

July 23, 1963

Present: Mr. F. Elliott Burch, Mr. Clarence H. Ridgell, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Richardson Project Hearings

Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. Moore of J. R. McCrone, Mr. E. Hollis, Tidewater Fisheries, Dr. Alan Houser.

Mr. Richardson explained that there are six homes already built and he expects to build a total of twenty. He plans to tear down two of them and erect duplexes in their place, then build additional duplexes to bring the total up to the 20. Has permission from Mr. Hewitt to dig a drainage ditch, which would be kept open, down to an existing ditch, 1500 feet from the lagoon, which will connect up with the stream. It runs 7 or 8 miles before the water ever gets to Great Mills. Where the lagoon is, it dries up in the summer. They are digging ditch for this overflow to go down into this stream, and will keep the ditch open. They will keep the head of the stream clear so that the water can come through. Do not think the lagoon is going to overflow in hot weather. The lagoon will be 3/4 acre in size, and will be put in an area of 10 acres. This will not flow into the Patuxent River.

Dr. Houser stated that neither his department or the state health department has any objection to this lagoon. Plans must be approved by the health department, then a permit is issued to Mr. Richardson to go ahead with this project. The county commissioners will be furnished with copies of the plans. Mr. Hollis said he does not have any objection to this project.

The commissioners are in agreement to grant this request as there were no dissenters present at this hearing, date and time of same having been published in local papers for a period of two weeks.

School Bonds

Mr. King telephoned to inquire about what had been done in this matter. Mr. Guyther stated that the commissioners must have approval from Mr. King's board by resolution that they will supplement from their own funds the necessary money to repay these bonds over and above the ten cent increase in tax return funds. Mr. Guyther and Mr. King will meet at noon today to discuss this matter.

Appointment Schedule

It was agreed that in the future, beginning with the first week in August, the mornings would be given over to appointments from 10 to 12 noon, and the executive sessions would be in the afternoon. If Mr. Guyther is not present, a list of those items requiring legal advice will be presented to him the day following the meetings.

Borrowing Power of County Commissioners

Mr. Donaldson asked if the commissioners could use borrowing power instead of selling bonds for the nursing home. According to the bill passed, the commissioners may borrow the money OR sell bonds.

The commissioners have the authority to borrow \$100,000 for the nursing home and also to borrow \$100,000 generally, according to the law. Mr. Donaldson said it would be less expensive to do this through a bank rather than issue bonds. He also said local banks will be asked to bid on interest on the \$100,000.

The law will be checked as to authority of the commissioners to put money into savings accounts rather than on time deposits in local banks.

Tax Appeal

Petition received from Mr. Charles Norris on behalf of Club Properties, Inc., for re-hearing on the first assessment appeal by this company. A letter will be written to Mr. Norris stating that there is nothing in the statute which states that the commissioners must have additional hearings in such matters, but an additional ten days will be granted for Mr. Norris to make an appeal to the Tax Court in Baltimore.

Road Program

Mr. Guyther suggested that a letter be written to the SRC, with carbon copies to Mr. Hall and Mr. Thompson, requesting that the Clark's Landing Road be done, rather than the Valley Lee Road, as there are more people using the former. Meeting in the county of the commissioners and SRC officials should be referred to in the letter, and also that the county has programmed their portion of the Clark's Landing Road under the federal aid program.

Health Matter

It was reported that Mr. Don Garner, after cleaning out septic tanks, is dumping this matter on the Ridge dump. The SRC has warned him that this is not the purpose of the dumps. Dr. Alan Houser will be notified.

Mosquito Control

Dr. Foster agreed that the bookkeeping could be taken back to the U of M if the commissioners requested it, but they could not give an itemized list of unexpended balances of each community unless requested. They would not use the unexpended balances at the end of the year and deduct this from the assessment for next year, this would be the responsibility of the commissioners. There is approximately \$11,000 in excess in this fund which belongs to the people who have put up this money for the mosquito control program this year. Money of the county not spent has been liquidated. Mr. Raley feels this money should be used to lessen the amount these people have to pay this year. They put up \$17,000 and the county about \$9,000. Dr. Foster is going to discuss this with Dr. Lankford this week.

The \$4.00 per hour rental for the trucks is paid by the county to the state. If we had our own trucks the state would only provide the insecticide. Mr. Burch will investigate this situation in other counties. This will require further study with Mr. Guyther before anything is done about it.

Annotated Code

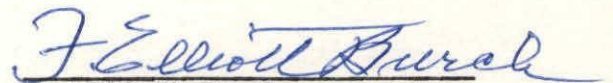
An attempt will be made to purchase a used set of the annotated code for the trial magistrate. Mr. Loker will be informed that there is a re-codification being done on the code and the commissioners would prefer to purchase new copies when this is finished, but if possible, will get a used set for him.

Jail Inspection

Mr. Dellinger, Inspector of County Jails, will meet with the commissioners on Tuesday, July 30th, at 3:00 p.m. He has requested that the sheriff and Mrs. Buckler be present at this meeting and these people will be so notified.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. in order for the commissioners to meet with members of the Legislative Council and Senator Raley.

Approved,


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President