

June 30, 1964

Present: All commissioners

Enterprise

Mr. Alan Collier, editor, stated he understood that the editor of the Beacon had complained about news releases from the commissioners. He disagrees with the idea that information in the minutes must be approved before being released to the paper, as this would make it a week late. Also said it was no concern of the commissioners how the Enterprise gets the news, and the fact that they dig for it indicates they are doing the best job. He has talked with most of the county leaders and the commissioners about news releases at various times and wants to continue to do this.

Mr. Collier stated that all of the story about the roads program did not come from the commissioners but from Senator Raley. He would prefer to let things go along as they have been in the past, as he does not think the secretary or the attorney are qualified to prepare press releases.

Mr. Burch said he has no criticism of the Enterprise or Mr. Collier, nor does he criticize Mr. Ridgell, but feels that the news releases being given to both papers at the same time has been satisfactory. He further stated that the commissioners office has no control over what information Mr. Collier gets from people on the outside. Mr. Burch assured Mr. Collier that the policy for releasing news would remain as it has been in the past.

Mr. Collier also asked for a statement to be released about the sheriff's bill as to whether the commissioners will support this or not. Also asked if they had given any thought to the half-year tax bill, and was told that the commissioners had not come to a decision on this as yet.

Day Care Center

Dr. Houser has given permission to use a portion of the Carver Heights building for this purpose at no charge. List of items needed to bring this up to useable condition presented, and Mr. Burch said he felt that the Health Department should supervise whatever repairs are necessary in this building.

Mrs. Kurtz was called in to discuss this matter and she said it is her understanding that the Day Care Group is going to make the repairs, as the association has funds for this, including the fence in back of the kitchen. This was to be done at no expense to the Health Department or the commissioners. Mrs. Curley contacted Mr. Ridgell and wanted to know if the commissioners would help. (The broken windows will have to be replaced at the building by the commissioners.)

Mr. Burch said he felt that Mr. Siemasko should meet with the Health Department to come to some understanding as to how much of this building is going to be used for retarded health classes. Mrs. Kurtz agreed. It was suggested that Mr. P. Raley and Mr. Bean go down to the building and decide what can be done, and Mrs. Kurtz agreed to this. She will contact Mr. Siemasko and try to arrange this meeting. Mrs. Curley will also be asked to meet with them.

Truck Bids

Bids opened for purchase of new truck to be used in mosquito control work. Fenwick Motors with low bid of \$2155.00 was awarded contract. Six bids received as follows: Fenwick - \$2155.00, McKay - \$2250.00, McNey - \$2311.20, Guy Motors - \$2300.00, Bell Motor Co. - \$2351.00, less tax of \$180.00, Park Pontiac - \$2479.

Mr. P. Raley was asked how the truck to be traded is being used. Mr. Hall said yesterday this truck was in constant use every day going to Mechanicsville. Mr. Raley said that the University of Maryland would take away the truck being used by Ralph Brown, and he is using his car now and they are paying him ten cents per mile.

Cape St. Mary's Beach Park

Mr. Burch mentioned this park, owned by Mr. Hines, who wants to sell it to the county. There are two acres and he is asking \$2400.00. Mr. Burch suggested looking at this property and the commissioners agreed to this. He feels this could be made into a public park for the county.

Air-conditioning Health Building

Mr. Gray Harrison and Mr. Gosling. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Harrison if the school board had asked him to work on this project, and Mr. Harrison said this was done as a "hush hush" deal and he agreed to work up an airconditioning plan for the building. He asked Mr. King to get a set of plans and was told he could get these from Mr. Tilp. He picked these up and returned one set to the commissioners office. Mr. Bowles had explained to him that there would have to be three bids on the job and this was all right with Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison said it would be simpler to hire an engineer to do this but this would run the cost up, and said he will lay this out. He explained it will take about 30 tons to cool the building, costing \$500 per ton, to do a good job. Total cost will be about \$15,000. Mr. Harrison said he would be willing to sell the plans to the commissioners, as this would pay him for his time, anyway. Mr. Gosling said the plans usually cost about \$250 to \$500, but might not cost this much as there isn't that much work involved here. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Harrison to give this some thought and call the commissioners as to the amount it would cost to draw up the plans, and Mr. Harrison will do this.

Mr. Harrison presented pictures illustrating condensers that would have to be placed near the boiler room. The fan would be placed in the attic. He said he will work up the specifications so that three manufacturers can bid on these.

Lexington Park Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Wm. Thomas Rice, newly elected president of this group, asked for the commissioners and offered his services where needed. Mentioned possibility of getting better protection from the police in Lexington Park by use of building offered by Mr. Millison to the sheriff. Mr. Rice feels the location of this building is far superior to the one offered in the Carver Heights building, as

about 50% of the businesses can be seen from the former, and he would recommend using same. This building would best be designated under the sheriff's office, giving the state police permission to use it, as it can be a facility for the state police but must be controlled by the sheriff's department.

Mr. Burch stated that the building the sheriff was speaking about would not be a credit to the sheriff's department, and would rather have something that would be. He further explained that the state police were very happy about the Carver Heights location. Mr. Rice also said that perhaps the Garden Club would be willing to landscape the area around the building in Lexington Park.

Mr. Rice requested that the commissioners keep him informed of all problems in the 8th District.

Mr. Ridgell said he would inspect the building on his way home tonight and would meet Mr. Rice there.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall presented maintenance report up until June 23rd - \$15,218.91. Said we will break about even this month.

Mr. Hall said it would be best to trade in the truck at the SRC garage, and they have another truck they can use. Will finish priming Half-Pone Point Road, tomorrow. To pave this would cost \$4542.72, including labor, equipment and material and overhead. Mr. Donaldson gave Mr. Hall a check in this amount, Check No. 19981, Vo. No. 28588.

Regarding request by Dobry Co. on Belvoir Road, Mr. Hall said he had repaired small potholes in this road and this could wait until next year. Will stop county oiling and begin state oiling, and must have more money to continue county oiling.

Reviewed oiling schedule to be done for \$75,000, totaling 50.9 miles. Regarding the various requests for roadwork, Mr. Hall suggested the commissioners adopt the program set up and keep to this until the end of the year. The commissioners agreed to this and that any people requesting roadwork in the future be informed that the oiling schedule is set for this year and their requests will be considered when the next schedule is made up.

Mr. M. Joy of Hollywood, requested surface treatment on the county road running off Rt. 245, and will be sent letter stating that it is impossible to work this into the schedule this year. The commissioners will be glad to reschedule it for next year and hope to get it done as soon as possible. Meantime, attempt will be made to keep the dust down on this road this summer.

The commissioners requested that Mr. Hall place "no parking" sign at the Mattapanay Road, one-quarter mile from Rt. 5, as parked cars are creating a hazard here.

The commissioners agreed that the stop signs requested by Mr. Johnson of the Board of Education be placed near the Bushwood School. The signs requested would be located where a county road intersects a state road, and will be requested from the SRC. Mr. Ridgell made motion that the stop sign requested where the two county roads intersect at the Bushwood, Hurry, Dynard Road, be placed here, seconded by Mr. Bowles, and Mr. Burch agreed.

Used Radios

Wilmer's Communications Center has recommended that these be placed on the regular maintenance schedule at \$6.00 per unit per month, and the commissioners agreed. Representative has said they will service these for the time being at no charge until the possible purchase of two additional used radios.

County Flag

Mr. P. Raley asked if the commissioners would be interested in adopting the county flag, which is a solid red cloth. He suggested using the red flag with the county seal in the center, and will work up a cost estimate for this.

Radio for State's Attorney

Mr. Charles Norris has requested a two way radio for his car. Mr. Bowles suggested Mr. P. Raley check using the same frequency that the state police use, as to legality of same.

Sheriff re Matron

Mr. Guyther came in at this point with Sheriff Miedzinski. Mr. Miedzinski said he did not think that it was the proper thing for Mrs. Buckler, newly appointed matron, to go along with the deputies or himself when transporting female prisoners, as they would rather take their wives. He stated they make no claim for meals on these trips, and the money paid their wives covers this expense. He asked if there had been any complaints about the wives going along, and was told no. Mr. Guyther explained that the commissioners appointed Mrs. Buckler matron because the job of janitor had to be given to the new jailor, and in deference to Mrs. Buckler's good service to the county and in order to give her some income, the commissioners decided to do this. The sheriff feels his wife would not want him to go along with another woman on this type trip. Mr. Burch suggested that the sheriff not ride with Mrs. Buckler on these trips, but let his deputies go. Mr. Miedzinski said this had come up once before with the previous commissioners and they finally decided to let matters stand as they were.

The Colony Sewerage

Discussed this matter with Mr. Guyther. Mr. Bowles feels that these people should follow the proper channels of procedure before any approval is given. It was suggested that a letter should be written to the State Health Department stating that the commissioners will grant approval for 200 houses to discharge into Cat Creek, but are concerned about shellfish beds in the area. If these grounds are going to be closed, the commissioners would not approve this.

Also will mention concern of size of lots, feeling they should be larger and requesting desire to have Planning & Zoning consider this, and have these people designate area for school and recreation area. Copies of letter listing public and private shellfish beds will be sent to State Health Department, with carbon copies to Planning & Zoning and Tidewater Fisheries.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

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President