

August 13, 1963

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

Support Fees

Mr. Guyther said that the fees paid by Mr. C. J. Hill for support of his daughter, Ellen V. Hill, who is in the Montrose School for Girls, should be paid to the state's attorney, Mr. Charles Norris. Mr. Norris could, in turn, submit a statement to the commissioners monthly of fees collected. The amount in this instance is \$15.00.

Hospital Pledge

Letter to be written to Mr. M. Dean, with carbon copies to Mr. J. Christman and Mrs. Peabody, confirming pledge of \$40,000 to be paid in amount of \$8,000 for five years for construction of the new hospital wing.

Time Deposits

Mr. W. S. Donaldson reported that he had negotiated for rates for time deposits. Rates are: Citizens National Bank - 3 to 6 months - 3%, 6 to 9 months - $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, 9 to 12 months - $3\frac{1}{2}\%$. Maryland National Bank - 90 to 179 days, less than \$100,000 at 3%, \$100,000 to 499,000 - $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, \$500,000 or over - $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, Tri-County Savings and Loan - $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. Mr. Donaldson suggested depositing certain amounts in each bank. Mr. Ridgell made a motion to this effect and Mr. Burch seconded it. Mr. Guyther will frame a resolution and write a letter to each of these institutions to take care of this.

Amounts to be deposited as follows: Citizens and Tri-County - \$175,000 each. Maryland National, Leonardtown, and Maryland National, Mechanicsville - \$100,000 each. Letter will be written to the First National Bank explaining that no deposits are being put in this bank due to the fact that the county checking is maintained here.

Maryland County Commissioners Association

Mr. T. Kelley, Secretary, and Mr. R. Kendig, Bureau of Governmental Research, requested information concerning county government to be used in an up to date book about same. Information furnished concerning trailer law, merit system, zoning, roads, population trends, sanitation commission, volunteer fire depts., state troopers, sheriff's office. Budgeting methods explained and methods of disbursing money to various departments, and welfare problems. A copy of the trailer law, and law effecting Mr. Donaldson will be sent to Mr. Kelley. Mr. Kelley mentioned metro system, in which county takes over incorporated towns.

School Bond Issue Agreement

Mr. Guyther and the commissioners reviewed this agreement as prepared by the Board of Education. This agreement is not in accordance with the proposal sent to Mr. R. E. King, Jr. Mr. Guyther will contact a bonding company to review proper method of doing this, and will call Mr. King as soon as this information is available.

Jean's Sportswear

Mr. Donaldson presented tax bill for this company and Mr. Guyther will handle this.

Dog Licenses

Those persons refusing to buy licenses will be reported to the sheriff or the state's attorney.

Electrical Violations

Mr. T. L. Cryer, County Inspector, reported improper electrical installations in the trailer parks, and wanted to know if such inspection came under his jurisdiction. Some of these improper connections are a hazard. The commissioners were in agreement that such inspection and method of correcting same was under the jurisdiction of the electrical board. Mr. Bowles suggested asking the electrical board to request that the state inspector make an inspection. The state electrical board will be contacted concerning authority of enforcing electrical laws in the county.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall reported that the bulkhead at St. George Island will soon be finished, and cost will be close to the estimated \$7300. Reported that roads on the oiling schedule were being skin patched. He said he was trying to get the roads programmed, and they have not been approved yet. The laboratory will evaluate the base of the Clark's Landing Road and the Trapp Road before this approval is obtained. The Breezy Point Road is being bladed and primed and will be surface treated. This will cost \$1500 and Mr. Hall recommended taking this out of the oiling schedule money. Gravel can be put on Mr. Joe Bean's road where it comes onto the county road, but nothing more, as this is a private road.

On the three roads programmed, \$225,000 is the county share. The bond issue is \$260,000, which leaves a balance of \$35,000 yet to be programmed. Mr. Hall and the commissioners agreed to blacktopping several roads to utilize this money: St. Clements Shores (the main road) would cost about \$14,000; the Mechanicsville Road between old Route 5 and new Route 5, would cost approximately \$4500; the Abell Postoffice Road, from Murphy's corner, can be blacktopped for \$11,500. The money for the Sandgates Bridge will be taken out of some other fund. The blacktopping will be put up for bids. Mr. Burch mentioned that the old Baptist Church Road should be taken care of before the contracts are let for the dual highway, in order to get a crossing here.

Mr. Hall said he would continue to use the existing graders, but would like to study this matter further and report back. On the Grayson Wharf Road a 40 foot right-of-way is needed. This road would have to be surveyed, platted and deeded over to the county and property owners would have to pay these expenses. This would be put on record as being taken over for maintenance only. Sandy Bottom Road towards St. Andrews Road will be estimated. Saratoga Drive will cost about \$1,000 to gravel. Mr. Hall will work up a definite cost on this.

Dump Maintenance Costs

Concerning dumps, Mr. Hall said that the amount allowed originally per man was \$2.50 to rake off and burn dumps, costing \$40 per week for the two men to do this work. The men inspect the dumps and there is no charge if they do not burn them. There are eight dumps and the men have a regular schedule set up. These men have a contract that was made with the previous commissioners. As the number of dumps increase, the cost to do this work will increase, also.

Reception at Esperanza School

Mr. R. E. King requested that one or more of the commissioners be present at this affair for teachers. Request granted.

Clocks

Mr. Paul Raley suggested having clocks placed in the upstairs courtroom and in the main hall of the courthouse.

Over 65 Tax Relief Forms

Suggested forms for people applying for such relief presented for review by the commissioners. Form chosen.

St. Jerome's Creek Dredging Project

Mr. Paul Raley reported on meeting he attended in Baltimore, August 8th, concerning this matter. If the Corps of Engineers decides this area is used on an entirely commercial basis, the county will not have to pay any of the cost. If ruled recreational, the cost would be born on a 50/50 basis, with local taxpayers paying a percentage. If the people do not want to pay, the county would be liable, and the case would be dropped. Cost would be known before this project is started. Survey and paper work will cost about \$2500, and will take about six months to complete. This area would have to be open to all races.

Commissioners signed application for this project.

Mosquito Control

Two drivers are leaving, and Mr. W. A. Hughes and Mr. Harding were hired to fill these vacancies. Reported that Leonardtown has always had county and state share in the mosquito control program.

Miscellaneous

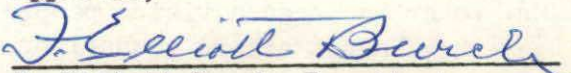
Reported pepsi-cola and coca-cola machines in courthouse are not licensed. Furniture for Mr. Jones' office came and was in poor condition and was sent back to Lucas Bros. Three new chairs have been ordered from State Use Industries. Floor polisher cannot be repaired. Estimates will be gotten for new one.

Nicolet Park

No supervision here, equipment in poor condition. Suggested talking with Mr. Barthelme about this.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President