

September 22, 1964

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

Rescue Squad Ground Request

Mr. P. Raley reported that he had received a call as to whether or not a decision had been made on the ground for the rescue squad building in Lexington Park, as requested at a meeting with the commissioners on September 8th. Plats and deeds will be investigated and this will be worked out by Mr. Raley and Mr. Guyther.

Bus Meeting

Mr. P. Raley reported on the meeting last night with the bus drivers and contractors. Mr. Wm. Kiefner of the Maryland Casualty Company, Washington, D. C., was guest speaker. Moveis were shown, and Mr. Kiefner stated that insurance companies want some kind of safety program instigated before they will insure the buses. Could possibly have a monthly meeting and set up rules and regulations as to what is required of the drivers. Mr. Kiefner stated that he had seen some drivers in the county that he would take off the road as they are vilating safety rules.

Mr. Raley said that the DMV will investigate practice of drivers who change equipment from one bus to another for inspection purposes. Mr. Kiefner has about forty rules he will send to Mr. Raley and these can be reviewed to see what would apply to our county.

Smoking on the buses was also discussed at the meeting, and Mr. Raley asked the feeling of the commissioners on this matter. Mr. Raley was instructed to request that there be no smoking on the buses by the drivers. Also mentioned during the meeting that safety awards could be presented to deserving drivers.

Hardin Construction Company

Mr. Evan Perisho asked the status of the work that has been done and the work still contracted for pertaining to Nicolet Park. Mr. Bowles said the first contract was not finished in accordance with the time set in the contract, and the second contract was not started in accordance with the terms of that contract. He mentioned letter sent to Mr. Hardin about this matter that was unclaimed.

Mr. Perisho said he was a partner of Mr. Hardin and presented a contract to this effect. He feels that the money due is owed to the Hardin Construction Company and should be paid to the company. Mr. Burch said he did not agree, unless this man could prove he had been appointed administrator. Mr. Perisho asked if the second contract is now void, due to Mr. Hardin's death. If it is, he will have to sign a new contract.

At the afternoon meeting, Mr. T. Hall presented copies of contracts made with Mr. Hardin for the work in Nicolet Park. He said the first one is complete and \$500 of the \$650 mentioned in the contract has been paid, leaving a balance of \$150. On the second contract some of the work has been finished, about

fifteen hours work, according to Mr. Perisho. Mr. Guyther and the commissioners discussed this matter with Mr. Perisho and Mr. Guyther explained that at the death of a partner, a partnership is dissolved. The half interest of the dead man is then liable for any debts against him. The \$150 should be paid by a check made out to the administrator of the Hardin estate and the company. When the second contract is completed, that check can be made out the same way. The contracts are signed by Mr. Hardin over the title "Hardin Construction Company" and were made by the Youth Commission. The second contract is for \$450.

Mr. Guyther said the check should be made out to Mr. Perisho and Mrs. Hardin, requiring both signatures, so that when the check is cashed, it would then be divided. He said the company can continue to function if Mrs. Harin, the attorney, and Mr. Perisho agree. Mr. Donaldson was instructed to make out a check in the amount of \$150 payable to Mr. Perisho, surviving partner, and the administrator of the estate of Billy Hardin, payment in full of the June 11th contract. The additional \$50 for the drainage will be included in the second contract, completion of work on same to be by August 1, 1965.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Perisho will meet at the park tomorrow afternoon and make an agreement as to when the work should be completed.

Banneker School

Mr. Holland, Mr. Somerville, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Scriber, were present to discuss crowded situation at this school. Stated that there are 810 students now in attendance, 340 in grades 1 through 6, and 470 in grades 7 through 12. This is 210 more students than expected. They wanted to know what the expected enrollment is of the new school being built at Clements, and whether or not the negro children in the Banneker high school were considered when it was planned. These people feel that if the high school grades were eliminated at Banneker, this would relieve the overcrowding of the lower grades. Mr. Burch stated that this information would have to come from the Board of Education. Mr. Holland said they have tried to get an appointment with Mr. King but have been unsuccessful to date.

Mr. Bowles explained that the commissioners have not exercised any policy so far as the schools are concerned other than to appropriate money for the building of them. The Board of Education makes any policy. Mr. Holland said they wanted to know the actual figures for enrollment at the new school, as they were told the only reason the negro children would be refused admission would be for reasons of overcrowding. Mr. Burch suggested that these people contact the Board of Education as they have all the figures on this. Mr. Holland said there would only be 180 students to be transferred from the senior high classes at Banneker and feels the new school could accommodate them. They will contact the Board of Education for the information they want.

Roads

Mr. Hall presented maintenance report - September 15 - 22 - \$6,495.32, amount spent so far this month - \$14,879.75. Reported skin patching roads in Town Creek which are in very poor condition, and suggested putting these roads on the blacktopping schedule for next year, or at least oil them. There are about six roads involved.

County paving has been started in Lexington Park, and Mr. Hall suggested that the commissioners look over the Library Road in Leonardtown to decide what is to be done with it before the blacktopping begins in that area. He will inspect Rt. 164 re request by Mr. J. C. Cherry concerning this road in the 1st District. Reported that extension of Maple Drive and Willows Court are up to specifications and that a letter be sent to Mr. M. Dean informing of this, with a copy to Mr. Hall. This will be done.

Mr. Hall reported that Mr. Wood had pushed the fill at Half-way House but did not do so according to instructions, but has agreed to correct this. Mr. George Taylor is going to allow the county to construct a fill on his property to replace the Klear fill when the lease for the latter expires in 1966. The lease for the fill on Mr. Taylor's property will read for "five years with a five year option". He will be asked to move the items he scavenges from the county fills from the front of his home as they are creating an eyesore. Mr. Guyther will draw up the required lease and description of the fill when necessary.

Court Appointed Attorneys

The commissioners asked Mr. Guyther about the practice of appointing counsel for persons who do not have same for court cases, and the procedure. Mr. Guyther said that these people are supposed to be unable to pay for counsel and this should be verified before such counsel is appointed by the court. He said he will discuss this with Judge Dorsey and Judge Loker as the above procedure does not appear to have been followed in some cases.

Committing Magistrate

The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Wm. Gatton should be appointed to the above position and will request Senator Raley to take the necessary steps to accomplish this.

Dog Damage Claims

Claim submitted by Mrs. D. Abell for 53 chickens killed by dogs will be paid in the amount of \$2.00 each, a total of \$106.00. Claim submitted by Mr. Morgan for hog killed will be paid in amount of \$20.00.

(Mr. Bowles left meeting at this point.)

Vocational Training Program

Mr. Jack Lancaster reported concern of Senator Raley as to lack of vocational interests in the county. He has been asked to form a county advisory committee to look into the human development and human resources in education, public works, welfare, etc., but especially vocational and technical training. This would be sponsored jointly by the Board of Education and the commissioners, and Senator Raley will talk with the commissioners about this. Mr. Lancaster feels someone should be on the committee to be responsible to Senator Raley in case legislation is needed. Presented list of twenty-two names from various fields of interest in the county who will be approached about serving on the committee. They will have a group meeting and want a representative from the Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, and Senator Raley to attend.

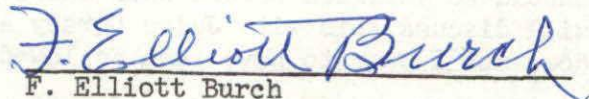
Mr. Lancaster said he has drafted a letter that he would like Senator Raley, the commissioners, and Mr. King to sign which will be sent to the proposed members of the committee. Mr. Henry Fowler will be the honorary chairman and Mr. Lancaster will be acting chairman. They will need someone to assist with the clerical work and Mr. Lancaster asked if the commissioners could assign someone to work with the committee in this respect.

Mr. Lancaster said that if this handled right from the beginning, almost 100% federal funds may be obtained. He reviewed with the commissioners the aspects of such a program and stated that the Board of Education had written to Senator Raley that they were pleased that such a program was being considered. Senator Raley would also like to have a letter from the commissioners stating that they are in favor of such a program, also.

The commissioners will meet on Monday of next week, instead of Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President