

October 1, 1963

Present: All commissioners.

#### Septic Tank Licenses

Agreed that septic tank and drain field contractors must get annual license for \$25.00 for initial license, and \$15.00 per year for renewal. Licenses will run from May 1st to May 1st. Resolution will be framed to this effect and published in local papers for two weeks prior to said date.

#### School Bus Transfer

Mr. James Hodges informed the commissioners that Mr. Hebb has offered him one of his school buses, the route now being driven by Gene Shepherd. This contract expires in June of 1965. Some type of mutual agreement to this arrangement will have to be signed by Mr. Hebb. The commissioners would like to discuss this with Mr. Guyther and will inform Mr. Hodges as to their decision.

#### Board of Education - Loans

Mr. R. E. King and Mr. Harry Ocker presented application for participation in the General Public School Construction Loans for 1963. Amount to be borrowed is \$175,000.00. Application signed by Mr. Burch. This amount will provide four additional rooms at the Town Creek School.

#### United Givers Fund

Mr. Ocker requested the commissioners sign a proclamation designating this month as United Givers Fund Month in St. Mary's County. Proclamation signed.

#### Trailer Park Electrical Violations

Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., Mr. Barnard Smith, Mr. John McKeever, local inspector, and Mr. James Richards, National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Mr. Richards stated that electrical connections in the trailer parks are unsafe and improperly done. In many instances people moving into trailer parks make their own electrical connections and this is a violation of the law. Standard extension cords, in several pieces, are being used and this is highly dangerous. Proper grounding facilities should also be enforced, and proper receptacles installed. Mr. Richards mentioned that the C & P Telephone Company is concerned because several of their men have been killed due to trailers being energized by improperly installed power lines.

Mr. Richards presented two pamphlets of proper electrical requirements and suggested these two pamphlets could be adopted as part of the trailer code. The old trailers could not come under this as they are already built, but the new ones could. All new trailer installations are meeting requirements but conditions are very bad on the old ones. Insurance companies could be told of the bad conditions. Also, the Public Services Commission can deny service in cases of violation.

Mr. McKeever said he could report the condition after the trailers are put in the parks and notify the Electrical Board of the existing conditions. Mr. Smith

said the difficulty lies in enforcing the code already in existence as the law enforcing bodies will not cooperate. The trailer sales people also give out cord that is improper for installation and it is used. In this county it would be almost impossible to enforce the law. It should be made the responsibility of the trailer park owner to see that the proper installation is made on the trailers in his particular park. Mr. Guyther suggested that present law be amended to state this.

In some instances the poles carrying the main installations are fenced in by the person in whose yard the pole is, and this denies access to the pole in cases of emergency. Air-conditioners are installed in the summer and no inspection is made. This can be very hazardous if a fault develops, as it could electrocute someone who touched it.

Could require that all trailer parks have a particular inspection once or twice a year and insist that violations be corrected within a certain number of days. Mr. Smith said this could be done. Mr. McKeever usually comes to SMC two days a week, but has recently been coming down three days per week due to the heavy work load.

Mr. Guyther said that when violations are found, they should be called to the attention of the electrical board and the electrician who did the work could be called in. Mr. McKeever said he will fill out red cards when he finds a violation and give them to Mr. Smith.

Senator Raley suggested that the electrical board submit to the commissioners in writing what they would recommend doing to correct this situation, and how the law can be enforced. Mr. Smith was in agreement with this, but it should come first from the Underwriters Board to the electrical board. When this is done then it would be discussed with the trailer park people. Mr. Richards will send a list of recommendations to the electrical board.

Sheriff - Burrough's Salary

Mr. Miedzinski was informed that the commissioners had not made a decision concerning the month's salary for Ben Burroughs.

Gourthouse Seal

Motion made and seconded to the effect that the seal be remade in metal by Mr. E. Stokel in the form of the original seal.

Dog Damage Claim

Agreed to pay the \$9.00 claim submitted by Mr. C. Delehay for six (6) laying pullets killed by dogs.

Floor Polisher

Bids for same presented. Will get price from Burch & Wise before making decision.

Liquor Board

Mr. R. Gabrelcik, chairman, requested funds to have pamphlets printed containing rules and regulations to be followed by LBA for distribution to same for the sum of \$1.00. These people have stated they want these pamphlets. Would like to have these finished by the time the next licenses are due.

The State Alcoholic Control Board Asscn. is having a conference in Hagerstown, Md., and the board would like to attend. Mr. Gabrelcik feels the expense for these trips should be paid by the county, based on mileage. These conferences are held quarterly.

Mr. Gabrelcik mentioned that the budget was handed before the new law went into effect, and under the new law the salary of the chairman is \$600 and each of the members \$500.

Mr. Gabrelcik requested a typewriter for Mrs. Olive Bradburn, clerk to the board.

Courthouse Painting

Will be put up for bids.

Carver Heights Community Building

Having trash picked up regularly.

Raise Request - Mr. H. Buckler

Requested raise from \$75.00 to \$120.00 per month due to heavy work load, as the latter amount is paid to Mr. L. Buckler, the janitor for the Health Department. Dr. Houser has reported that Mr. L. Buckler is overpaid as far as he was concerned as he does not clean as often as necessary in the Health Department.

The commissioners agreed that supervision of the janitor for the Board of Education will be taken over by someone in that department and will request they put this in their budget next year. Mr. H. Buckler will continue to be paid the same amount as there is nothing in the present budget to allow an increase.

Roads

Mr. & Mrs. Peruso have requested that Buzzard Point Road be taken over by the county to the very end, as they sell property here and there will be houses here later on.

PTA Week

Mr. Burch and the commissioners signed proclamation designating October 13 - 19, 1963, as PTA Week.

School Bus Insurance

Letter reviewed and reworded to be sent to bus contractors concerning increased coverages decided on by the commissioners.

Jail

Mr. P. Raley instructed to arrange for whatever repairs are necessary here, such as lights, faucets, etc.

Tri-County Federal Savings & Loan

Mr. W. S. Donaldson presented letter from this firm declining deposit of \$75,000 in addition to the \$100,000 already deposited.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

*F. Elliott Burch*

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Present