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and approved as read by:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

F. Elliott Burch  
President

J. Wilmer Bowles  
Commissioner

Clarence H. Ridgell  
Commissioner

Minutes entered herein recorded and transcribed by:

Mrs. E. L. Tillman  
Secretary to the Board of County  
Commissioners of St. Mary's County,  
Maryland

January 7, 1964

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Roads

Mr. Hall presented maintenance reports, \$8,059.91 spent during December. He stated we are still \$16,000 in the "red", but an improvement has been made, as we were \$25,000 in the "red". Mr. Brodsky said this is good, so long as the figure is decreasing. Mr. Hall said this figure should come down even more in December, about \$5,000 or so.

Reported the roads are breaking up in some places. St. Johns Road and the Golden Beach Road, from Route 5 to All Faiths Church Road, are two instances. The least expensive way to do this is with a big distributing truck from Baltimore. Mr. Ridgell said we could save money if the salt route was extended on Route 5 at Ridge intersection, from Route 235 to the Point Lookout Road, and requested that this be done. Mr. Hall suggested that the 7 Gables Road also be put on the salt route as there is a great deal of traffic on this road. Formal request will be made by letter to Mr. Hall to take care of this.

Mr. Hall said there are nine men signed up for the Welfare Program work and they have been notified to report for work tomorrow morning. Their names will be given to Mr. Donaldson for social security and insurance purposes. The Welfare Department made up a standard letter to be sent out monthly, as this work must be certified monthly. The Welfare Department pays for all of this except the social security and workmen's insurance, and whether or not the county has to pay the entire amount of social security will have to be checked.

Mr. Burch requested that the Bushwood City Road be bushed and this will be done. Too cold to do anything on the Pin Cushion Road, but this will be taken care of as soon as the weather permits. Will start on Willows Road next week, bushing and getting ready for future work on this road.

Mr. Hall stated he is closing out some of the X numbers and has requested this from the district engineer. Presented copy of law on signs and markings on county roads. According to this, any roads the commissioners want posted will be brought to the attention of Mr. Hall, he will get permission from the district engineer, and the road will be posted. This applies to county roads, only. Mr. Hall said they had stripped off another area of the Hollywood pit and found some fairly good gravel to use.

Mr. Guyther reported he had talked with Mr. Hewitt, Sr., concerning the deed for the extension of Saratoga Drive, and Mr. Hewitt will sign the deed if the county will agree to build this road within six months.

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser reported junk auto on property owned by the county at the Carver Heights Health Clinic. Mr. Honeyboy Combs will be asked to remove same.



Youth Commission

Dr. Houser, Chairman, requested an emergency appropriation of \$1,000 to pay officials who will be working during basketball program organized for the young people of the county. Have permission to use four gyms, Leonard Hall, Father Andrew White, Holy Angels, and St. John's Hall, and the children are anxious to began playing. Officials will be paid \$1.50 per hour, and most of them are physical education teachers. They will play two or three games every Sunday afternoon, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Dr. Houser said they are trying to get permission to use the public school gyms for games and are waiting to hear from Mr. King about this. There might be some cost involved in using the public school gyms.

The commissioners agreed to grant Dr. Houser the \$1,000 requested.

Assessment Office re Trailers

Mr. Herbert reported that he had several trailers on the books not paying bills and wanted to remove these and send his books to Washington, then they could be replaced when the books came back, if necessary, after they have been check out. The books must be sent away by the 15th of the month, and must be back by the first of March because of the survey to be made. (The survey is to check assessments to determine what ratio we will have.) In the past, the trailers have been charged to the land owner and the bill sent to the trailer owner. Now it should be charged directly to the land owner and put on the land.

Those trailers not paying bills can be checked to see if they are still in the county, and if so, can be put back on the books under the name of the land owner. Mr. Herbert feels it will take several years to get all of the trailers in the county on the books. Mr. Guyther stated that the procedure requested by Mr. Herbert would be the simplest way to handle this, and will not conflict in any way with the trailer registration which will soon take place.

The commissioners granted Mr. Herbert's request.

Court Cost Restitution

The commissioners discussed with Mr. Guyther the matter of Mr. P. Bailey's proposition by his clients to make restitution to the county for court costs incurred during the gambling raid trials. Mr. Bailey will be contacted and told that the commissioners have discussed his being at their last meeting, and they cannot consider his proposal.

Welfare Department

Mrs. V. Ripple stated that a G.P.A.E Program is needed in the county. Cited current case of man and wife who wanted to reconcile but had no income and the Welfare Department cannot help them as they are both able to work, and their child is in a foster home. According to the law, only families with children can be aided. As long as the man does not live with his wife, she is eligible for aid because of the child. The county would pay half of the G.P.A.E. Program. There may be other cases similar to this one and Mrs. Ripple feels this program would be needed. The amount of money involved is \$110 per month, and this includes rental. Mr. Bowles and Mr. Ridgell stated there was no such allowance made in the current budget and the commissioners are bound by same.

This matter will be discussed with Mr. Burch and a decision made.

Mrs. Ripple said that this could be handled case by case, rather than set up any particular amount in the budget, if the commissioners wanted to handle it this way.

(Mr. Burch was not present the latter part of the afternoon.)

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

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