

March 31, 1964

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

#### Radios

Mr. Burch reported that Wilmer's, Inc., had picked up the used radios recently purchased and will service them.

#### SRC - Crossover

Mr. M. C. Thompson requested that a letter be sent to him stating that the commissioners have a deed for the proposed road opposite Station 370 plus 50 and are requesting that the SRC construct a crossover at this station. Letter written and given to Mr. T. Hall.

#### Scholarships

Mr. G. Kammerer, St. Mary's College Director of Admissions, presented list of eligible students for scholarships. Had folders for students on list containing scholastic information and applications filed for the tests. He was concerned that there was nothing in the law stating that these students must stay in the particular fields for which the scholarships are awarded. For instance, the field of education covers a large field of endeavor, and the field of business can cover almost any field. Mr. Kammerer asked if the commissioners wanted Mr. Ogden to advertise this more extensively as to the applicants actually going into teachers jobs, etc., as students are very undecided as to just what they want to do at this stage.

Concerning the unused scholarship because of withdrawal of a student this year, Mr. Kammerer said the commissioners could give a special scholarship for one year remaining in this grant. \$150.00 was returned to the commissioners when this student left the school.

Mr. Kammerer stated that the college has been accepted for the National Defense Education Act and this will provide additional funds for students who want to attend college and need financial aid. Of this year's scholarship tests, there were 37 students who took the tests, and 15 passed and are eligible for awards. The score of 600 is used as a passing score, although the state score is 685. This procedure eliminates those students who are provisional and should not really be in college.

Mr. Kammerer suggested that the commissioners grant two scholarships each in Business and Education for two years, and one in Business for one year. The commissioners agreed that the wording on the announcement is as it should be. Mr. Kammerer will be notified of the commissioners decision concerning awards of scholarships.

#### Center Gardens re Willows Road Dump

Mr. Guyther reported that Mr. Flinn asked that the commissioners reconsider the request to use the Willows Road dump for the trash collected from Center Gardens. The initial request has been denied, commissioners are still adamant, and Mr. Guyther will write to Mr. Flinn denying this second request.

Chamberlain Assessment Appeal

Mr. Guyther advised that the second hearing in this case will not be heard until after the first one is settled in the tax court. The commissioners agreed to this, and Mr. Guyther will act accordingly.

Supervisors of Elections

Mr. Walter Abell requested services of Mrs. I. Mattingly three hours a day for five days per week. He said that this year with the general registration coming up, someone should be in the office every day for at least several hours. Mrs. Mattingly has said she would do this for a minimum of \$30.00 per week.

Mr. Guyther mentioned that the law states that a permanent registration system shall be set up, and there is no alternative here. The law will be checked.

Roads

Mr. Hall reported that \$21,200.00 has been spent as of last night. \$20,700.00 was the approximate amount to be received in March.

Concerning the 11th Series Road Bond Issue, Mr. Donaldson said that the roads cannot be done without participating in this issue, as the commissioners cannot take the money out of the cash on hand, and the cash balance cannot be dissipated for the sake of the roads. In the \$365,000.00 needed for the roads, there is 6 miles of blacktopping, and perhaps more roads could be paved and fewer roads oiled.

Mr. Donaldson explained that if all county taxes are collected revenue will be \$1,111,500.00, but the average collection is 90.6% if we do as well as usual this year. As of March 31st, 75% has been collected amounting to \$833,000.00 and the treasurer will collect another \$173,394.00. As of March 30th, there is \$17,583.39 cash on hand. The average operational expense per month is \$146,000.00, and for the ensuing three months of this budget, \$438,000.00 will be needed. \$247,022.41 must be advanced to the treasurer, and the commissioners will then have on hand \$154,000.00, which is just about one month's expenses, and some might be needed for emergencies, etc. Mr. Donaldson stated that he is against participation in the bond issue, but if the county wants to participate in the road program, there is no alternative but to participate in the bond issue.

Mr. Burch asked for a motion on the bond issue. Mr. Bowels said we should not go into debt any further but should appropriate money in the budget for the road work. At this point, Mr. Hall stated that the maintenance fund at present is about \$10,000.00 in the "red", but when the weather is better maintenance costs will be less and some of this may be made up. Mr. Bowles said he was saying that the \$124,000.00 should be taken out of the money on hand. Mr. Ridgell said if we participate this year, and hold off for another to cease participation in the bond issues, we could get a better financial picture.

As for revenues from the state, Mr. Donaldson said these will not come in until the month of June. We would not get into a bind except for the interest on the \$124,000.00, as this would be taken out of the maintenance fund.

Mr. Burch made a motion that the county participate in the bond issue. Mr. Ridgell seconded same, and Mr. Bowles voted against same. Motion passed as made and application will be submitted to the state for \$124,000.00.

Projects scheduled for the 11th Series Bond Issue money are: Dr. Johnson Rd., Lanedon Road, Snow Hill Road, Saratoga Drive, 7 Gables Bulkhead, Library Circle and Tudor Hall Drive, Coral and Tulagi Place, Steuart Pet. Road, totalling \$113,943.60. The Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road can be added and pulled later if necessary. The remainder of the bond issue may be used for the possible construction mentioned. The old Route 5, Mechanicsville Road, would cost about \$10,000.00 per mile. Mr. Hall will ride over the county and list roads that might be blacktopped and report this next week. Letters re crossover at Station 370 plus 50, and 11th Series Bond Issue, given to Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall said the commissioners should decide how much oiling is to be done and where the money is coming from. This will be decided next week.

Mr. Bowlés asked about the road into Camp Maria and Mr. Hall said this could also be worked into this program. Mr. Hall reported he was in the process of fixing Belvoir Road in Greenview Knolls as requested by Mr. Dobry. Mr. Hall will investigate the ditch at the Crosby property.

#### Railroad Siding Use

Mr. Allison Ryon has requested use of this siding at Hollywood. He will be sent letter stating that the siding is leased by the commissioners and is available for the shipment of pulpwood. He may use siding for same and it will be his obligation to make arrangements for use of necessary cars.

#### Dog Traps

The commissioners authorized purchase of two more traps to be used by the dog warden in St. Mary's County.

#### Room 10

Mr. Greenwell will be consulted about using the storage room for the Supervisors of Elections before getting estimate of cost to build other storage space.

#### Register of Wills Office

Mr. P. Raley will get estimate to build partition in this office.

Help in Assessors Office

The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Margaret Yowaiski should be transferred from the office of the Clerk of the Court to the Assessors Office. Her present salary is \$3120.00 per year, and the commissioners agreed that Mrs. Yowaiski be retained at this salary for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mrs. Yowaiski was called in and told details of this arrangement and she is in agreement with this. She will begin working in the Assessors Office as of April 1st. Letters will be sent to Mr. C. B. Greenwell, Mr. W. F. Herbert, and Mrs. Yowaiski, making this transfer official.

School Bond Funds

Mr. S. Donaldson informed the commissioner he is not in favor of any of this money going to any of the banks unless with a guaranteed deposit, whereby they would have to buy government securities and put these up as collateral to guarantee our deposit. This is not the commissioners money and is only being held in trust. Mr. Donaldson said it would be better to put this money in short term government securities where it would make more money than time deposits in the bank could possibly pay us. He stated that he is definitely opposed to any other arrangement.

(Mr. Bowles left the meeting at this point).

Jailor's Roof

Estimate to replace roof, by Don Albaugh, with ten year guarantee, \$325.00. Twenty year bonded roof is same amount, plus \$120.00 minimum. Mr. Wilson has said that he will use the same material used in the 20 year bonded roof and will put on the roof guaranteed for ten years. The commissioners agreed to fix the roof with the ten year guarantee.

Mosquito Control

Mr. P. Raley reported that the permanent program will cost \$14,000.00, the temporary program, \$33,680.00. The budget presented is \$12,340.00 for the county, \$8,000.00 for the communities, and \$27,340.00 for the state. The University of Maryland wants the county and the local people to put up the same amount. County will also have Ralph Brown's salary included in their share, and cost will be greater if we operate according to the budget requested.

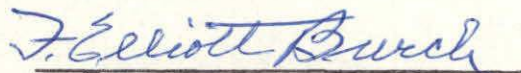
Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed that the county would put up 20%, the communities 30%, and the state 50%.

Base Station

Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed to the purchase of the base station as requested by Civil Defense and the Fire Board, and accepted the bid from Motorola in the amount of \$2190.00 for the base station and one remote control unit. Bid from GE in the amount of \$2225.00 rejected. Letter will be sent to Gen. Hogaboom re same.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

  
F. Elliott Burch, President