

July 28, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

Recreation and Parks

Mr. Fred McCoy reported that the Dept. of Forests and Parks is trying to make a survey of all facilities, state, federal and county, as there is a bill that will aid in the acquisition and development of local outdoor recreation areas. It is his job to make this report for St. Mary's County, and Mr. McCoy wanted to know any such areas existing at present, either operated by the county or by Leonardtown. The only park operated by the county is Nicolet Park in Lexington Park. The report is to include parks of ten acres or more which are now in existence or planned for the next five years.

Mr. Burch mentioned that the commissioners had discussed the possibility of purchasing some land around some of the public landings in the county for public parks, but nothing has actually been planned to date. Several small parks around the county would be of help. Mr. McCoy read a letter relative to this project indicating that Maryland has been selected as a pilot state for this program, and will be eligible for \$1,500,000 over a period of ten years after this survey is completed.

The department has asked that this information be forthcoming by August 17th. Mr. Burch said he felt that the commissioners should give this some serious thought and possibly make some future plans, and the commissioners agreed. Mr. McCoy was asked to come in again next week for further discussion of this program.

Sheriff's Clerk's Salary

Sheriff Miedzinski said that Mrs. B. Combs was given a raise in salary when she went on full time, but she is also working for the trial magistrate and the sheriff feels she should be paid for this work, also. Mrs. Boyd works for both the trial magistrate and the sheriff and receives pay from both offices, but Mrs. Combs is paid under the trial magistrates office, only. The sheriff also feels that as Mrs. Eisgrau was hired at a higher salary than that paid to Mrs. Combs, the later should receive more money.

At present Mrs. Combs salary is \$2500 per year, and Mrs. Boyd is paid \$2600 under the trial magistrate's budget, and \$714 under the sheriff's budget, a total of \$3314.

Mr. Donaldson said he had been approached by Mrs. Combs about this matter and he had informed her that the budget granted to the sheriff had been exactly what he had requested, and she would have to take this up with him. Mr. Donaldson and the commissioners discussed this and reviewed the actual budget submitted by the trial magistrate, and the budget was granted exactly as requested.

Mr. Burch asked for a vote to leave this matter as it now stands until after the merit system is in operation. Vote was unanimous to table this matter for the time being.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall suggested that the commissioners should get a legal opinion about stopping commercial people from using the county dumps to dispose of their debris.

He reported that Snow Hill Road has a coat of gravel all the way through, and is 99% completed. Lanedon Road has also been graveled. Willows Road is 80% completed, and has passed the necessary tests. He is now trying to get the PBR to test the Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road. Stated that the Page Pond Road had been up to specifications when he inspected it several months ago, but he will inspect same again, and if still up to specifications, the commissioners agreed that this road should be taken into the county system. Mr. Hall will call the commissioners office after inspection is made.

Wilson Butler Road - needs front end loader to work this, and they are all being used at the present time. Mr. Hall said he will make a note of this and keep it in mind, and also the Nalley Road. The latter can be worked on in the winter as this is a sand road. The first section of Nicolet Park is completed. This contract was given to the Hardin Company. Dr. Johnson Road will cost \$21,615.47, and Mr. Hall said he would like to get started on this. The portion of the road that is surface-treated will be left until next year, as this only has to be widened a little. Will begin clearing next week.

Mr. Burch mentioned that he had been approached about cutting through the Shangri La Drive to meet the Essex Drive at Great Mills Road. Mr. Hall was asked to survey this and make an estimate as to cost, and this might be considered at some future date.

Reviewed money from the 11th Series Bond Issue and how it has been programmed. Mr. Hall suggested leaving the \$243 in this fund, and taking the \$11,615.47 from the general fund for the Dr. Johnson Road and they can get started on this in the next couple of days. (Mr. Donaldson was called in at this point.) Mr. Hall explained the situation and asked for the amount of money needed as mentioned above. Further explained that \$17,000 would take care of all the roads remaining to be done on this program. The Bayne Road will cost \$3,000. Mr. Hall will have to have the entire cost of the Dr. Johnson Road and then when the bond issue money is available, this can be taken from that. Mr. Hall given check #20200, Voucher #28807, in the amount of \$21,615.47.

Mr. Hall said he had requisitioned 4200 tons of material for our blacktopping schedule. He is trying to keep the oiling schedule going along as rapidly as possible in order to get it completed. Said half-mile of the Happy Land Road might be done at a cost of \$7,000, and another half-mile another year. The present schedule is very full and it would not be wise to tear up a road and have to leave it during the winter months.

Mr. Hall said three additional trucks have been hired to do the gravel hauling as all the regular trucks are now doing oiling.

The commissioners and Mr. Hall adjourned to go and look over the Library Circle Road, relative to a request by the library at last week's meeting, to move this road over to give them room for expansion.

Maintenance report - July 20 - 27 - \$5,019.02. For the month of July - \$12,242.76.

Half-Year Taxes

Letter from Mr. David Gruber, auditor, relative to this matter reviewed by the commissioners. Mr. Bowles said he would be inclined to follow Mr. Gruber's suggestions as listed in the letter, dated June 2nd. Mr. Burch asked for a vote on this matter and vote was unanimous that this should be done as outlined by Mr. Gruber. It was also agreed that the public should be educated to the fact of why this has to be done. Mr. Gruber will be notified of this decision.

Insurance Matters

Mr. Donaldson said the county is protected as to what the employees might do, but we do not have any insurance if anything happens to county employees. Police insurance would cost \$2.25 per hundred; on the people burning dumps, \$3.48 per hundred, and all other county employees, \$.10 per hundred. This would be a blanket policy and is based on the payroll.

Oil Bids

Letters will be sent to all companies, asking them to submit bids for oil to be delivered to county buildings. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., August 18, 1964, to be opened on that date.

Air-Conditioning the Health Building

Mr. R. M. Chandler and Mr. F. E. Williams, who submitted bids for designing system for this project, will be advised that the commissioners are abandoning this project for the time being. Both gentlemen will be thanked for the time and effort spent to submit said proposals.

Commitment Forms for Prisoners

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mr. Gatton, jailor, reported that Mrs. Buckler is the only justice of the peace who writes commitment papers for the prisoners she commits to the jail. The other jp's will not do this. Mr. Guyther told Mr. Raley that it is known in Lexington Park that Mr. Brylawski has made it clear that he is not to be bothered after 12:00 p.m. Mr. Raley said he had mentioned to the state's attorney and the sheriff about getting together and making some arrangements about this matter.

Mr. Norris stated to Mr. Raley that Mr. Gatton should not accept any prisoner without a commitment paper. Mr. Gatton will be informed not to accept any prisoners without commitment papers and let the sheriff and the deputies take care of this.

Sheriff's Building in Lexington Park

Mr. Leroy Buckler will put two coats of paint on this building (outside) for \$70.00. This price includes the tiling of the floor. The commissioners agreed that this should be done. Mr. Raley is trying to get a sign made for this building, and will take care of this.

Willows Road Dump

Mr. Raley is going to present Mr. Rose with a bill for cleaning up this dump. Mr. Rose also damaged the fence when he removed his debris from this area, and he has agreed to pay for this. Mr. Raley said this dump is in deplorable condition and filled with items that will not burn. Mr. Rose will be given a bill for the fence and reinstallation of same. He will be charged for labor at \$32 for four hours of grading, and the cost of the fence at a retail price.

Mr. M. Jarboe was contacted about moving this debris from the dump and he told Mr. Rose it was impossible for him to do this. He said he would not attempt to take his truck into the dump because of the way debris was piled up all over the area.

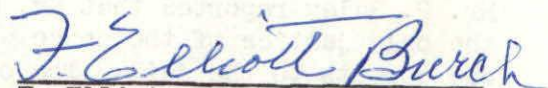
Mr. Burch suggested charging this man for the fence, plus installation, and what it would cost to move two loads of debris. Mr. Jarboe could give an estimate of the later cost. Mr. Raley will follow this procedure.

Confiscated Property

Mr. P. Raley asked the commissioners if the sheriff owns the property confiscated by him. The commissioners stated it is their feeling that this should be the property of the court. Mr. Miedzinski made the statement to Mr. Raley that he has given such confiscated property to various people in the county, and cited examples to Mr. Raley, stating that he had given window bars to Pennisi for Penny's Place, in one instance. Mr. Raley informed the commissioners that according to the law, this property can be sold by the commissioners, and does not belong to the sheriff at all.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


 F. Elliott Burch
 President