

June 2, 1964

Present: Mr. Burch, Mr. Ridgell.

Supervisors of Elections

Requested permission to rent three typewriters to be used in the districts during the general registration in June. Will be needed for approximately three months. Mrs. Irene Mattingly was called in and asked about applications concerning typists needed to do the work, and she stated she felt two would be enough. The commissioners agreed to grant said request for typewriters.

Mrs. Mattingly will discuss area in courthouse to be used for 3rd District registration and will approach Mr. Greenwell about using the large room adjacent to the Hall of Records for the evening registration.

Welfare Board

Mr. Edsel Potter has accepted appointment to this board. When acceptance is received from Rev. Ellis, the State Welfare Board will be so notified.

Aviation Yacht & Country Club

Major T. Brazelton, President, requested permission to make a one-way exit road onto Route 234, from this property. The commissioners granted same but said that a permit must be obtained from the SRC for permission to enter the state road.

Major Brazelton also requested that the Godchild Road be put in good condition prior to the opening of the club on June 28th. This was discussed with Mr. Hall who said he will make every effort to do so. The commissioners granted permission to do so.

It will be suggested to Major Brazelton that the exit road be built up to county specifications. In his letter of request, he states that the club will bear the expense of said road.

County Engineers Asscn. Appointment

Mr. George Grier, Adm. Asst. to Carroll County Commissioners will be asked to arrange a meeting with members of the above association relative to establishing a county roads program for St. Mary's County. Attendees will be the commissioners, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. D. Gruber, Mr. O. Guyther. The date of Thursday, June 18th, 10:00 a.m. will be suggested to Mr. Grier.

Jarolemon Road

The commissioners reviewed Mr. Jarolemon's request to take over his road on St. George Island, and as he was previously notified, again decided that they could not grant this request. Mr. Jarolemon will be so notified by letter.

Mosquito Control

Dr. Lankford, Dr. Foster, Mr. W. Garrett, Mr. Paul Raley. Dr. Lankford explained problem of equipment in this work, and said that the state money is getting a little tight. He asked if the county would consider buying a spray truck. There will be a need for a truck here in the winter to carry a man back and forth to work the backhoe. There will be \$1100 in unexpended county funds for the current fiscal year, and a truck would cost approximately \$2300 - \$2400. Dr. Lankford asked if the county would be willing to purchase a truck cooperatively. The supervisor could use the truck this summer without a sprayer, but with a sprayer it could also be used in other areas. Dr. Lankford said that they are hoping to enlarge the budget next year to put a sprayer on the truck, and right now can find half the cost of the truck. Sprayer could cost about \$3700 - \$3800, and rental for a sprayer is \$2400, shared on a 50-50 basis. In these agreements the county would hold the title to the equipment but would agree also that if the county got out of the mosquito control program in five years, the University of Maryland would get the equipment back. The county would also have to purchase tags for the truck.

Truck rental is \$4.00 per hour, and this may not be enough, as they have to recover the costs. If the county puts a sprayer on the truck, the state will pay the county the \$4.00 per hour rental for use of same. Total cost would be approximately \$6,000. Each community has to pay for the rental of the truck, and there will be four sprayers used in the county this summer.

Dr. Lankford said they were paying ten cents a mile for the truck at the SRC garage for transportation, but this is not large enough to hold a sprayer, and what they wanted was a complete spray outfit. He said he didn't know if the University of Maryland would take away one of the trucks if the county bought a new one, but the state equipment is wearing out. If we need five trucks, Dr. Lankford said he would consider providing them. The problem is that they are always one or two years behind their needs, and if additional money is requested they must show where it is going to be used. The \$1100 is state money and must be spent by June 30th or it will be lost. The county would buy the truck, then bill the state and be reimbursed 50%. Nothing will be taken from the county if this truck is purchased, we will still get the same amount. Concerning using five trucks, Dr. Lankford said it might end up that we would not even have the four trucks, as the equipment is wearing out, but he is hoping to have five trucks if they are needed. The extra truck at the SRC could be used for transportation purposes.

Specifications for the truck will be sent to Mr. Raley and Dr. Lankford said they have been using a 3/4 ton truck, with dual wheels, but a one ton truck would be better, as the sprayer weights 2650 pounds and the water used, about 800 pounds.

This matter will be discussed with Mr. Bowles and these gentlemen will be given an answer to their request.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall. Presented maintenance report - \$14,834.86 spent during month of May. Trap Road - if the commissioners do not do anything here, the federal aid money will be lost. If 9 inches of gravel and 2 inches of blacktop are put on this road, this might be approved. Would have to build a 28 foot road and this would cost \$15,000 - \$16,000, including drainage, reconstruction, etc. The same money that was available back in June could be used. According to Mr. Hamilton, this would be permissible. The \$15,000 would include surface treatment and blacktopping. Four inches of blacktop under this program would give a better road, costing about \$20,000. If the road has to be engineered, the cost will be increased. 1.3 miles would cost about \$13,000 to rebuild, and \$13,000 to blacktop. Mr. Hall said costs to build a county road is \$10,000 a mile, and the same to blacktop. The only problem is whether or not the government will accept this without the engineering. Mr. Donaldson, who had joined the meeting, said that this would have to be known. The engineering might cost approximately \$5,000 according to prices quoted to Mr. Hall by Mr. Dent of the Beavin Company. The county would pay on a 50-50 basis with the federal government. To date, the Trap Road has been approved, but only with 4 inches of blacktop, and Mr. Hall mentioned that the minutes of October 15, 1963, would indicate that facts concerning said road had been brought to the attention of the commissioners. The county share for the road would be \$20,545, and \$4,671 is non-participating. Mr. Hall said that if a request for a change in program is made, the federal aid money will not be lost. Mentioned that there is approximately \$56,000 in the allocated balance for 1964.

The commissioners agreed that if the Trap Road can be programmed for 2 inches of blacktop and 9 inches of gravel, without losing the federal aid, this should be done.

Concerning use of prisoners for road work, Mr. Hall said cost is \$112 per day for twenty of them, and they have been used at Tall Timbers and McKay's Beach. He also mentioned that those people who were working under the Welfare Program have all been hired by the North American Development Company to work on the project on Queen Tree Road. Mr. Hall said prisoners probably could be used, and this would involve getting them down here and supervising them. Two guards would cost approximately \$20 per day per man, and the eight hour working day begins when they get to the job, and stops when they leave. Travel time is not counted as working time.

Snow Hill Road will cost approximately \$24,000. The commissioners agreed that this should be done and will be taken out of the bond money. The bulkhead at 7 Gables would cost about \$19,000 for 800 feet, and it would be difficult to get federal aid on this. The Godchild Road will be done in place of the Douglas God Road, which will be done later.

Mr. Hall said that the 1963 federal aid must be programmed by June 30, 1964, amounting to \$56,345. Have requested engineering on the St. Andrews Road and the Golden Beach Road, and Mr. Hall said he would not let the county lose any

of this money, but can program additional roads if the commissioners want this. The commissioners decided that the entire 7 Gables Road, the entire Mattapany Road, and the Bretons Beach Road, proceeding west from Route 244 for one mile, would be programmed for federal aid and engineering. It will be suggested in the letter that the Beavins Company be considered for this project if the state cannot do it.

Nursing Home

Present: Dr. Guyther, M. Dean, H. Graves, L. Thompson, Dr. Houser, Mrs. J. Hodges, Mrs. M. Gibson, Mrs. E. Hayden, Senator Raley, Delegates Fowler and Briscoe.

Dr. Guyther presented the following report. The committee had many meetings and the architect presented plans which were feasible. Bids were requested and received on May 7th. It was thought that the home could be built for \$300,000, including furnishings and architects fees, and the base price was \$250,000. The bids were all very much higher, the lowest being \$368,000, and the architects fees are \$15,000. They are now faced with the problem of being some \$120,000 short on funds, and could scrape plans and redesign the home on a more modest scale, or recommend that the additional funds be obtained if possible. The nursing home committee recommended that the commissioners and other authorities, namely the legislators, should decide if it would be possible to proceed with the present plan and be assured of additional funds. Two-thirds of the \$120,000 would be available from the state and federal governments and the county share would be \$30,000. The committee discussed trying to negotiate with the low bidder, but can only do so for not more than 5%, by making changes in the specifications but not overall changes in the plans. Also considered making an effort to have the federal wage scale modified, as it is felt this scale is too high for this area. Could also go out for new bids which would be in line with the amount of money we have available, and the architect has provided a list of possible changes to be made.

One was the type of heating plant, changing this to a cheaper type, saving about \$6,000. Total savings in cost might be \$24,000, which would save the county \$8,000. Getting the wage scale changed might be a long procedure. Mr. Fritz and Mr. Baldwin have encouraged us to go ahead with these plans if possible, as this is a good nursing home plan. Mr. Fritz said there would be funds available and they can hold these funds on the basis that this project is costing more than the original estimate. They mentioned that additional funds would be available even at this new cost. Mr. Baldwin said there was \$150,000 coming from the federal government and \$50,000 from the state. Final cost will be \$420,000, and the architect has consented to leave his fee at the cost estimate he made.

Senator Raley said we might enter into a contract with the governments with a resolution for the \$40,000, and we could authorize the additional money in January 1965, and he could not see why this would not be approved. Mr. Dean said that the state required a letter so far as the hospital was concerned, and this probably could be done concerning the nursing home. Dr. Houser asked if this money was going to be spent in St. Mary's County, and Mr. Donaldson said he felt it would be. Senator Raley said that Mr. O. Guyther feels it would be legal for the commissioners to appropriate whatever money is necessary as the law limits their borrowing power.

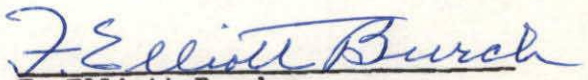
Concerning air-conditioning, this was offered in an alternate bid. Are using a heating system that can be utilized with an air-conditioning system later on, at a minimum expense. Concerning sewage, Dr. Houser said there is an 8 inch line the hospital could hook onto. Unless the hospital would object. we could tap this line into the 8 inch sewer line that is there.

Dr. Guyther said if it is necessary to make a few small changes, all right, but rather than make any big changes, the committee would like to go along with the present plans. The architect has said that the dry wall was the most satisfactory, but if the contractor wants to substitute plaster, we would have no objection. The committee feels either would be acceptable. Mr. Dean said plaster would probably be as cheap as the dry wall in this type construction.

Mr. Burch thanked the committee for all their time, effort and research in this project, and said this matter will be discussed with Mr. Bowles and a final decision made. The legislators said they would be in favor of legislation to appropriate the money needed. Dr. Guyther said that Mr. Fritz has practically said that the government has approved this.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President