Burch said the first step would be to find several trash depots and that Admiral Johnson could supply specs for this type thing.

Letter from the SRC was read, requesting a re-evaluation of priority report. The commissioners and the legislators will have to meet to take care of this matter. Oiling schedule reviewed to determine those roads to be done. Revised copies of the schedule will be brought in next week. Mr. Raley will determine the cost of the road leading into Golden Beach, as this road is way out of line. Jones Wharf Road will be number 1 when the oiling is started. Morganza Road should be put on the construction list. The Yowaiski Mill Road will not be done as the mill has been closed.

Siefert Road was taken into the county system and has been taken care of. Kingston Road will be surface treated. Clayton Road will be given a treatment of calcium chloride. Warham Road will be surface treated.

The cost of the oiling schedule will be \$97,247.83. Mr. Bowles made a motion to use money from the General Fund for the oiling schedule, and motion was seconded and carried. This money will take care of the bulkhead at St. George Island, also. Mr. Raley will see if the bulkhead can be put on contract. Mr. Raley will see if the bulkhead can be put on contract. Attention must be given to the road on St. George Island as a good storm would cut these people off without any roadway off the island. This would cost about \$6,000. There is a possibility the state will let them back-charge this money.

Mr. Bowles asked if federal aid could be gotten for St. Andrews Church Road. It is heavily traveled and needs to be rebuilt. Cost would be \$125,000. Mr. Hall will suggest that the state rebuild this road and see what can be done. The commissioners will look into the possibility of right-of-ways and investigate this matter. A mileage count will also be taken on this road.

Willows Road - permission will have to be gotten from the property owners to dig ditches and cover the trash dumped along the road. Mr. Hall and Mr. Raley will look into this matter.

Mr. Burch said if we do not use some of these roads for our federal road money we will lose it and he did not want to do this. Mr. Hamilton, the federal aid engineer for the SRC, will meet with the commissioners next week to discuss federal aid projects.

List of trucks available for hire was mentioned and Mr. Raley said that one truck was hired from each man last year. He said it would be better to pay by the yard of gravel than by the hour, and distances would also have to be calculated. These trucks will not be needed until June 1st. Mr. Raley will bring in the list and let the commissioners choose those trucks to be hired.

Treasurer

Mr. Roe Cecil presented bills due for auctioning property for sale by the county at the tax sale, and mentioned that there is \$900 in the budget for this service. Bills approved for payment by the commissioners as follows: \$35 each for the attorney and auctioneer, and \$43 for Ann Fowler, notary public.

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser explained that by cutting this department's budget, the whole budget must be reviewed for an actual reduction of \$14,000 because of the matching funds. There are only 2 new requests in this budget, \$6600 for the Mentally Retarded and one additional part-time summer employee at \$967. Any other cuts will have to be personal or abolish one entire program. The commissioners, as the Board of Health, were asked what programs they would like to have stricken, in addition to the two mentioned. The big increase in this budget was entirely beyond the control of the Health Department, as it was a state controlled increase in salaries. The amount requested in the budget is the very minimum needed to run the Health Department efficiently. Dr. Houser explained that the county will get back the money remaining in Mr. Hartwell's salary, a little over \$3,000, and about \$2,000 from the Board of Education for Dr. Hall's services. Each year a

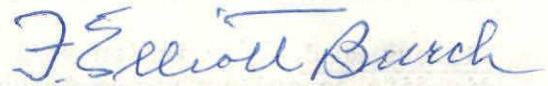
certain amount of money is gotten from the various organizations in the county, about \$1500. Dr. Houser said his budget must be signed by Mr. Burch, or Mr. W.S Donaldson, and himself, and then be sent to Baltimore for approval. The commissioners will contact Dr. Houser about this in the morning.

Budget Publication

The commissioners agreed to allow the budget to be published in local papers.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President