

January 21, 1964

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther.

Abell Dump Lease

Mr. Ridgell agreed that this matter could be handled as presented by Mr. Bowles at last week's meeting, i.e., that this lease would be renewed each year for three years.

Youth Commission

The commissioners agreed that request by Dr. Houser, Chairman, for an additional \$800.00 for basketball program, would be granted.

Dog Damage Claim

The commissioners agreed that the claim submitted by Mr. James T. Wood for 39 laying hens killed by dogs, would be paid in the amount of \$1.50 per hen, total amount \$58.50.

Animal Shelter

Mr. Guyther reviewed this agreement with the commissioners. Mr. Zverina, attorney for Charles County, disagrees with Paragraph 9 on the 3rd page relative to the amount of money paid to the dog wardens. Mr. Guyther telephoned Mr. Zverina at this point to ask what the objection was, and he feels the three counties should be liable jointly on this. He agreed to rewrite the section concerning the drivers salary not to exceed \$3600.00.

Mr. Guyther said he did not know enough about the wage scale to know if this is proper, but Mr. Zverina said if the \$1.35 is in line with the minimum wage scale this would be fine with him. Mr. Guyther recommended retyping the agreement and sending it back with the changes made, and this will be done. Will be reworded to read that the maximum salary will be \$3600 per year, with raises to be made at the discretion of the counties concerned.

Board of Education

Mr. R. E. King, Jr., presented brochure of survey made by the C & P Telephone Co. concerning closed circuit educational television. He feels that this county will not be able to afford this for some time, as presented in this brochure. There is a program presently in operation in this county which would cost about \$20,000 to expand, including placing a tower at Margaret Brent School, and this would be adequate for our needs.

Concerning the use of the public school gyms for the basketball games, Mr. King said that custodial services will be needed in only one of the schools for the nights the games are played. The only other cost will be the teacher or coach to keep an eye on things. This supervision is necessary to prevent problems. The charge will be made for the custodian at the Leonardtown School gym at \$1.00 per hour. There is no charge for heat or lights involved. The \$147.15 quoted by Dr. Houser would be the entire cost for all of the gyms. Mr. King called in Mr. Schrader who said the cost would be \$149.22, including Social Security. Dr. Houser will be advised as to Mr. King's comments.



Mr. King said he will file for federal aid on the Esperanza School even though they might not get it. Presented listing of new buildings and additions for the 1964 - 1965 school year, and asked the commissioners to consider funds for these projects. He stated that there is no deadline on the bond money. If it is not used, your entitlement carries over. Also stated that it costs more to raise money with a bond issue than it does to borrow it from the government.

Concerning janitor service at the Board of Education, Mr. King said that Mr. Buckler had resigned and they now had a boy who comes in three nights a week and on Saturday. There has been a definite improvement since this new janitor has been working, and on a normal schedule the cost is about the same. Next year the salaries of both janitors in the building will be equalized to avoid any friction. Mr. Bowles suggested putting this expense in the Board of Education budget to eliminate sending the semi-monthly fund over to them, and Mr. King agreed to do this.

Mr. King stated that the addition to the Town Creek School will be finished by September of this year.

On the Citation of Merit for Mrs. Hofteizer, Mr. King said he would be glad to present this to her and suggested that one of the commissioners accompany him. Mrs. Hofteizer has requested that no publicity be given to this event. Mr. King will be advised as to when this can be arranged.

#### Sheriff

Sheriff Miedzinski said there was a prisoner in Montgomery, West Virginia, who wrote a bad check for Mr. E. Long of this county in the amount of \$300, plus making sales around the Lexington Park area, and then disappeared with the money. The sheriff would like to go get this man, and has discussed this with Mr. C. Norris, who also feels this man should be brought back. Bill Sanner was handling this case, but is ill, and cannot go. Troopers Underwood and Griffith can go but the county will have to pay their expenses, plus 10 cents per mile for use of a state car. The sheriff said it would take three or four days to make the trip, but might be less. The state will send the commissioners receipts for any expense. Sheriff said if the troopers are allowed to go, they will want some advance money, and he will give them same and bill the commissioners for the total cost.

The commissioners agreed that the two troopers could bring this prisoner back to the county and the sheriff will be so informed.

#### Roads

Mr. Hall presented maintenance report from January 14 - 21 - \$3,875.46. Spent so far this month - \$11,020.59. Estimated cost of recent snow storm - \$4,068.77. County now \$3,000 in the "red" on December report, and Mr. Hall said it will take about every dollar we have this month. He is working up report on roads needing skin patching and will present this next week. Recommended blacktopping Coral Drive about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, as this road is breaking up badly.

Mr. Hamilton is coming down February 4th, to go over the roads program with Mr. Hall. Trapp Road has been resubmitted and Mr. Hamilton will probably give an answer on this. There are men working on Horsehead Road today filling large holes and Mr. Hall said he had instructed them to dig deep to find the trouble here.



Patuxent Park street signs have been delivered and will be erected as soon as possible. Half-Pone Point Road - Burns will not give right-of-way by the air strip as it would shorten the runway. Mr. Hall instructed by the commissioners to fix road up to the runway on each side and around the end, and this will serve the people in this area. Thompson Road on St. George Island will be taken care of this week. Cannot set speed limit of 30 miles per hour on Drumcliffs Road as this is an outlying area and calls for a 50 mile limit. Might request a 40 mile per hour limit here, but the SRC would have to approve this.

Ridge Dump - Mr. Ridgell and Mr. Hall will meet to inspect this area possibly next Thursday or Friday. Carver Heights Streets - Mr. Hall given plats of this area and will present report on same in near future.

State is inventorying roads in the county and will give report as to names in existence. Request has been made by resident of Joy Lane in Hollywood to change this name. Mr. Hall said that the commissioners must request this.

#### Electrical Code Meeting

Mr. B. Smith, Mr. J. P. Connolly, Mr. O. Guyther. Letters from Capt. Schumann and Mr. Richards, Supv. Fire Underwriters, read. Capt. Schumann's letter concerned injury sustained by navy man in Hood's Trailer Camp, and Mr. Richards' letter suggested portions of Delaware code to use for St. Mary's County. Mr. Smith said that when electrical law was passed there was no such thing as a trailer. He cited instances of fires in the county due to violations. Said it might be best to have Mr. Richards come down and put this together for us. Mr. Guyther suggested asking Mr. Richards to go over the proposed sections of the pamphlets and put them all in one book, and then have a meeting to ask him any questions necessary. Then a public hearing could be held.

Mr. Ridgell asked how the law can be enforced after it is set up, and Mr. Smith said the underwriters would have the right to enforce these laws once they are adopted. The adoption of these laws will apply to any person applying after they are passed. License renewals could be held up on trailer parks until situations are corrected where the law is being violated. Mr. Guyther will send letter to Mr. Richards requesting information mentioned above.

Mr. Burch asked about limited electrical licenses for men in oil burner servicing, for changing pumps, etc. Mr. Smith said there was no reason why this could not be done; there is no objection to this now. If these men were licensed then they could apply for an inspection. This would be a good thing according to Mr. Smith.

#### EDC Appointments

Mr. B. Aud and Mr. W. Edelen Gough, Jr., will be sent letters requesting that they either accept or decline these appointments. Mr. Albert Wood and Mr. Johns Dixon have accepted appointments.

#### Patuxent Watershed

Mr. Parr, Supt. of Parks, asked that each county name two men to a committee to study this problem, and that he be notified as to who they are immediately. Mr. Ridgell and Mr. L. Schlup were appointed.



Assessor's Help

Mr. C. Greenwell told about possible job opening in this office and that Mrs. M. Yowaiski, who is now working in his office, had applied for same. Mr. Greenwell said he had hired Mrs. Yowaiski with the understanding that this would be a part-time job and she had been retained longer than anticipated due to his illness and Miss Mary Fowler's accident. He still needs her services and would not want her to leave just yet. He agreed to say nothing about this to Mrs. Yowaiski and gave the commissioners an excellent verbal recommendation of her qualifications.

Board of Election Supervisors

Senator Raley has requested that the commissioners write to these people relative to the forthcoming registration to insure that all things are done in order and this operation is done smoothly.

Assessor's Office

Appointment will be arranged to have Mr. David Gruber, auditor, and Mr. Wm. Riley, State Supv. of Assessments, meet with the commissioners to discuss ways to improve this service in the county.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch  
President