Wednesday.

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

## Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom discussed possible replacements for Mr. C. Donaldson, who has resigned as chief operatorin the control tower, and necessity of replacing a man at the bottom. He suggested Mr. Thomas G. Carey, who was in the navy for five years, and attended radio teletype operators school. Mr. Donaldson and the general have talked with this man and both feel he is capable and dependable. Starting salary in this year's budget for this job is \$3400, and it was recommended he start on September 16th.

Gen. Hogaboom said he had two people in mind to replace Mr. Donaldson - George Duke and Herbert Joy, both of whom have been working in the control center eight years. Of the two, the general recommends Mr. Duke, who he feels would be better able to handle the administrative work. He recommends \$4300 as a starting salary for the job. Joy and Duke are now earning \$3700 each. Gen. Hogaboom stated that in his new position, Mr. Donaldson will be paid \$6300 per year, plus expenses, and will also have uniforms. He further mentioned that he had not seen any signs of displeasure by Mr. Donaldson so far as his present position is concerned.

Gen. Hogaboom said that Major Ellison is convinced, that under the merit system, the state will pick up half of the entire budget of the control center. Major Ellison said if we work fast, perhaps this could be accomplished on a temporary basis by October 1st. Mr. Burch suggested possibility of offering Mr. Donaldson more money, as the salary for this job may be increased under the merit system, and perhaps he would stay.

Concerning job of deputy director of civil defense, Gen. Hogaboom feels Mr. Everman is the best man, and then Mr. Otis Wood. However, Mr. Everman asked for \$500 per month salary, and there is the possibility that he would give up this job if he is hired by the government to work on the base.

The general said he would talk with Mr. Herbert and Mr. Joy again. He also asked if the commissioners would want to consider making Mr. Donaldson deputy director. He will come in again this afternoon for further discussion.

At the afternoon meeting, Gen. Hogaboom reported he had talked with Mr. C. Donaldson and the latter stated he would stay if the commissioners would offer him a comparable salary to what he had been offered. He further stated his reason for asking this is because he must have an answer to give to the people concerned as to why he is refusing the position offered. The general feels we can get matching funds for this by the 1st of October and if it would fit the county system, it would be all right to raise some of the salaries in this department. He pointed out that Mr. Donaldson has a large installation to operate and only five men working for him. Also has a great deal of equipment and ten years experience. Gen. Hogaboom feels the job is well worth the \$6300 per year it would take to keep Mr. Donaldson here. Mentioned that he

feels a second man should be gotten to take over in case he is needed and Mr. Donaldson was not there.

Gen. Hogaboom said Mr. Donaldson is not interested in being deputy director of civil defense, but wants to be chief operator as all of his experience is in that field.

The commissioners will notify Gen. Hogaboom of their decision in this matter.

## Half-Year Taxes

Mr. Donaldson and the commissioners discussed the half-year tax bill and correct way to handle this matter. Mr. Donaldson said that Mr. Gruber must have an answer on what the tax rate will be for these half-year bills and must know today. After general discussion, the commissioners agreed that \$.95 would be the county tax rate for the half-year billing, and \$.05 fire tax for the 8th District.

## Roads

Mr. T. Hall presented maintenance report - August 25 - 31 - \$2,396.75, amount spent during August - \$15,108.43.

Letter from Mr. Thompson regarding permission granted to Mr. M. Dean to work on Esperanza Road reviewed, a copy of which was sent to Mr. Dean. The commissioners agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr. Dean, with a copy to Mr. Thompson, requesting that the former not do any work on said road until further notice, in view of the facts contained in Mr. Thompson's letter. Copy of letter will be sent to Mr. Hall.

Letters will be sent to Mr. T. Rice and Rev. L. Lineberger informing them that <u>Shangri Ia Drive</u> extension is being reviewed by Mr. Hall, who will estimate cost to do same, and this project will be considered for the future, but cannot be done this year.

Golden Beach Roads - the commissioners agreed that the performance bond should be put up for these roads. Shangri Ia Drive - Mr. Hall will have to find out how the lines are, drainage, etc., and make an estimate on this. Mr. Gabrelcik can be asked to have a survey made to run a line every 100 feet for Mr. Hall. Plats will be checked for street lines here, as same may be already recorded.

Colmar Lane - drainage and gravel are correct, but the gravel is not compacted enough to warrant surface treatment yet. This road is only 300 feet long. The commissioners agreed that this matter should be handled the same as all others so far as specifications are concerned. Mr. Dobry will be asked if a letter of intent from the county would be satisfactory for his business with the FHA.

Signs will be placed in Patuxent Park for speed limit. <u>Bayne Road</u> - \$3,281.94 cost to construct this road, and the extra \$200 above the original estimate is to go around the barn, thereby increasing the cost. Mr. Hall asked for check in the above amount and was given Check #20553, Voucher #29160. He will check

as to why we have not received the money from the 11th Series Bond Issue which was supposed to have been sent in August.

Lowest bid for blacktopping received from Dean & Beavers, \$6.45 a ton. \$5.73 a ton for state blacktopping from McQuire and Rolfe.

## Treasurer's Office

Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed that a ten column adding machine, priced at \$269.50, should be purchased for this office. (Mr. Bowles was not present at this time.)

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

President