Monday.

Present:

Holidays

The commissioners agreed to grant the following holidays to county employees for the remainder of the current year: October 12 - Columbus Day, November 11 - Veterans Day, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day, December 24th and 25th - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and January 1, 1965 - New Year's Day. Department heads will be so notified.

Supervisors of Elections

Mr. W. Abell, Mr. C. Bailey, Mr. John Bean, and Mr. Joseph Mattingly, attorney, requested permission to hire an extra typist temporarily to type lists of registered voters, as there are requests for same which must be fulfilled. Also asked to have Mrs. Irene Mattingly work full time from now until after the election. The temporary typist will be needed approximately three weeks and a typewriter could be borrowed from someone in the courthouse to eliminate the necessity of renting one for such a short period of time.

General discussion concerning transporting books at election time and cost of \$20.00 being paid for each move. General feeling was that this amount was exorbitant and should be reduced. Mr. Joseph Mattingly said that the law states that \$20.00 is the maximum amount that can be paid, but does not state any minimum, and this amount could be lessened. Discussed fact that by only needing one book at the polls, this will eliminate the need for two people to transport the books as previously used under the old system, and will thereby save \$40.00 in this process, per precinct.

The commissioners agreed that the temporary typist should be hired at \$1.50 per hour and that Mrs. Mattingly be allowed to work full time, starting immediately, until after the election on November 3rd, at a pay increase of \$100 per month, making her total salary \$200 per month.

Mr. Ridgell asked these gentlemen for an itemized listing of how much will be saved after the new registration and the election takes place.

Animal Shelter Truck

The commissioners reviewed letter from Mr. A. Cooksey, President, Charles County Commissioners, regarding replacement of trucks by all three counties by a combined request for bids rather than individually purchased. Letter will be sent to Mr. Cooksey stating that in view of the fact that our truck has needed considerable repair in past weeks, this suggestion seems feasible, but Mr. Burch will discuss this further with him at a meeting this week.

Jail

Mr. Burch said he will speak with Mr. Charles Norris about the manner of record keeping at the jail and method of accepting prisoners, as this does not seem to be properly handled. Mr. Norris will be asked to do something about the situation as it now exists.

Ralph Abell Pension

The commissioners voted unanimously to pay the \$125 per month pension as set forth in the opinion handed down by Judge Dorsey. Mr. Guyther has advised that this is the proper procedure in this matter as same complies with the Circuit Court decision.

Mr. W. S. Donaldson was directed to prepare the necessary check covering the amount to be paid to Mr. Ralph Abell at \$125 per month, retroactive from January 1963 to September 30, 1964.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

President

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