

June 9, 1964

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

Jailor

Mr. & Mrs. W. Gatton applied for this position, and asked what the duties would be, and the salary. Mr. Burch said this entails the keeping of the jail, including feeding the prisoners, cleaning, and committing prisoners. Mr. Gatton said that Mrs. Buckler said she had been appointed to the position of committing magistrate by the governor and wanted to retain this position. This will have to be investigated.

Mr. Gatton stated he would want the entire job, including the courthouse, jail and committing magistrate's job. Mr. Burch said there were certain records that have to be kept and state regulations that must be complied with. At present, Mr. Gatton is working for the Board of Education and Mrs. Gatton is working evenings at Bailey's. They stated they would give up their present positions if hired as jailor. Mrs. Gatton would keep the written records. Mr. Gatton is earning \$3,000 per year in his present position.

Application given to Mr. Gatton to be completed and left in the office.

State Roads Program

Mr. M. C. Thompson, Senator Raley, Mr. J. H. Briscoe, Mr. Paul Bailey, discussed the proposed program as presented, which is unsatisfactory to all concerned. Senator Raley read various letters received from SRC stating that the "go" program would be started in 1965, and none of the promises made are being kept. Mr. Bailey stated that construction in all of the counties is just about the same. Further said that engineering has been started on all three of the projects listed, which is a year later than originally planned.

In a letter written to Senator Raley on August 20th, Mr. Fisher stated construction would be started in 1965. Mr. Thompson said this referred to Rt. 488, and they had plans on this and within a month this will come down to the county line. He also said that any work that begins before July of this year is not on these sheets. Those present reviewed the SRC program and Mr. Bailey said he did not see why this program had to wait so long. He said he knows the county was promised this and Mr. Thompson and he mentioned this to Mr. Funk.

Mr. Bailey reviewed the law as to substitutions in the program, and the order of construction could be changed. Substitutions are not made on a mileage basis, but on a cost basis, and must be made within 60 days or the program goes through as submitted. Mr. Bailey said he would certainly go along with whatever the commissioners and the delegates wanted. (Mr. Henry Fowler, who was unable to be present, has stated that he would be in agreement with whatever was decided.)

Mr. Raley will be meeting the SRC tomorrow and Mr. Bailey suggested he take a letter stating that the commissioners concur in the changes made in the program.

Changes to be made discussed and program to be submitted as follows:

1. Rt. 235 from Rt. 246 to California, 1965. 2. Rt. 5 from St. Mary's City to Ridge, 1966. 3. Rt. 235 from California to Rt. 245 at Hollywood, 1966. 4. Rt. 235 from Rt. 245 north, 1966. This would be just about half-million dollars over what the cost is as listed.

Letter prepared listing priority list as desired by the commissioners, signed by them, Senator Raley, the two delegates, and Senator Raley will hand carry this to the SRC meeting tomorrow.

Jailor

Mr. Guyther came in at this point, and said Mrs. Buckler would have to resign from the position of committing magistrate before she could be replaced. Her appointment runs until July 1965. Mr. Guyther and the commissioners discussed various ways to handle the problem, and the suggestion was made to hire the Gattons as jailor and janitor for the courthouse, and make Mrs. Buckler assistant jailor and matron, and leaving her as committing magistrate. The commissioners felt this would be a suitable arrangement and Mrs. Buckler was asked to come in at 3:30 p.m. to discuss same.

Mrs. Buckler came in and was asked if she would consider keeping the job if she were paid enough money to hire someone to help her. She said no, as she wanted to be relieved of the responsibility of the jail. Salary as assistant jailor and matron would be \$1800, and committing magistrate salary is \$1200, a total of \$3,000 per year, and this proposition was offered to Mrs. Buckler. She said she would like to give this some thought and notify the commissioners of her decision in a few days. Explained to Mrs. Buckler that duties of assistant jailor and matron as training people who would be taking over the jail, escorting women prisoners who were taken away, assisting with prisoners in the jail, etc. Would also take over in cases of emergency. Mrs. Buckler said she would not want to set a pattern of being available everytime the new people wanted to take time off and would not do so. Mr. Guyther said that the actual amount of time the people could be away from the jail could be pinned down to specific hours, this could be worked out later.

Economic Development Commission

Mr. W. Chapman, Chairman, requested that the commissioners consider appropriating funds to place a billboard at Waldorf on 301 directing people to the county. A sign 12' by 42' can be rented for \$1,000 per year, but one can be built for \$1,500 if a site is found for it. The latter is preferred as once the original cost is paid, rental for the site would probably run about \$200 per year, but would have to investigate this to find out exactly what the rental would be. Mr. Chapman explained that he is not asking for an increase in the budget but is asking for money for one billboard this year, and possibly another one next year.

Mr. Chapman also presented idea of the three southern counties hiring a public relations firm to publicize assets offered in each county, and splitting the cost of hiring same. The firm that handled the public relations for Mr. Machen

will do this work for \$600 per month, costing each county \$200, and Mr. Chapman asked that the commissioners consider this on an annual contract. These people have contacts enabling them to publish articles about the county in many national magazines and other publications and could present a better image of St. Mary's County. Mr. Chapman said he would prefer that the county do this on its own, but doing so jointly with the other two counties would be less expensive. He asked if one or more of the commissioners would meet with the commissioners of the other counties and discuss this and get their opinion.

Mr. Chapman said the EDC is going to place smaller signs around the county, directing people to the various historical places of interest, but there is enough money in their budget to take care of this.

Nursing Home

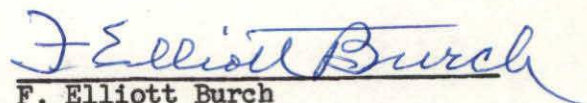
Mr. Bowles informed the commissioners that Mr. Noakes is entitled to a percentage of the alternates as he was willing to keep his fee in line with the original price quoted.

Mosquito Control Truck

Bidders for same will be asked to submit alternate bid which would include trade-in for the truck at the SRC. Mr. P. Raley will take care of this.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President