

April 7, 1964

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

#### Supervisors of Elections

Mr. Guyther reported that this board is having a permanent registration system and will proceed with a new general registration and use the new cards and books. Mr. J. Mattingly has said they will go around the county with this system and then following this, in the event that some person would not register in the district, they would have two days at the courthouse when anyone could come in and register if they wanted to.

Mr. Guyther said that the law definitely states that the permanent system be installed and there is no alternative to this. He will show the law to Mr. J. Mattingly to clarify this matter.

After a discussion concerning the request by this board for additional services of Mrs. Irene Mattingly, clerk, the commissioners agreed that \$100.00 per month for a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week, would be the salary. A letter will be written to the board informing them of this decision, and also requesting that plans and estimate of cost of the new registration be forwarded to the commissioners to be considered when the budget is prepared. Will request that letter be acknowledged and information requested be furnished within twenty (20) days.

#### Club Properties Assessment

Letter reviewed as written by Mr. Guyther to Mr. Nicholson, attorney for this corporation, concerning agreement reached in this matter. Original and one copy will be sent to Mr. Nicholson for his signature, and original will be returned to the commissioners' office. (Copy will be held in files).

#### Extension of Licensing Period

Personnel in the office of Clerk of the Court have requested that a two week extension period be added to the licensing period. If licenses are issued after May 30, a penalty is charged. The rush is over after that date, and it makes for a smoother operation if the penalties do not have to be figured. This extension is not a specific request from Mr. Greenwell, but the personnel have spoken with him concerning same.

The commissioners agreed to grant the two week extension period for the issuance of licenses, with the stipulation that the money be remitted by June 30th, to the commissioners' office. (When informed of same, the personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court retracted the request for the extension).

#### License Violations

Discussed matter of persons owning unlicensed slot machines and of Mr. Cryer's issuance of warnings concerning same. Mr. Cryer has, on occasion, left more than one violation notice. The commissioners agreed that after one warning a warrant should be issued for the person involved, and will notify Mr. Cryer to follow this procedure.

Tall Timbers

Discussed accepting Mr. Jueneman's attorney's proposal to pay \$2,000.00, and not bill them anymore, and getting relieved of the responsibility for these roads by letting Mr. Jueneman have them. Mr. Guyther advised this procedure, and also making Mr. Leonardo pay all of the money owed. Rate could then be reduced to say, \$1.90, and anticipated revenues can be figured from the reduced rate.

Mr. Donaldson will take the full assessment and find out how much is needed and set a new tax rate. This would take care of the interest, principle, etc. A special tax sale could be held after notice was given to the people concerned, perhaps in August.

We have paid \$7,000.00 on the principle and \$962.50 on the interest in the current budget. Interest will decrease each time but we will still have to pay \$7,000.00 on the principle. Maintenance money for this project is in the regular Tall Timbers account, and at present this amounts to \$9,468.72. We have collected more money than was anticipated.

Mr. Guyther will be given list of accounts that are delinquent, including 1963 taxes, then we can notify these people to discuss this with Mr. Guyther. The next stage would be to inform the commissioners' of the tax rate needed to assure enough money to pay principle and interest. The commissioners can notify these people by a notice in the paper that the rate is being reduced to X number of dollars. The county has been doing these people a service by supplementing money needed for maintenance costs.

Library Roof

Mr. Guyther will investigate this further as right now he does not think the commissioners have the authority to grant the \$2500.00 requested to replace said roof.

Airport

Mr. M. Dean asked the status of this project. Mr. Burch explained that a firm has been in to discuss a proposal, but there was some feeling this would be a duplication of work as we are going to have an overall planning survey made of the county. This will be tabled until that time.

Roads

Mr. Hall presented maintenance report - April 1 - 7 - \$3,932.89. Amount spent during March - \$20,358.79, a correction over amount presented last week.

Reviewed blacktopping that could be done at \$9,000 per mile for gravel shoulders and bituminous concrete: 1st District - Trap Road, 1.3 miles. Mentioned that this is next to an airport and when federal aid is gotten on this road, the Federal Aviation Commission must clear the area. Suggested Webster Field Road. Trap Road has gone through all channels and are waiting now for final signatures. County share is to be \$14,000.00.

3rd District - Library Circle, Tudor Hall Drive at cost of \$3,000, and Courthouse Drive, \$500. 4th District - Crossroads beginning at Rt. 234 and heading towards Rt. 238 for a distance of 1 mile, \$8,000. Might also do Chaptico Wharf Road, 1.3 miles long. 5th District - Old Rt. 5 in Mechanicsville, 3.5 miles. Could go  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile each way from the Village Medical Center. This would take care of the downtown traffic in the village. Might also do this from old Md. 5, from the Club 15 to the Try Me Tavern, 2 miles at a cost of \$20,000. 6th District - Half Pone Point Road, 2.2 miles, \$18,000. 8th District - Maple Road, 0.3 miles, \$2500.00. 9th District - No blacktopping here at this time, or in the 7th District.

The oiling schedule as it now stands is \$117,000.00, plus or minus 25%. Might possibly add the Bob Hunt Road later. Oiling schedule will be submitted as revised by the commissioners. (Copy in files). Mr. Hall said he would not need all of the oiling money right away, but will need \$50,000.00 the 1st of May in order to get started. Will have to find funds for the blacktopping so that bids can be requested.

Mr. Hall said he had talked with Mr. Paul Crosby and advised him that the ditch would be taken care of. Letter from Mrs. S. Buckmaster concerning unclean condition of Clover Hill Road brought to Mr. Hall's attention. Mr. Ridgell said he would make a personal inspection to see what could be done, and Mrs. Buckmaster will be so notified. Request by Lexington Park Post Office to have potholes fixed on Maple Drive taken care of according to Mr. Hall.

#### School Bond Issue Money

Mr. W. S. Donaldson reviewed with Mr. Guyther and the commissioners the schedule of amounts that will be needed over a period of time. Discussion followed concerning depositing some of this money in local banks, and prudence of having such deposits secured by government securities.

Mr. Guyther spoke on the telephone with Mr. J. Daugherty of the Citizens National Bank and asked if this bank would be willing to accept a \$200,000.00 deposit at 4% for one year and secure this money with government securities. Mr. Daugherty said he wants a fair chance at this business, and wants the opportunity to buy the government bills, etc. According to Mr. Daugherty, he is talking about putting all of this money in government securities and then checking the banks to see who would give the best rate of interest. The Commissioners agreed that a schedule of what they want secured by government bills should be made up, and then bids be asked for in accordance with the schedule. Letter will be sent to banks concerning this matter. It was suggested that Mr. Donaldson be given authority to decide on what type securities are to be used.

#### Sandgates Bridge Property

Mr. Leon Hill wants the county to deed back to him the old section that adjoins his property at the Sandgates location. The commissioners agreed that Mr. W. Sterling will be informed of their agreement to this, to prepare the deed, and present same to them.

Sanitation Commission

\$1,000.00 will be sent to this commission for expenses. Money loaned for this project will be repaid from the first bond issue for the sanitary district.

Center Gardens

Mr. Guyther reported that back taxes owed from 1957 - 1962 amount to \$6,422.02. They have filed an amended schedule with the State Tax Commission and the Commission has sent certifications for 1960, 61, 62 and 63. These show that this outfit owes \$7,621.00 for those four years. Mr. Guyther's legal advice was that the commissioners accept \$5,000.00 for the back bills, and the 1963 taxes amounting to \$2,229.00, a total of \$7,229.00. They have admitted the liability of \$7,621.00, and when these amounts are paid, then a resolution can be passed to abate the 1957 - 1959 taxes. They cannot dispute the amended schedules that were filed for 1960 - 1963.

The FHA took an assignment of this mortgage. This is unusual, but can be allowed under the Wherry Act. This mortgage is now current so far as principle and interest payments are concerned. Mr. Barringer did not like the resolution passed by the commissioners concerning tax credits for this group. Taxes on this will run about \$80,000.00, and assuming they are granted credits of \$50,000.00, the county could collect the remaining \$30,000.00. FHA is currently putting about \$3,000.00 in escrow, and Mr. Barringer and Mr. Flinn want a letter of authority to the FHA stating that it is not necessary to escrow this money in 1964 as we cannot do anything on a new assessment until 1965. They want an estimate of the money that they would owe in 1964, the FHA could release this money, and the balance would be paid in December when the money is due. This would be a favor to them.

The previous resolution passed used in the wording "abatement of taxes", that is all taxes, and they could consider they did not owe us any money because they have abatement resolutions on all taxes. Mr. Guyther questioned whether the commissioners could abate personal property taxes, and that it was not the intent of the previous commissioners to abate all taxes. Starting in January, the FHA will put \$3,000.00 in escrow as they are bound by whatever the tax bill is.

The commissioners agreed that this matter should be handled as above.

Budget

Mr. Donaldson proposed getting budget out for half year in 1965 in order to get on the fiscal year by 1966, as required by the State, and suggested getting tax bills out in May. Discussed publicizing that the commissioners are considering making the actual payment easier on the taxpayers, so when they get a bill in January they will know what it is. This matter will be discussed at greater length at a later date.

Scholarships

Additional information will be obtained from the St. Mary's College about those people who are eligible for the scholarships and the selections will be made next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

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