

February 25, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

EDC Appointment

Mr. George Sparling, representing the Leonardtown Business Association, stated that this organization has suggested that Mr. J. Ernest Bell be appointed to the EDC. Mr. Bell has expressed willingness to serve in this capacity. The commissioners have received a letter to this effect, also, and will write to Mr. Bell requesting that he accept this appointment via a formal letter to the commissioners' office.

Human Relations Commission

Mr. George Sparling, Chairman, informed the commissioners he finds it necessary to resign from this commission, effective May 1, 1964. He said this commission has solved many problems relative to public accommodations, housing, etc., and the negroes are aware of the effort being made to solve all problems peacefully. Mr. Sparling said he will submit a detailed written report at the time he submits his resignation.

Mr. Burch expressed regret at Mr. Sparling's resignation and thanked him for his service on the commission.

Library Roof

Col. Simpson and Mrs. Polly Barber. Explained that the roof on the Tudor Hall building is over 60 years old, and in such bad condition, workman will not put his weight on it to do any patch work. Roof is leaking and will eventually damage books. \$2500 will put a new roof on this building, and this amount will include shoring up the roof. Requested that the commissioners grant this amount.

Also mentioned that additional books being purchased this year will increase weight on floors, and Col. Simpson said the building cannot stand the pressure. Eventually will have to get a new library. Suggested possibility of building wing, and using present facility for administrative purposes, and as a meeting center for the various civic groups requesting same. County would have to pay for the new wing. In the event the county decided to erect a new library building behind the present one, title could be gotten from the Davidson family for the land, and this would be a county building.

Col. Simpson explained that maintenance funds are obtained from stock left by Mrs. Davidson, which brings in less than \$100 per year. The UGF also donates a small sum, which is never above \$500. If dues of \$1.00 per person per year were charged this would help, but this has been discontinued.

Civil Defense

Gen. Robert E. Hogaboom, recently appointed to the position of Director of Civil Defense, informed the commissioners he had received confirmation of his appointment from the governor, and will be sworn in today. The general reported that he had inspected civil defense property and met with the fire chiefs, who have many questions.

Mr. Burch asked Gen. Hogaboom to study the problem of personnel needed in the control tower, and report his findings to the commissioners. The director mentioned the importance of a mobile control center to be used at fires or other disasters, and stated he feels he can be especially useful in this area and set up plans for this to coordinate operations.

Gen. Hogaboom said he will investigate all of the equipment to make sure that it is useful and easy to maintain, and a complete inventory of all property as to location and who is responsible for same. He asked if the control center is under the county, was told yes, and that he should supervise their activities. Will also investigate method of setting up this operation in order to get matching funds, and report to the commissioners.

The director was informed that any expense incurred in duties involving civil defense will be paid by the county. Annual report compiled by Mr. C. Donaldson given to Gen. Hogaboom for his study and recommendations. He will also discuss civil defense budget with Mr. C. Donaldson.

Airport

Mr. H. Hudson Myers, Jr., and Mr. Frederick Knoop, Jr., of the firm of Whitman, Requardt & Associates, Baltimore, Md. These gentlemen came in to discuss possibility of airport for county. Gave resume of qualifications and projects completed. There are 225 employees with the firm, including technical, structural, electrical and civil engineers, which renders them capable of doing entire range of work within a project without seeking outside help. Their service also includes soil analysis and related work.

Recommended that an airport for this county be constructed with possibly 2500 foot runway, with possible expansion to 3500 feet, and should be 50 feet wide, but preferably wider. The FAA will advance 50% of the funds, and require a master plan, and there is 25% available from the state. The state portion does not have to be repaid unless the airport becomes a profit making operation. The federal portion is 50% of the overall cost, and cannot be spent for land or buildings, only for field work.

Mr. Knoop said a study would have to be made to determine that the airport will be agreeable from all standpoints, and this will indicate how much money is needed. A preliminary report is valuable in this respect. The fee for the preliminary plan could be paid in a lump sum, and then a supplemental fee be set in keeping with the cost of the project. Fees would be in keeping with the recommended practices of the AEC. Mr. Knoop recommended the preliminary report be made and paid in a lump sum.

This would get the backing of the FAA and their approval. Then the support of the State Department of Aviation could be obtained. Suggested appointing a three man committee to investigate all phases of the situation with a county representative who would be responsible for the action of this committee. Suggested obtaining information from other county owned airports. Could send a proposal, outlining a definite program, and this would take about three months to do.

Mr. Knoop said that the value of the land could be the county's share of the cost. It is conceivable that credit might be gotten for the appraised value of the land even though the county did not pay this amount. Would have to have maps of the area and then walk over the land to determine its suitability for an airport. After approval by the FAA, then the land would be acquired, and there should be some coordination for this project with the planning consultant.

Presented a brochure of various projects completed by this firm, and stated a report will be submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. Myers mentioned that he has done a great deal of roadwork in the state, and said that in most instances the county is better off having its own road system.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall, Mrs. Doris Hodges, Mr. Seiple, Mrs. Amanet. The delegation requested appropriation for continuance of maintenance of the Golden Beach Roads. Mr. Hall presented a rough draft of the proposed oiling schedule and just about all of the main roads in the Golden Beach area are on same, some for second treatment. Roads listed were - Lock's Hill, Robert Burroughs, Beach, Dockser, Barger, Waterview Drives, Prince, Adam, Duke, and Trent Hall Roads. Requested that Shoreview Drive also be taken care of as this is the mail route and the school bus route. Mr. Hall recommended surface treating these roads, and said he could not give an estimate of mileage to be done, as the schedule had not been approved.

Maintenance report for February 18 - 25 - \$3,888.53, total for month - \$16,414.09. There was \$20,000 available for February.

Reported that school bus turn around had been built at Mr. Nalley's property. Also taken care of complaint concerning flooding by Mr. J. Alden and Mr. Hyfield in the Drayden area. Bushwood Road cut out as far as the road goes. Recommended not doing anymore of this road at the present time.

BPR is coming down to inspect the are at 7 Gables to see about using federal aid here. Building of jetties would be too expensive and would not serve purpose, and placing stone in the area of the needed bulkhead would be the best thing. The commissioners decided to wait for the opinion of the representative from the BPR before making a decision in this matter.

The oiling schedule will cost about \$200,000.00 and this is more than can be done in the summer. Could do about \$120,000.00 this summer, or perhaps \$100,000.00, and add to this later. This expense is over and above black-topping expense. Mr. Ridgell suggesting keeping the figure at \$100,000.00, as there probably will be other roads added before the schedule is completed. This matter tabled until next week when Mr. Hall will review the schedule with the commissioners.

Siding at Hollywood can be charged to the Dumps and Wharves Account; this will be tabled for the time being. Additional signs for Patuxent Paek have been ordered, and also signs for Town Creek.

Mr. Ridgell requested Mr. Hall to please instruct the drivers of SRC equipment to move off the road to let traffic pass. Mr. Bowles asked that Mr. Hall present in his report next week list of roads to get second treatment, or first treatment, etc., and estimated costs of each group. Mr. Hall said the amount estimated can go 25% either way.

Health Department Budget

Dr. A. Houser, Mrs. M. Kurtz, Mr. B. Garner. Reviewed budget with the commissioners, requesting \$25,000 additional funds over last year's budget. Additional funds requested for mental health work, as a full time program is needed to do justice to all the patients referred to them. Stated it would be less expensive to have a psychiatrist and a ppsychologist one day a week, rather than send the children referred by the juvenile court away to training school. Requesting funds for an additional nurse, and another physical therapist. One of the pre-natal clinics is being discontinued and private doctors are being paid by the state for this service.

Minimum budget is \$184,596.00, and this is based on population, and is set by the state. St. Mary's County population increases about 1000 per year.

Mosquito Control

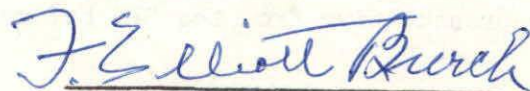
Mr. P. Raley will prepare a report to be presented to the commissioners next week in order to arrive at a budget for this program.

Bus Route Extension

Request for transportation for children of Mr. B. Goldsborough in White Point area, an extension of Mrs. Coffee's route, 2.6 miles per day. The commissioners agreed to this extension, and Mr. Raley will so inform Mr. Paul Bell, contractor.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President