

February 4, 1964

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Delinquent Occupancy Fees

Mr. W. Long, A & W Trailer Park, requested permission to pay his fees in four installments, three checks for \$400, and one for \$574. This would pay his account through February 20th. The checks would be dated February 4, March 4, April 4, and May 5th. The commissioners agreed to go along with Mr. Long on this provided he pays his occupancy fees as they accrue each month. Mr. Guyther so informed Mr. Long, who was waiting in the outer office.

Surveyor

Mr. R. Dodd discussed with the commissioners the possibility of his firm opening an office in this area. Stated he had spoken with Senator Raley and others, and they were anxious to get someone established here to help with the survey work. Senator Raley has stated that if Mr. Dodd did open an office he would prefer that it be located in Lexington Park. The firm has offices in Pennsylvania and Oxon Hill, Md. If there is enough business, an office could be established here, but if not, the firm would have to operate out of Oxon Hill.

Mr. Dodd's firm offers services pertaining to road projects, drainage projects, sanitary work, water lines, etc., and have considerable experience in these areas. Mr. Guyther mentioned that CcCrone has 95% of the business, and we need another surveying firm very much, and there is also a good future for an engineering firm. Right now there is a big demand for surveying work, and a technical advisor is also needed, but the demand now is for surveying for sub-divisions, lots, etc.

Mr. Dodd said there are about 30 people working in the firm, including building designers and structural engineers. Mr. Guyther said it would be better to have an office in Leonardtown, as the records are here in the courthouse, and most of the lawyers are here.

Mr. Dodd stated he has done road engineering. Studied the road system in Pennsylvania in one county and decided how the money available could best be spent, and most of the work was done by local maintenance forces. He supervised the roads to see that they were built to specifications which is the most important thing. Also must consider the cheapest way to maintain a road per year. It might not be feasible to build a concrete road that would last a given number of years, if it would be cheaper to maintain this road each year as it is. Annual costs should be worked out, and these balanced against maintenance.

In order to estimate the cost of a mile of road a study would have to be made as there are many things which would effect this. There is a percentage factor to consider, anywhere from 5 to 10%, and is usually in the 6 to 8% range.

Voter Registration Meeting

Present: Mr. Willis Paul, Paul Co., Leonard Cryer, John Bean, Charles Bailey, Walter Abell, Kenneth Duke, Mrs. Irene Mattingly.

Mr. Paul presented type binder to be used for permanent registration system being considered for St. Mary's County. Maximum of each binder is 813 cards, but Mr. Paul recommended not using over 600 in each one, and if the binders are purchased, to figure the number needed on this capacity. In the particular binder presented, changes can be made at any time and names can be added or taken out of the book without disturbing the alphabetical order of the cards.

Cost of binders, including lock, with discount is \$52.50 each. Indexes for the binder cost \$17.00 per book, cost of 30,000 duplicate cards would be \$397.00. This would be the standard size card and binder. File cabinet for the cards would be \$56.00, and a set of indexes, \$57.00 for metal, and \$38.00 for pressboard. Mr. Paul said he will send the Board of Election Supervisors a total cost estimate to set up the entire system. Mr. Guyther will check the law as to the number of books required for each district, and he stated that the law must be reviewed before any decision is made concerning setting up the new system.

Bonding Attorney, School Bond Issue

Mr. Edward Clarke, bonding attorney, stated that the problem now is to get a rating with the New York agencies. He has been working with Mr. Donaldson, who has been preparing material to be put into printed form. This will be a brochure which will be mailed out to a prepared mailing list. Has also prepared a short form of advertising which will be put into the bond paper in New York this week. Circulars will be mailed tomorrow afternoon. If we can get material on another report, we will know in a week what the rating will be. It could be an A, but this is hard to say, because of the county's industrial situation. Mr. Clarke said he would let the commissioners know right away and we can always withdraw the sale if the rating is not good.

Mr. Clarke reviewed with the commissioners and Mr. Guyther the resolution concerning the borrowing of the money. He stated if the bonds are sold in New York this will eliminate some of the expense. The receiving of bids will be about one to one and a half hours if everything goes well.

Form of the bond also reviewed and Mr. Clarke asked permission to change anything which might be a typographical error. Permission granted. Sale of the bonds is set up for Tuesday, February 18, 1964, in Room 1606 of the First National Bank in Baltimore, Light and Redwood Streets. Reviewed short form designating someone in this bank to open the bids if necessary, and this must be signed by the commissioners.

Commissioners signed resolution and Mr. Clarke will make copies of same.

Roads

Mr. Hall reported that Mr. Hamilton was unable to attend this meeting as he had to return to Baltimore. During the morning hours, the two of them rode over quite a few roads for FAP. There is still no official word as to whether or not plans are necessary for road work. Mr. Hamilton said Trap Rd. will be resubmitted and he feels sure this will go through, as will Mattapany Rd. He recommends that we build this with our own forces. Seven Gables should be a contract job because of the properties and work involved, and this would have to be a high standard road. Suggested hiring a consultant and letting him go right through with this from the beginning. Fifty percent of the consultant's fee could be gotten back if it is done this way, and there are various steps to follow in this event.

Roads with low traffic count can be done with force account. It would be simpler to engineer these roads than it would be to do Seven Gables Road, and this could be done by engineers working on the side and would cost approximately \$6,000 per mile. Engineering cost to do Mattapany would be \$500 to \$600. Golden Beach Road could also be done the same way. Could build a section of this and not have to engineer, but if another section is built next year, it would have to be engineered. Fifty percent of everything can be gotten back if the job is let out to a contractor.

On Dr. Johnson's Road, there is a question about this being accepted as a FAP road as it is near three other FAP roads, but we can apply and see what they say. Snow Hill Road is also not a FAP road, and will cost \$21,000 to gravel. Best to get by with the gravel this year and surface treat next year. Mr. Hall will work up a definite cost on this.

Sandgates Bridge is now under construction and the course of the stream will have to be changed just a little. Mr. Hamilton suggested consulting engineers on the St. Andrews Church Road, also. Seven Gables Bulkhead - man from the BPR will come down and tell Mr. Hall exactly what he wants, and we can have FAP on this, or not. Mr. Burch said that if the road is going to be FAP we might just as well have the bulkhead on FAP. Mr. Hall said the bulkhead can be built for about \$25.00 per foot, and he can wait until the man comes down from BPR, or can go ahead and figure the cost and get this started. Mr. Ridgell requested that local companies be considered when the lumber is bought. Eight feet would be the amount required for the bulkhead, according to Mr. Hall, but he and Mr. Ridgell will meet at the site to inspect this area.

Clayton Road would cost about \$2,000 to reconstruct, and have right of way here. Mr. Hall recommended putting blacktop on the Coral Drive and Tulagi Place in Lexington Park, and will work cost estimate for this. Can also blacktop a portion of the Chaptico Road. Will build Lanedon, Snow Hill, and Clayton Roads. Mr. Hall will check Baptist Church Road Extension with Mr. Thompson. The 1.3 miles of the Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road will be worked up also.

Maintenance - spent \$17,000 in January and had available \$19,000. For practical purposes, we did not save any money, and will still be about \$8,000 in the "red". Just about every job was closed out on the last report and the January report will correct any mistakes made. The commissioners and Mr. Hall reviewed those accounts left open and those closed. When the January report is corrected there

will probably be some money left over that can be used for skin patching. This is bond money and can be used for construction or reconstruction.

Mr. Hall said that the roads program was set up so that it could be handled within a year, and wanted how the commissioners wanted this handled. They can adopt it or use it as a guide. If the program is adopted it can be changed if they so desire, and this would not have to be published at all. As Mr. Bowles was not present the commissioners will ask him his feelings on this. (Mr. Bowles had left after the morning session.)

Mr. Hamilton said that a letter must be written stating that the county wants FAP for a certain road and want to program the engineering and planning. This is sent to Mr. Hall and goes through channels, and you are informed as to what procedure to follow and they may recommend consulting engineers doing this. They are hiring consultants to do their own work so probably would not do this for the county. Can request engineering be programmed and then say that you would like to have a particular firm do this. The Golden Beach Road is a FAP road at the present time, and there will be a saving to do this this way. The commissioners agreed that a letter will be written requesting FAP on this road for planning, engineering and construction. Mr. Hall will call Mr. Hamilton in the morning and find out how long it would take to get approval on this and the best way to get this done quickly. He will also check whether or not any bond money will be available this year.

The commissioners agreed that the additional signs needed for Patuxent Park should be ordered. Mr. Hall will work this out and inform this office as to what signs are to be ordered. Will also make a survey of signs needed in Town Creek and report back. Mr. R. Peterson, who requested additional signs for Town Creek, will be so notified.

Mr. Hamilton wants to make a complete survey of the county as to roads in the county system. This is usually done every five years.

Kuhn Road Property (Hampton Rd.)

Mr. A. Loker stated that a prospective owner of property for sale by Mr. Sam Sowell, does not want the county to maintain this road as he does not want it to be public property. This road is blacktop from Rt. 244 to Mr. Sowell's property, and he says that this road from the point of the tenant house down to his house is a private road, and up until about a year or so ago, the county did nothing for it. Someone may have requested that the county fix this road due to the fact that a school bus went down here, and it was blacktopped, but Mr. Sowell says he owns the road.

The man who wants to buy this property wants an official statement from the county negating any claim the county has on this property. He is only concerned about the portion from the tenant house to the end of the road, leading to the farmhouse. A definite point of cutoff would have to be established in order to grant this request. Mr. Loker said he did not know if Mr. Sowell would reimburse the county for the amount of expense involved here, or not. (This was done before the present board of commissioners came into office.)

According to Mr. Hall the entire 1.6 miles is owned by the county, but Mr. Loker does not feel that the county has any legal claim on this road, as there are no records to verify this.

County Agent

Mr. Ben Smith came in with Mr. John Mills who is now working in this office, and introduced the latter to the commissioners. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Mills has been working in tobacco for some time and has considerable experience. Also said they are trying to coordinate their work for maximum efficiency.

Airport

Mr. M. Dean asked status of same. Said he has two pieces of property that would be suitable for an airport, and will donate one of them to the county for the airport. He has no plats to these properties as he had them for a very long time.

Board of Education

Mr. R. E. King informed the commissioners that the first teacher recruiting team leaves next week and wanted to know what to say to these future teachers in our county about salary. If the new legislation pertaining to this passes, we will have no problem, but if the bill does not pass the commissioners will have a problem. Mr. King stated that Charles County will up their salary to \$5100 to compete with Prince Georges. \$4500 to \$7000 in Calvert County in effect this year and they plan to go to a starting salary of \$5,000. Both of these counties are getting a lot of pressure from the Teachers Association and we will get this, too. We are now at \$4500 to \$6500.

Mr. King requested that we do say that we do not know, but feel sure that our scale will be the \$4800 to \$7000 as in the new state program. Then if the state bill passes we will have no problem, but if the bill fails, it would cost the county \$142,000.00 to take our present scale and put it into effect on the \$4800 to \$7000 basis. This amount would be over and above the amount allocated in the budget. At present we have 302.5 teachers, the .5 representing a parttime teacher. Mr. King said he can give the commissioners a breakdown of the salary paid each teacher and when raises will be granted. He said that we must remain competitive on the lower end of the scale in order to get any new teachers at all.

There are usually three recruiting teams per year, and we will need 13 new teachers plus replacements for those teachers we lose.

The commissioners agreed that they are not in a position to make a decision on this until they have a complete picture of the county budget requests, and Mr. King will be so notified.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Second Crossing

Mr. W. Chapman appointed to this committee as the representative from St. Mary's County.

Cuckold's Creek Dredging Meeting

Mr. P. Raley will attend this meeting at the Charles County Courthouse on Tuesday, February 11, 1964, at 3:30 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Appointment

Mr. John Hodges, Valley Lee, appointed to this committee, and will be sent letter to this effect requesting that he decline or accept same by return letter.

This commission will also be informed of various trailers located in the Lexington Park area.

Airport Planning

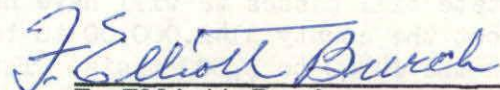
The firm of Whitman Requardt, Baltimore, Maryland, will be contacted relative to an appointment for purposes of interview to discuss planning and construction of an airport for St. Mary's County.

Lobby Directory

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Paul Raley should purchase a directory for the lobby, said directory to be 36 by 48 inches in size, at a cost of approximately \$145.00. He stated he is also getting prices for the name plates to be installed at various offices in the building.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President