

December 10, 1963

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

Board of Education

Mr. R. E. King presented agreement between the State of Maryland and the county and application to the Comptroller of the Treasury, for \$175,000 for loan for school construction. Mr. Guyther will review these papers and Mr. King will be called tomorrow.

Mr. King said that ads will appear for bids in this week's paper. The Board of Education is underwriting the first payment which will be an interest payment for the first six months. Money will be paid on December 13, and that is the day on which the interest will begin. Mr. Donaldson can determine what the first interest payment will amount to. This is the obligation of the Board of Education and not the commissioners. If the commissioners want a written statement from the Board of Education concerning the first payment of the interest, Mr. King will get this at the next meeting on Friday.

On the budget for next year, Mr. King will go along with existing laws, then if new laws are passed a meeting will have to be held to discuss necessary changes to be made in the budget. He stated he can breakdown the budget if the commissioners so desire, and Mr. Burch said he felt that would probably be the best way to do it. Mr. King mentioned that if all of the counties will stay within the salary scale, it would help the other counties.

Mr. King was asked about contest in schools on subject "Keep Our County Clean". He said if this could be kept out of the senior high schools, this would be fine. If this was confined to the junior high schools and elementary schools he would be glad to go along with the commissioners on this idea. He will also give some thought to what would be a suitable prize.

Verona Construction Company - Center Gardens

Mr. Donaldson reported hearing from this firm. They are disturbed about bills received for personal property taxes. Also asked about abatement of these taxes, and Mr. Donaldson told Mr. Cestone the personal property taxes were not abatable. Mr. Cestone cannot understand why the Verona Company will be held up for the taxes on the Center Gardens Management/Company personal property. The liability of the CGMC cannot be transferred back to the Verona Company, and we cannot hold them responsible, according to Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Cestone feels there is a conspiracy against him in this matter. Mr. Donaldson explained to this man that these taxes were due this county as they were certified back to the county. Mr. Cestone claims he has never received a tax bill and now all of a sudden he receives this letter. (Mr. Guyther came in at this point).

Mr. Guyther stated that this man had also called him to state that he had never received any tax bills from this county. He mentioned that the navy is doing all of the work on the streets in the Center Gardens area, and reviewed with the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson the nature of taxation for this area. Mr. Guyther said he will speak with Mr. Cestone on the telephone today about this matter. He asked if the commissioners wanted to fight this or what did they want to do. Mr. Donaldson said this should be collected legally and he told this man this would be done. Mr. Burch said he felt that if there was any way to collect this money it should be done. Mr. Guyther said he would call Mr. Childs, Dir.

of the FHA and ask what he would advise about this. (Mr. Childs said he feels this amount should be paid for the personal property taxes. He is having a meeting with Mr. Cestone and will report back to Mr. Guyther the results of same.) Mr. Guyther said that this should be figured out next year, so that taxes can be collected.

Salary for Board of Appeals

Must come out of the budget as it is not set up in the statute.

Budget Resquests

Mr. Donaldson said the various departments will be asked to submit budgets in February to have the budget in by March 5th.

Holidays

The commissioners agreed that county employees would be granted holidays on December 24th and 25th, and January 1, 1964.

Lunch Hour Schedules

Departments will be requested to arrange lunch hours of employees so that all offices in the courthouse remain open during the noon hour.

Clean-Up

Mr. Burch mentioned drums for trash disposal and the possibility of having the businessmen buy them. These would then be placed in the front of each place of business. Mr. Guyther suggested that this program be turned over to the EDC and also all of the suggestions made by Admiral Johnson. The EDC could be asked to have this program completed by February 15th or some such date. This should be kept out of the commissioners' office and should be given to the proper committee to handle. Mr. Guyther suggested that the necessary amount of money be given to the EDC for the purchase of the drums.

The clean-up could be divided into certain districts among the four Lions Clubs and the drums could be handled accordingly. Mr. Burch can present this information at the Lions Club meeting tonight.

Roads

Mr. Hall reported the county is in the "red" \$15,000. The only thing on the budget now is clearing, patching potholes, and opening ditches. \$21,158 is the allowance for December. If it does not snow, this will hold, but having to put sale on the roads runs up expenses.

Roads in Carver Heights will be checked relative to a request from Mr. J. Weiner that the county take over same. The commissioners agreed that some sort of plat should be presented of the roads and an inspection made by Mr. Hall as to the condition of the streets in this area. Mr. Weiner will be asked to submit a plat of the area for the commissioners consideration.

Mr. Hall stated that all of the roads scheduled can be built in one year. Mr. Hamilton is coming down to tell him when to begin. These roads are being changed from gravel to blacktop. Mr. Bowles said he would rather have a road such as the Nelson Road surface treated than the Sugar Bowl Road, as there are no houses on the latter.

Can probably get federal aid on the 7 Gables Bulkhead and Mr. Hamilton will decide this when he comes down. May have to do a lot of grading in order to get this and federal aid will be granted if it can be shown that the bulkhead will help preserve the road. Right of way will also have to be gotten here. This could run into a great deal of money and therefore not be feasible.

Mr. Hall explained that the men who are assigned to do county work are the ones who are allowed sick leave. Reported that the men are cleaning up the roads in particular areas once a month, and that trash barrels along Route 235 are being used more and are emptied each Monday.

One mile of the Brown Road was left off the schedule and this will be surface treated next spring. Mr. Hall said he will get federal aid straightened out and report back as soon as he has this information.

EDC

Mr. A. Briscoe present. Mr. Burch informed Mr. Briscoe that the gent for the PRR stated that the siding at Hollywood was set up for one individual to ship five cars out of there and no one else. Mr. Briscoe said only one rate has been established so far and that is probably what this agent means. The pulpwood rate was established as that was the only thing being shipped out at the time and this goes into effect December 16th. He has requested rates for other commodities as there are people in the county who are interested in shipping things out of the county, but these rates have not been established as yet.

Regarding the carload of plywood for Mr. M. Dean, Mr. Briscoe said he will request that when the five cars are brought in on the 12th, as he has requested, that the load of plywood be brought down with them. He called the PRR regarding this matter, and was told that the Freight Department would call him back and discuss this with him. (Mr. L. J. Moran, Chief, Freight Department, stated that rates for hauling beer, piling, and crushed stone have been applied for and no freight can go over the railroad for pay until December 16th.)

EDC Appointments

Letters will be written to Mr. Johns Dixon, Mr. Albert Wood, Mr. Edelen Gough, and Mr. Benedict Aud, asking them to accept appointment to this commission.

St. George Island Public Landing

Delegation headed by Mr. D. Sayre requested this dock be rebuilt, as it is of no use to the people as is. The dock is 162 feet long and 5 feet 10 inches wide. Senator Raley requested these men to get estimates as to the cost to widen the dock to 12 feet, place another row of pilings, with reinforcement underneath, and also have 2 by 12's running lengthwise for the wheels of trucks to run on.

The present floor will have to be done away with. Water at T pier is 11 feet deep and it would be better if both sides of the dock were dredged, but these people will be satisfied if the commissioners just rebuilt the dock. These people could then use it for oyster business. An estimate gotten from Mr. Deagle and Clarke is \$3,000 to \$3,200. It would probably be less if put out on bids. This would be to widen the dock to 12 feet. Senator Raley has stated that there is some money available for this project. The estimate would probably also take care of a small bulkhead for this project.

The commissioners will discuss this with Senator Raley and will have to investigate where the money to do this will come from.

County Inspector

The commissioners signed resolution authorizing Mr. T. L. Cryer to issue warrants for violations of laws of St. Mary's County pertaining to taxicabs, trailers, trailer camps, alcoholic beverages.

School Construction Loan

The commissioners signed papers for participation in General Public School Construction Loan of 1963, in the amount of \$175,000.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Equipment

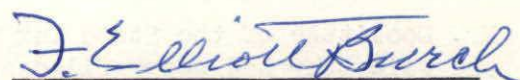
Letter will be sent to the Charles County commissioners stating that the St. Mary's County commissioners will assume their share of the expense for equipment installed by the Motorola Company in the amount of $37\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total expense, \$350.25, total amount being \$934.00.

Railroad Siding Road

Letter will be sent requesting this road be gravelled and expense charged to account SM531X-517.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President