

May 28, 1963

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

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser presented recommendations and suggestions as to improvements than can be made in the county to be considered by the commissioners in their capacity as the Board of Health. The collections of inspections fees should be abolished as most of this money is sent to the state and the county benefits only slightly financially in comparison to the bookkeeping and record keeping involved. These fees can be abolished by resolution as no actual ordinance had ever been adopted by the previous commissioners.

Second recommendation is that the Board adopt an ordinance which would result in the licensing of septic-tank and tile-field contractors. Permits have formerly been issued only to master plumbers, but Dr. Houser feels that any person qualified to do this work should be allowed to do so.

Finally, Dr. Houser urged the Board to take advantage of present legislation and appoint a Metropolitan Commission. This commission would require 3 members appointed by the commissioners, with staggered terms of office. The commission could study the necessity and feasibility of establishing one or more Sanitary Districts within the county. Such a service would remove the possibility of further sewage problems and water pollution in this area, and would make large areas suitable for residential, commercial and industrial development. Could probably take over the Patuxent Water Company at a fair price and it would be a municipal water system. At one time the Navy was interested in turning over to a Sanitary District Commission the base facilities for sewage and let them handle all sewage in the area as well as those on the base. The plant on the base would have to be enlarged but this would be less expensive than starting out from the beginning. A suggested figure to double the capacity was \$300,000.

The commissioners will consider these recommendations and suggestions and contact Dr. Houser in the future.

Nursing Home

Mr. Guyther presented papers for the land to be used for the home and reviewed the wording of same with the commissioners. Mr. Bowles will attend the next meeting of the board and see about getting these papers signed. Paper states that the commissioners will be willing to give this land back if the project does not work out.

Dumps

Mr. Guyther presented leases drawn up for the dumps on Mr. Strickland's property on Willows Road and said he needed a clearer description of the land involved. This will be obtained from SRC.

Mr. Peak's Property

Some property Mr. Peak bought at a tax sale was improperly advertised prior to the sale in 1959. Mr. Guyther read letter from Mr. Peak to this effect, and said he would write to Mr. Peak stating just what he will be allowed under the law.

Welfare Board Attorney

Mr. Guyther asked about establishing a salary for the attorney to this board, Mr. John H. Briscoe.

Nursing Home Land

Mr. B. Smith came in to discuss the property he owns that is adjacent to the area where the new home will be built. Plats of this piece of property were reviewed and discussed by the commissioners, Mr. Smith and Mr. Guyther. Mr. Smith said that Mrs. Smith was reluctant to give up this property just now, but he would give the commissioners an option on what they need for the nursing home, and discuss this further with Mrs. Smith. The option will be rewritten by Mr. Guyther concerning the amount of land in same.

Humane Society

Termination agreement of the society presented. According to this agreement the commissioners are liable for all debts incurred up to this time. Mr. Guyther felt that a clause should be handwritten into this agreement stating that the commissioners would not be liable for any debts over \$5,000, or mention that they would only be responsible for debts incurred during the present operation. Amendment inserted as follows: "providing said outstanding accounts payable do not exceed the sum of \$5,000 as of May 31, 1963." Agreement signed by the commissioners and given to sheriff from Charles County who had brought it.

Roads

Mrs. A. A. Smith came in about Sheeran Road in Town Creek and asked when this road was going to be surfaced. Mr. Raley said this was up to Mr. J. Capps as he has the bond for this road, and this road was taken into the system about 3 years ago. Mr. Burch will investigate and see what can be done in this matter. It is up to Mr. Capps to surface treat this road but the county will have to maintain it after this is done. The commissioners decided to notify Mr. Capps by letter to have this road surface treated as per the original agreement of the bond, within 60 days from June 1, 1963. Letter mailed, with carbon copies to Mr. Hall and Mrs. Smith.

Maintenance report for the month of May - \$17,155.68. \$40,000 remaining for May and June. Mr. Raley explained that the liquid asphalt truck is cheaper to use than the small pots used by the county. Truck costs about \$500 per day. He asked what roads the commissioners wanted to add to round out the money able to be programmed. Clark's Landing Road will cost about \$13,000, the Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road will cost \$46,000, and Willows Road will cost the county about \$12,000, and about \$13,000 to blacktop the Trapp Road if it is decided to do this. If Willows Road is reconstructed and blacktopped it will cost \$20,000. Trapp Road needs to have some additional right-of-way obtained, and needs 10 additional feet to take care of the shoulders; this would cost about \$7,000. The commissioners agreed that Trapp Road should be blacktopped, and this will be done.

Mr. T. Waring requested permission to build 2 16 foot roads into his subdivision instead of one, on each side of a row of cedar trees leading into the property. All roads in this area meet specifications and this road is Section 1 at Bretons Bay. The dual road would run about 4/10 ths of a mile. Mr. Waring wants to develop this area promptly and can only get FHA loans if the roads are in the county system. Mr. Burch said this had been discussed and it was mentioned that

this might create a problem for the county in maintaining this road. Mr. Waring said he would be willing to put in writing that if there was any problem or traffic congestion with the dual road he would take care of it, and he would like to try it for one year. If it proved to be a problem, Mr. Waring said he would remove the cedars and put in the 20 foot road required.

The commissioners will call Mr. Waring and give him an answer to his request. Mr. Waring will sign whatever papers are drawn up in this matter. (\$3,000 performance bond under this agreement). Mr. Hall will contact Mr. Guyther about drawing up this agreement.

New dumps - in order to put these in commission the sum of \$519.40 is needed for the one on the Marshall Mattingly property, and \$962.07 for the dump on Willows Road, plus 20% for overhead costs. There is also \$762.92 needed to balance the books as this is the amount of undercharges on old accounts. A check in the amount of \$3540.72 to last until June 30th, given to Mr. Raley and Mr. Hall. This check also covers the cost of establishing the dumps, plus overhead charges, plus amount of money account is in the "red".

Check in the amount of \$155,592.33 given to Mr. Hall and Mr. Raley to begin roads program.

Cooper's grader needs about \$300 worth of work done on it and Mr. Hall asked if the commissioners would consider buying a new one.

Commission on Human Relations

Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., and the commissioners reviewed a list of names of people suggested to serve on this commission. It was agreed that verbal contact would be made with a number of persons to ask them about serving on this commission, and Senator Raley said that this board should be fully appointed by next week.

Option Agreement - Smith Property

Sent in by Mr. Guyther. Option to Purchase Agreement on property of Barnard I. Smith and Dorothy Smith adjacent to hospital signed by Mr. Burch.

Inspector

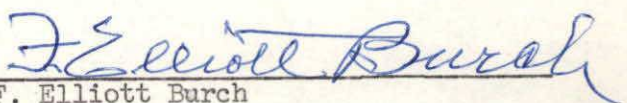
Letter sent to Mr. J. Louis Mattingly ending position of inspector as of June 30, 1963.

Trial Magistrate's Clerk

The salary for this position was set at \$60.00 per week. Mrs. Ralph Raley will be notified and asked to inform the commissioners as to whether or not she will accept this position.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President