

August 25, 1964

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell

Civil Defense Vacancy

Mr. Herbert Joy requested that the commissioners consider his qualifications when filling the vacancy to be effected when Mr. C. Donaldson leaves. Mr. Joy said he is the senior man at the control tower, having two weeks seniority over Mr. George Duke. Stated he would welcome any inquiries made to the people he has worked with as to his abilities. Mr. Joy was informed that Gen. Hogaboom would be in later this morning to meet with the commissioners and this would be discussed with him. Mr. Joy said that he is 42 years old.

Youth Commission Program

Mr. A. Barthelme presented programs of what has been done during the summer. He said that the Youth Commission will have a tent at the County Fair to display arts and crafts worked by the children during the summer months. There will also be a picture display and a float is being constructed entirely by the children without adult help. Theme of the float is "Leisure Time for Recreation". Cost for the summer program was \$3,628.00, which was the salaries. Cost for equipment was \$1100.00.

Mr. Barthelme told the commissioners of the various marathons to be run in connection with the County Fair. There will be several college teams competing, possibly one from the naval academy, and one from the naval air station. Mr. Barthelme said that the matter of the relays being run on the roads has been checked with the police, and Mr. King has approved the program for the public schools.

The winter basketball program will be as it was last year, with one additional location, Clements High School. This program will cost about \$500.00.

Mr. Barthelme mentioned there was \$1673.48 in the appropriation last year which was not utilized, and he would like to have this money to use for equipment this year. This will be checked with Mr. Donaldson. If it cannot, Mr. Barthelme said there would be no problem. Next summer they will need a big budget for equipment.

Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom reported he had gotten a bus to use as a command post during fires so that there will be communications at such times. Mr. C. Donaldson incurred \$18.36 expenses for the trip and Gen. Hogaboom recommends that he be paid for this expense, and presented an itemized account. The commissioners agreed and Mr. Burch signed same.

Gen. Hogaboom said that in relieving Mr. Donaldson of his job, we could advertise for a man or use one of the men already working on a six months probation period with the understanding that the job would then become fulltime if the man proved satisfactory. He recommends the latter procedure.

Gen. Hogaboom said that George Duke seems to have the qualifications needed in almost every respect, has a good understanding of the equipment, and recommends giving him this job on the probationary status mentioned. Mr. Burch mentioned that Mr. Joy came in this morning about the job. Gen. Hogaboom said he does not feel that Mr. Joy has the administrative ability necessary for this work, but agreed to interview both of these men again and present a written recommendation to the commissioners.

Salaries reviewed as follows: senior operator - \$4600, three top operators - \$3700, other two operators - \$3400. Gen. Hogaboom said that there will be another vacancy to fill when Mr. Donaldson leaves and one of the men now working is promoted. He named a Mr. Tom Carey, who is highly qualified for the job. He has served four years in the navy and has had communications training. The general also said there is a possibility that under the merit system the county might get some matching funds and pay the men more money and yet it could not cost the county as much.

Gen. Hogaboom informed the commissioners he had reviewed all applications for the position of deputy director and had narrowed the list down to three men, Mr. Otis Wood, Cdr. D. Everman, and Mr. B. Burroughs. He feels that Mr. Everman is extremely well qualified, but this man wants a salary of \$500. The salary for the job is \$3600, and the general asked the commissioners if they would consider raising this to \$4800 if most of this would come from matching funds. He feels we could get this man for \$400 per month. Mr. Burch said he would like to discuss this with Mr. Bowles, who was not present at this time.

School Bus Routes

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mrs. E. Beachum has no transportation for her children. She carried 25 children to St. Josephs last year, but with the new arrangement, 15 of these children will not be attending this school. The other 10 children have been put on Mr. Herbert's bus. Mr. Raley checked with the parents and they do not know if the children are going to attend the parochial schools. Father Scher has stated they have not registered as yet, so these children will have to be placed on the bus later on if they do register. Mr. Raley wanted to know if the county would have to pay Mrs. Beachum's wages until her contract expires even if she does not have a bus route. Under the contract, same can be withdrawn for good reason, and Mr. Raley will contact Mrs. Beachum and inform her that we have no further use for the bus service. Mr. Raley said that he had heard that Paul Bell and Redman Bean were buying new buses, and a possible third man, whose name he did not know.

Bus Transportation - Academy

Mr. P. Raley mentioned request for transportation for girls from the lower end of the county who were going to attend St. Mary's Academy. Mr. Burch said it was his understanding that this was not going to be done. Mr. Raley said he would not recommend this practice. This will be discussed with Mr. Bowles later.

Ballot Boxes

Mr. Cero of the State Assessment Office has requested one of the old ballot boxes. Request denied.

Mosquito Control Truck

Mr. Raley reported that there was no heater or defroster in the truck purchased from Fenwick's, and he called Mr. George Sanger about this. Mr. Sanger said he would order these items and install them in the truck at their expense. Mr. Raley cited to Mr. Sanger that all companies bidding had been given the same specifications and the heater and defroster were listed. Insurance on this truck has also been taken care of.

Mosquito Control Supervisor

Ralph Brown receives \$500 per year from the National Guard, of which he is a member. He has to decide if he wants to remain in this outfit, and has requested that the county increase his salary for the amount mentioned if he withdraws from the organization. He feels he will have to do so as the mosquito control work becomes too involved when he is away on the annual two week maneuvers. The commissioners denied this request.

Calculator for Assessment Office

Mr. Herbert has requested another calculator for his office. The machine costs \$575, with a 15% discount of \$86.25, making total cost of \$488.75. Mr. Cecil also needs an adding machine and is now using the one from the commissioners office. He has a calculator from Mitchell, which they have been using, and Mr. Cecil would like to keep. A new adding machine costs \$269.55, with a 10% discount. The commissioners decided that there is no money in the budget for the purchase of the calculators.

Trial Magistrate's Office

Need rolling shelves for the dockets. Mr. Raley will investigate possibility of one being in Mr. Donaldson's former office in the Court Square Building, and may be able to purchase same.

Roads

Mr. Hall has checked Maple Drive and Mr. Dean is asking for a letter from the commissioners stating that this road will be taken into the county system. Mr. Dean has presented a deed for this to them. Mr. Hall said that the letter should state that this will be done under certain conditions, and he will dictate said letter to this effect.

Rosecroft - Mr. M. Jarboe stated to Mr. Hall that originally they were told they would have to put six inches of gravel on the road, but Mr. Hall said this is not so. Junior Raley told this man nine inches, with six inches on the shoulders. This was three or four years ago. Planning & Zoning regulations state the specifications and a letter will be sent to Mr. Jarboe stating same.

Mr. Hall reported that Wm. Hardin had not completed work in Nicolet Park. The commissioners discussed this matter and agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr. Hardin stating that if all work was not completed within ten days, he would forfeit the balance still owed him and the right to continue any other work contracted for relative to the ball parks.

Golden Beach, Skyview and Cross Woods Drives - Col. Barger has requested constructing 18 foot roadbed for these roads, and according to Mr. Hall there is nothing written on the plats stating that this is sufficient width. The main road going in is 20 feet, but the rest are 18 feet. Mr. Hall said there is not enough traffic on either of these roads to warrant surface treating at this time, and it should not be done until such time as it does. These roads are up to specifications according to Mr. Hall and there is enough room for a 20 foot roadbed, although this width might deteriorate along the edges as there is not enough traffic at present to keep it alive. After general discussion, the commissioners agreed that the 20 foot roadbed should be the requirement on these roads.

Colmar Lane - Mr. Hall said gravel here is sufficient but it is not wide enough. Mr. Dobry is in the process of fixing this and will call Mr. Hall when it is ready for final inspection.

Additional 30 mph signs are being placed on Great Mills Road in the Lexington Park area. The commissioners agreed that 25 mph speed limit should be posted in the Patuxent Park area. Mr. Hall will make a study to determine the cost and what signs are needed. Mr. T. Rice, President, Lexington Park Chamber of Commerce, who had inquired about speed limits being posted in Patuxent Park will be informed of above action, and also that Center Gardens is private property and the commissioners have no authority to post speed limit signs here. Mr. Rice will also be informed of complaint received by commissioners' office relative to dumping of old car bodies behind Anderson Court in the Center Gardens area.

Maintenance report - August 18 - 25 - \$4,228.80. Spent so far this month - \$12,711.68.

Carver Heights Health Building

Dr. A. Houser and Mr. P. Raley. Mr. Burch mentioned discussion concerning improvements to be made to this building and that Dr. Houser and Mr. Raley were supposed to work something up. Dr. Houser said a man from the central office had been down to inspect the place and was pleased with the progress that had been made, especially with the school room for the retarded children. Dr. Houser said he did not believe that GSA would take this building back as one-third of it is being utilized. He mentioned the federal research program which is going to be based here, to last two years, and can be renewed after that time. This program will be to study the maternal death rate and St. Mary's County is being used as control county for the program. Two people have already been hired and there will be about eight more.

Dr. Houser said that the wiring had been completed even though not very well. Mr. Burch said he will get Mr. McKeever to inspect the building and pass the work done. Mr. Raley stated that Mr. B. Smith told him that old buildings do not have to come up to the code, but Mrs. Smith said that they did. Mr. Burch and Mr. Raley will meet in Carver Heights in the morning, and try to have Mr. McKeever there also. Dr. Houser and Mr. Raley will work together to figure out what needs to be done here.

School Buses - Academy

Mr. Ridgell will call Mother Catherine Agnes at St. Michael's High School and ask about the matter of the girls from Ridge area attending St. Mary's Academy.

The commissioners will meet on Wednesday of next week.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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