

July 21, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

Roads Program

Senator Raley, Delegate John H. Briscoe met with the commissioners to review the roads programmed by the SRC for St. Mary's County: Rt. 235 from Patuxent Beach Road to Md. Rt. 246, 3.74 miles, construction to begin in September 1965. Md. Rt. 5, 0.6 miles north of St. Inigoes Creek to Md. 235 at Ridge, 4.31 miles, construction to begin in October 1965. Md. Rt. 235 from St. Andrews Road to Patuxent Beach Road, 1 mile, construction to begin September 1965. Senator Raley said that they are also going to do the Compton Road. He further stated that once this is signed, this is what the SRC will have to do, as required under the law. If there are any funds remaining, this will be applied to the extending of 235 north from St. Andrews Road.

Contract will be let in August for the road from end of construction in Waldorf. This will be done by the end of 1966 from Waldorf to St. Mary's County line. Plans are to follow the same highway in Lexington Park and make the same type road as is in Waldorf proper. This might run from Hollywood to Lexington Park. This type of construction would eliminate possible long drawn out disputes concerning right of way, etc.

The commissioners and Senator Raley signed the program as presented, as did Mr. John H. Briscoe. Mr. Burch will deliver same to Mr. Henry Fowler for his signature.

Salary Review

Senator Raley mentioned reviewing salaries of the elected officials and asked that the commissioners arrange a meeting for this purpose. This meeting should include the two delegates, Senator Raley, and the three commissioners. Next Tuesday evening was set as a tentative date.

Air-conditioning Health Building

Mr. Chandler reviewed his recommendations for this project. He said there are some walls that may be difficult to go through but this would not be a problem. He recommends putting the compressor and condenser on the ground behind the building. This could be camouflaged with shrubbery. Separate air handlers would be placed upstairs and downstairs. He presented his proposal to the commissioners and his fee would be \$900 for drawing up plans and specifications. He said that the cost to do this job would be approximately \$21,000.

Mr. Frank E. Williams, Jr., has submitted a bid of \$1500 to design the air-conditioning system for this building.

Carver Heights Health Building

Dr. Alan Houser and Mr. Paul Raley, reported their findings after inspecting this building for needed repairs. Dr. Houser said his department does not have any money for this work. He presented a copy of the Health Department

operational plan to the commissioners. He said he had asked for money to remodel this building, and in this report he had mentioned that no money had been appropriated for this purpose. He feels it would take approximately \$20,000 to properly do this. Dr. Houser also mentioned that the rewiring job done by Mr. B. Smith was the sloppiest he has ever seen. At this point, Mr. Raley stated that Mr. Smith had informed him that an old building did not have to conform to the code. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. McKeever, the inspector, should be asked to come in and inspect this building. Could arrange to have Dr. Houser, Mr. Raley, and Mr. Burch meet in Lexington Park.

Mr. P. Raley reviewed with the commissioners the wording of the deed for this building and property. The deed states that the building must be completely used for health purposes for a period of 20 years, continuously, and have no other purpose. He said that the entire building is in deplorable condition, and according to an inspection made by Mr. Bean, the sheathing on the roof is showing in many places. Dr. Houser said that in the original plan submitted they had intended to use every part of this building. Mr. Burch mentioned that perhaps it would be more feasible to build a new building to house the health center, but Dr. Houser said that the building is in fairly good condition, much more so than the building in the Lexington Park when taken over by the Board of Education. He feels it would cost \$200,000 to replace this building.

The heating system is in need of some attention and there is no hot water even though the boiler is running. It was decided that Mr. Raley would ask for bids to put this building in condition, but these will not be advertised. Mr. Raley will handle this by telephone.

Library Road

Mrs. Polly Barber, Gen. Hogaboom, Col. Baxter, stated they had heard that Library Circle Road was going to be blacktopped, and asked that the road be moved over in line with the road going past the Welfare Building and the Post Office. Gen. Hogaboom explained that under the new state law, the library will have plans for some extension of their facilities as there will be funds available for this. By relocating the road, the library will have sufficient room to add a wing. Gen. Hogaboom also mentioned that Col. Baxter was replacing Col. Simpson on the board.

The commissioners will discuss this with Mr. Hall this afternoon.

(Mr. Donaldson came in at this point).

Roads

Mr. T. Hall presented maintenance report - amount spent for the month of July - \$7,223.74. He stated that he had tried to reconcile the amount of work to be done with the \$62,500 given him by the commissioners, and needed an additional \$46.67. By pulling two roads, 7 Gables Road and the Flatiron Road, he can keep within this amount. These two roads might possibly be done out of the maintenance funds. If not, they will have to come out of the general fund. Mr. Hall given check for \$46.67, No. 20108, Voucher No. 27715, to make the difference needed.

Mr. Hall said that under the bond issue of \$124,000, we have programmed \$113,757.03. There is still a balance of \$10,242.97, and this could be programmed toward the Dr. Johnson Road, and the balance for same would have to come out of the general fund. He said that no money had ever been programmed for the Bayne Road or the Johnson Road. In order to do these roads and Saratoga Drive, would take an additional \$17,000.

Mr. Hall said he will write the letter pertaining to the schedule requested by Mr. Brodsky for the \$124,000 bond issue and have Mr. Burch sign it.

Mr. Bowles suggested that a "no U turn" sign be placed at the intersection of Courthouse Drive and the road going down the hill to the Leonardtwn Wharf. Mr. Hall said people on Old Route 235 in Oakville have requested a 30 mph speed limit. Letter will be written requesting same.

Discussed request concerning library road. Mr. Hall said this road is in the bond issue program and it would probably cost more to do this as these people are requesting it. He said this road has been graveled in order to make this a two way road and it would cost more money to change this now.

Nursing Home Contract Signing

Present: Members of the Nursing Home Committee, Mr. T. Quinlan and Mr. K. Sobiski, of E. H. Noakes & Associates, Mr. Oliver Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Carl Loffler, contractor, and Mrs. Loffler.

Mr. Burch extended greetings to those present. Mr. Guyther was asked his findings in his review of the contract and he reported they were in order and ready for signatures. Mr. Quinlan also stated that the contract was acceptable to his firm. Mr. Burch and Mr. Loffler then proceeded to sign the contract, affixing their respective seals thereto. Three copies given to Mr. Quinlan, one to Mr. Loffler, and two retained in the commissioners' office.

Mr. John Philabert, editor of the St. Mary's Beacon, covered this event for publication in same.

Mr. Quinlan, Mr. Sobiski, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. M. Dean, Mr. & Mrs. Loffler, and the commissioners then discussed the walls to be constructed in the nursinghome. Mr. Loffler said using plaster instead of the dry walls would be an additional cost above his original bid and furnished the commissioners with the information. Now a decision will have to be made as to what type wall is to be used. Mr. Dean said the committee would rather have the plaster walls, and in his experience, plaster walls have always cost more than the dry walls.

Mr. Loffler explained that the exterior walls would remain the same in either case, wood furring strips with aluminum backing. He is working up cost estimates for some changes that the Health Department says must be made. Bids will be taken for the hardware for this building. According to Mr. Quinlan, \$500 to \$600 will be the approximate cost of the changes mentioned by Mr. Loffler Above. Mr. Loffler asked that a decision be made on this as soon as

possible and he be informed. Mr. Burch said this will be done within the next week or ten days. This will be discussed with Mr. Donaldson.

Merit System

The commissioners approved the rules and regulations as set forth and this will be sent to the state for approval. Mr. Guyther will frame the necessary resolution affecting this.

Clerk of Court

Mr. Greenwell has asked that the commissioners grant \$400 for the law library as they are short of funds just now. This will come out of the court cost appropriations. Mr. Donaldson explained that Mr. Greenwell stated that they are thinking about going to the legislature to ask for authority of the commissioners to grant \$1,000 per year for the library. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Donaldson should issue a check for the \$400 requested.

Radio for State's Attorney

Mr. P. Raley reported he had called several counties concerning this matter and was told the state's attorney for these counties did not have a two way radio in the car. He also stated he had discussed this with the state police but had not mentioned who the radio was for. Mr. Burch said he feels they should know who wants this radio and whether or not they want this on their frequency.

Old County Furniture

Mr. Raley reported that the county agent had gotten new furniture, and the old furniture belongs to the county. He explained he had sent inventory forms to all departments for listing of furniture belonging to the county in each office. Trooper Miedzinski has requested one of the old file cabinets removed from the county agent's office. Mr. Raley asked what the commissioners wanted done with the old furniture and was told that the commissioners do not want to have a policy of selling any furniture.

Loaned two typewriters to the state police but made copies of the registration numbers, and gave one to them. There are other pieces of furniture over there belonging to the county. One of the desks gotten from the county agent has been placed in the center office of the Clerk of Court for Mrs. Rounsaville's use.

New Furniture

Mr. Raley is still investigating purchase of a new conference table for the commissioners' conference room. He has ordered three chairs from Bill Raley and if these are satisfactory, will purchase same.

Assessors Salaries and Retirement

There is a move to have the state pay 100% of the assessors salaries and they would then be full state employees. The state would like to bring this about

so as to have full control of said offices throughout the state.

The commissioners reviewed with Mr. Donaldson the letter concerning retirement for the assessors. Mr. Bowles suggested writing to these people and asking them to state the liability for each man if this can be paid in a lump sum. This will be done.

Economic Consultant

Mr. G. Kennedy, of the Gladstone firm, is very pleased with the report sent to him by Mr. P. Raley. He wants record of the building permits issued from 1960 up until the present. Mr. Kennedy said his office would pay to have someone hired to do this. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Raley should do so.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
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President