

September 17, 1963

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

Tall Timbers

Mr. W. E. Virnstein stated that he feels his taxation is unfair. He is concerned with the advalorem tax. The contract was for a certain price for the entire seawall, divided by the number of lots in the Tall Timbers area so that everyone would pay the same thing, \$101 for a front lot and \$52.29 for a rear lot. This is the equally divided principle for the cost of the project plus interest on bonds. The erosion tax is \$2.50 per \$100 of the evaluation of the property. The advalorem tax has not been reduced. Mr. Virnstein said his tax was \$319.37, and since 1961 it has been \$389.88. No repairs were made for nine years. All repair work has been done in the last two years.

Mr. Donaldson said that there are a certain number of people who have never paid the principle and the erosion tax since 1954. At that time the value was \$131,000 and now it is \$150,000. If everyone had paid, then this would have decreased. The \$2.50 rate has been held because of the people who have not paid off their share of the principle. Mr. Virnstein said he understood the tax was just for interest and repair, and Mr. Guyther stated that the resolution is worded so that it could be used for either. He also said that this property should be sold so that this problem could be gotten rid of. Letter should be sent advising these people that they have 30 days to pay these taxes or the property will be sold.

There are 49 property owners involved in this, and the county has never been paid back the amount they put into this from the beginning. There is \$49,000 due on the original \$100,000. At the end of the 15 year period, the \$101 and \$52.29 taxes would cease immediately. Then a resolution would have to be passed to set the rate for the amount needed to maintain the seawall. Mr. Guyther suggested that this matter could possibly be straightened out then turned over to the Tall Timbers residents and let them handle it.

Mr. Burch said he felt this thing should be thoroughly analyzed before talking with any of the residents from Tall Timbers about it. Mr. Donaldson is working on this and perhaps some solution to the problem can be developed. Perhaps a reserve fund could be maintained to take care of this after the entire amount is paid off. Mr. Virnstein said he would like to see a set amount for a back lot and a set amount for a front lot, this way everyone would at least pay the same thing.

Navy School Buses

A corrected letter will be sent to the Commanding Officer, NAS, concerning the school bus checks. This will be paid for ten months and has been paid for the month of September 1963.

Sanitation Commission

Mr. Lewis C. Merchant and Col. A. V. Cherbonnier were appointed to this commission as chairman and attorney, respectively. These men will be so notified and this information will be released to county papers.

Oil Bids

Received bids from St. Mary's Ice & Fuel - .1079, Southern Maryland Oil Co. - .1260, Thrift Oil Co. - .1203. Bid from St. Mary's Ice & Fuel accepted and they will be so notified. This is for fuel oil No. 2 for county buildings for the 1963 - 1964 heating season. (Bid for .1270 from Dyson Besche, received by telephone, rejected.)

County Dumps

Dr. Houser, Mr. Shields, Mr. Miles, Mr. Hall, Mr. Thompson.

Dr. Houser explained that Mr. Shields, State Department of Health, had made a survey of the county dumps. A dump is needed in the Valley Lee area and this would also serve St. George Island. Mr. Shields said that the incineration method could be used to get rid of the trash on the dumps, but this is very expensive. The present method is cheaper and suggested that logs be placed along roadways into dumps to channel traffic directly to dumping areas, to avoid having trash drop along the access roads. Also suggested leaving a wooded area between the road and the dump when it is necessary to place same along a road. Snow fence might be placed around the dump area.

Possibility of placing collection drums along the road between Hollywood and Lexington Park was discussed. Mr. Hall will investigate the possibility of placing eight barrels, four on each side of the road, two miles apart, covering the road from Hollywood to Lexington Park. These barrels will be for auto litter, beer cans and bottles, placed for the convenience of the motorist, and this will be publicized in local papers and the public will be educated to this fact.

Septic Contractors

Licenses for same discussed with Dr. Houser, who said he can write letter specifying when a contractor is qualified to do this work, and the commissioners can issue the license and set the fee. This would be an annual license. Three years of experience could be set as necessary qualification for license. Dr. Houser suggested that \$50 would be a reasonable fee to charge and he will check the type of license needed.

Bids for Mobile Units

Present were Mr. D. Godwin and Mr. D. Aresenault from Motorola, and Mr. K. Redd from General Electric. Mr. Thompson explained that there were six units requested, but this has been increased to eight. No one locally could bid on this as there is no business within the county capable of furnishing this service. And there is no requirement that the commissioners accept either of these bids.

Mr. Redd reported that the conversion to the narrow band has been completed since June 1, 1963. The units that cannot be converted are the ones needing to be replaced by the new units. Bids were opened and were as follows: Motorola - \$565.00 per mobile unite, including installation. General Electric - \$466.20 per unit, plus \$36.00 per unit for installation. These bids will be considered by the commissioners and these people contacted as to the decision made.

The commissioners agreed to pay \$646.00 due on the General Electric radio and teletype in the civil defense office. This is a direct line with civil defense headquarters.

Reported that two radios have been requested by the Rescue Squad. Mr. Burch said he would be inclined to go along with the six units that had been requested and get these two at a later date, perhaps under the next budget.

Mr. Thompson recommended writing to the Commissioner of Personnel asking to have the Director of Civil Defense and Charles Donaldson included in the merit system and perhaps 50% of their salaries could be gotten back. Requested that the commissioners consider someone else to serve as Director of Civil Defense as he would like to be relieved of this responsibility. Suggested Col. Baxter, Mr. Cobb, or some retired navy or army officer for this position, and 50% of this salary could also be gotten back. Recommended five day week, but not full eight hour day. The director is appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the commissioners. Mr. Thompson suggested making Charles Donaldson Deputy Director of Civil Defense.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. F. P. Hayden would be hired as a radio operator for civil defense. He will be notified of his employment and told to report to Mr. C. Donaldson immediately.

Mr. Thompson said that when the commissioners decide on the man they want to replace him, he will submit his resignation to the governor.

Roads

Mr. Hall presented work up on the Sandgates Bridge, as to construction material. If the lumber is obtained in three weeks this could be finished some time in November. Material will cost approximately \$2160. Mr. Guyther suggested that perhaps one of the local lumber yards might have some dried oak on hand that could be shipped to Baltimore or Washington to be creosoted to expedite same.

Letter will be sent to L. A. Clarke & Son instructing them to proceed with the order as specified in their letter of September 17th, and to ship the pine piles immediately. This letter will be held until Mr. Thompson verifies amounts needed.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Hall will contact Messrs. Jarolomon and Lane about their roads problems on Monday morning. Will also investigate dust problem of Mr. Adams in the 2nd District. Mr. Hall will work up the cost to gravel Bailey Road.

St. Jerome's Creek

Mr. Guyther read the application for the dredging of this creek and said he would like to study this and look up the sections of the Code pertaining to same. He will report his findings next week.

School Bus Transportation

The commissioners agreed that the 19 boys riding the St. Mary's Academy bus should be taken over to the Leonard Hall School. Mr. R. Bean informed by Mr. P. Raley

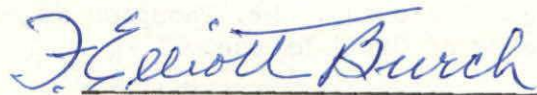
to put information about overloading of buses on his survey sheet and the commissioners would take steps to correct this.

Seal

Decision tabled until next week. Mr. Stokel will do this for \$200, for labor and material.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President