

September 15, 1964

Present: All commissioners.

Youth Commission

Dr. Davis and Mrs. Ripple, Chairman, stated that the Youth Commission objects to the broadcasts by Dr. C. McIntyre, as it is their feeling he appeals to the baser instincts of the young people who hear him. It is their opinion that if this man had to be licensed and submit a certified account of how the money he asks for is to be spent, this might discourage him. Dr. Davis and Mrs. Ripple suggested that a law might be passed to the effect that any appeal for funds from an organization outside the county must be licensed and submit a certified account of where the money goes. Funds could not then be used for any individual. Dr. Davis stated that the clergy of the county are in sympathy with what the Youth Commission wants to do, as they feel Dr. McIntyre is undermining the confidence of the young people in the church and government.

This matter will have to be discussed with Senator Raley and Mr. Guyther so far as possibility of enacting a law concerning this.

Mrs. Ripple mentioned that the recreation program for the summer was very well received. Mentioned possibility of getting a building to be used by the young people in the county for their activities. This building could also be used for other things to keep it in continuous use all day long, and not just for after school hours. Might also consider using it for a program for the older people in the county.

Camp Saysf Road

Mr. T. Davidson, Mr. J. Rue, Mr. Brown. Mr. Davidson said that they have been trying to get this road done for many years and have tried to express the great need here. There has been a 40 foot right of way since 1945 or 1946. Presented aerial photo showing location of the road, and indicated 11 houses already in existence and three being built. Stated that the road is used continuously for activities by the camp and the chapel; approximately 200 people on Sunday, plus weekly traffic. In summer, there are about 100 people in residence in the camp and this traffic goes in and out every day.

There have been several serious accidents, and three cars have turned over. They are not asking for a paved or oiled road, but just that it be made two lanes for safety reasons. Discussed possibility of straightening bad bends for a distance of about one-quarter of a mile. Mr. Davidson asked if the one spot in the road that is practically impassable could be made safe by having the banks removed. This is the first high bank after entering the road.

Mr. Burch assured these gentlemen that the commissioners had given some consideration to this road even if it did not seem so. He suggested meeting them at the road site, with the SRC, to look over the situation. Mr. Burch will call Mr. Davidson about this matter.

School Buses

Mr. P. Raley, Mr. Guyther, Mr. R. Bean, Mr. Earl Gatton, Mrs. Edna Bell, Mr. S. Bailey, Mr. J. Hancock, Mr. John Gardiner. Mr. Bean said he is asking for assistance from the commissioners for the purchase of a 60 passenger bus to replace a 48 passenger bus. The other people present were also concerned about such assistance. Stated that the previous commissioners would pay \$300 for each bus when a larger one was added.

Mr. Bean said these routes were contracted at \$16,000 for three buses to go to Little Flower School and since then two more have been added. The \$16,000 arrangement was not a bid proposition, but was just set up in 1953 or 54. The two additional buses were not added by bids either, but were set up in an agreement with the commissioners in office at that time. The contract for the five buses is approximately \$23,000.

Discussed extensions that are made practically every year on the buses, which are paid at \$.20 per mile. Mr. Burch stated that we will probably have to come up with the same system the Board of Education uses so far as the size of the bus is concerned. Mr. Bean asked if a small increase in pay could be made instead of granting any money for the new buses. Mr. Gardiner said he thinks it was \$400 for an increase to a 60 passenger bus from a 48, and \$300 from a 54 passenger bus. He said the list price on a school bus with all specifications, 60 passenger, is \$7910.

Discussed new buses added. Mr. Bailey has added one 60 passenger bus to replace a 54 passenger bus, in 1962. Mrs. Hebb has new 60 passenger bus in service added this year, and has another one ordered. Mr. Hancock put on a new 60 passenger bus this year. Mr. Gatton has a 60 passenger bus ordered to replace a 54 passenger. He explained that he was paid \$1,000 in previous years to put on another bus rather than make another extra trip. The mileage was increased and the \$1,000 included this. This was in 1962.

Mr. Burch said this matter will have to be studied and he would like to see a formula arranged to cover any and all additions or buses that might be added later on. Mr. Gardiner said it had been the policy that when a new bus was put on, the contract was automatically renewed for four years. Also, that when a route is taken over by someone else, the new contractor is obligated to take over the buses.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall discussed with the commissioners extensions of Saratoga Drive and Shangri La Drive. He recommends finding out if a bond has been posted for the Shangri La Drive and Essex Drive. He will check this with Mrs. Gibson.

School bus turn arounds have been constructed at Nalley Road, James Road, Zuchs Farm, and Woodburn Hill. Are working on the Carpenter Road today. Have paved state Rt. 239 in Bushwood. On Maple Drive, the gravel shoulders are not right, they are too high. On the corner of Willows Court there is a drainage problem and this has been brought to the attention of Mr. M. Dean. According to Mr. Hall, Maple Drive is still not up to specifications.

Mr. Hall said that Mr. George Adams is no longer maintaining the Willows Road fill, and suggested that Mattingly and Beavans take over the maintenance of same. The commissioners agreed.

Mr. Hall said that the state does not have any money to purchase a Leaf King cleaner for the roads. Mr. Burch told Mr. Hall to have the representative come down and give a demonstration of this machine.

Reported that Mr. W. Hardin had died and Mr. E. Perisho is finishing the work on Nicolet Park. There is \$150 owing on this account and this will probably have to be paid to the estate. The second ball park has also not been finished. Mention made of the fact that the letter sent to Mr. Hardin on August 28th concerning this work was returned, unclaimed, in today's mail.

Mr. Hall said \$6.70 plus is the price for blacktop on the federal aid projects. Presented maintenance report - September 8 - 15 - \$5,150.19, so far this month - \$8,384.43.

Planning Consultant

Mr. Daniel Moore and Mr. Arthur Stellhorn, from Harland Bartholomew, presented maps made so far, for the commissioners review. They will make monthly reports and will put these in a preliminary report covering the first stages of this study. Drainage map analyzes topo of the county, showing where drainage occurs when development takes place. Traffic map illustrated traffic flow from information obtained from the SRC. Additional information will be added as Mr. Hall gives it to them. Mr. Stellhorn reviewed a map illustrating the existing beltway and some that are proposed, and this will probably effect the growth of the county. Other maps reviewed were 'existing land use map', 'pollution map', and 'condition of dwelling map'. There are about 1100 sub-standard houses in the county according to this map.

Problem of trailers discussed and difficulty in zoning areas because of trailers. This has to be handled so that it does not interfere with the more valuable properties. Mr. Burch mentioned hearing from Senator Raley about temporary control for trailer parks and subdivisions. Mr. Moore feels that someone with experience in the field of reviewing subdivisions should be available to study these problems. He said he might set up a method of controlling this. Could also add something in these temporary controls that would control the dumping of old cars around the county. Might possibly be a way to handle the establishment of junk yards, by having a licensing requirement. The more standards that are required in obtaining licenses, the better. Some kind of legislation enacted within 90 days or so might help to give the county a toe-hold in these areas.

Map of Leonardtown reviewed so far as it is completed. Expect more data about this, and also about Lexington Park.

Drag Strip

Mr. Raley reported drag strip to be constructed in the 4th District, by a Mr. J. M. Medley. This man wants a letter approving this project from the commissioners. The commissioners agreed that they did not want to become involved in matters of this type, and such letters should come from private individuals.

Roads

Mr. Hall said Saratoga Drive has been accepted, and can start within next three weeks, but needs check for \$2922.81. Given check #20683, Voucher #20290. Fill accounts need \$1,000. Given check #20684, Voucher #29291. Mechanicsville fill has been cleaned up, three hours work, \$25.00 for the bulldozer and \$10.00 for overhead, transportation, etc. Cost of keeping fill maintained is \$55.00 every three weeks. Half-way House and Willows Road fills will be burned by Mattingly and Beavens.

Mr. Hall reported that the alley between Singers Store and the fire department in Lexington Park is in the county system. He will check plats to get distance. Essex and Shangri La Drives - it is up to the developer to develop these streets to county specifications, as do other sub-dividers. Will check to find out status with Planning & Zoning Commission.

Bituminous concrete program will cost \$38,993.89, for eight projects. This will come from 11th Series Bond Issue. Mr. Hall given check #20685, Voucher #29292. Blacktop bid of \$6.45 by Dean & Beavers.

Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom and Mr. C. Donaldson and Mr. Otis Wood. Mr. Donaldson reported they need a letter from the commissioners to the Commissioner of Personnel in Baltimore, stating that there is no county merit system in effect at present, and requesting that the civil defense employees be placed under the state system until such time as the county system is effective. There are seven employees involved. Also requested statement from the commissioners adopting state standard travel regulation to cover Mr. Wood, \$.10 per mile for official trips, plus expenses, parking of car if this is the most direct route.

Under the merit system, the men at the control center will serve a probation period of six months. Increment runs ten years, minimum \$3400, maximum \$4400. Plan effective only to June 1965, then will revert to county merit system. Increment will run as follows: \$100 end of first year, six months probation period, \$100 first, \$250 end of five years, \$250 end of eight years, \$300 end of ten years. Charles Donaldson's salary - minimum \$4800, maximum \$6,000. Maximum is reached after ten years, and he has ten already. Copies of these salary schedules will be sent to the commissioners.

Mr. C. Donaldson will carry the requested letter to Pikesville and it will be in the hands of the federal government by October 1, 1964. The matching funds are federal funds.

The Colony

The commissioners discussed this matter and decided that in view of the pollution problems that have been brought to their attention by the State Health Department since their letter of July 1st to said department, it would not be prudent to allow any further discharge of sewerage or effluent into waters surrounding the county. Therefore, a letter will be sent to Mr. Brown requesting that he not approve a permit for a point of discharge into Cat Creek, dated as of this date. Letter sent. The commissioners feel that this action is in the best interest of the county people.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
F. Elliott Burch, President