

February 16, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Tarkill Subdivision

Mr. Robert Magee. Informed the commissioners that he has purchased the Millison right of way and interest, 30 feet, in the entrance road into his subdivision. This will be deeded to the county, and Mr. Magee asked if the commissioners would accept the 30 foot road. He stated that Mr. Goldbach has no interest in this road nor any equity, that (Mr. Magee) and Mr. Millison each own half of the road.

Mr. Magee said he has appealed to Planning and Zoning for relief, but they did not feel such relief was necessary at this time, and the Board of Appeals is his last resort. Mr. Sterling stated at the Planning and Zoning meeting that ownership of the road must be established, and an attorney made a title search. The attorney reported that Mr. Goldbach has no equity here at all, but that Mr. Millison and Mr. Magee each own half of the road, and the latter said he cannot get an additional ten feet from Mr. Millison.

Discussion concerning county specifications in subdivision. Mr. Magee said he is asking that the roads in his subdivision be held as private property, as he intended to set up an association and the people involved would decide how they wanted the roads handled. The county road does not continue to the water but ends at the subdivision. According to the law, roads in a subdivision must be owned by the county, and Mr. Magee feels this should be changed. He is concerned about the public using the beach, and Mr. Bowles suggested that he retain a strip of land at the end of the county road, and if the public went across this they would be trespassing. Planning and Zoning has informed Mr. Magee that his roads must be public, and Mr. Ridgell explained that this is because performance bonds are required on subdivision roads. Mr. Magee said that he had tried to get such bonds, and there is only one company that might comply. He stated that there should be some rule that when ten or fifteen percent of the lots have been sold and people are living on them, that the owner would be permitted to surface the street and turn it over to the county. The companies are reluctant about going into bonds because there are no definite rules about this.

Mr. Magee asked the commissioners to write him a letter about his road, and said that Mr. Sterling has been satisfied that the right of ownership has been established. He further stated that Mr. Goldbach's attorney said he had not checked the deed but knew only what Mr. Goldbach had told him.

Sanitary District

Mr. Dodds reported on the progress of this project and said he delivered the application in person to Philadelphia. There is no reason why the application should not go through and we should get the \$72,000 we asked for. Actual approval takes about four or five weeks. Should now begin talking about engineering contracts. Mr. Dodds has discussed this with Mr. Merchant and further action depends on the commissioners, and stated that his firm would like to do the work and is asking to be considered. Presented brochures for review. The \$72,000 covers the engineering and the firm doing the soil investigations. They are proposing lagoons to serve the Town Creek area.

This is the first stage of the engineering and the fees are established by a curve and are standard over the country. The \$72,000 is for preliminary planning, and there will be additional costs for final planning. An additional loan of \$62,000 can be applied for from the same agency. This money has to be repaid, usually from a bond issue. Mr. Dodds and the commissioners reviewed costs associated with this project, and Mr. Dodds said it is usual to take final plans, get bids from contractors, and sell bonds based on this. He suggested that while the commissioners are awaiting approval of the application they decide on the engineering firm. Mr. Burch told him the commissioners will have a meeting with the Sanitary Commission and arrive at a decision.

Board of Education

Mr. Kanowicz informed the commissioners of Board of Education interest in using data processing system. This would be established on a tri-county basis in an experimental program, and the three counties have agreed to this. The St. Mary's County Board of Education wants the commissioners to be aware that in next year's budget an item will be for \$12,750 for this system, \$1.50 per student. Mr. Kanowicz said he did not know how much of the money could be gotten from the state, but should no money be obtained, the above amount would be our share. The program has the sanction of the state department of education and they will supply the five or six thousand dollars to begin the program and take them up to the fiscal year July 1, 1965. Charles County's share will be about \$13,000 and Calvert County approximately \$7,000.

The center site selected is the Nike Site in Charles County, and this will keep the cost of operation down as the facilities already there can be used. This will be rental equipment, and the \$12,000 covers the engineer, the operators, all the costs of materials, etc. This program will provide the schools with a great deal of information and will require about three people at the center and one in the Board of Education office of each county. No personnel will be displaced because of this machinery but the people now working will be reassigned. Bid purchasing for the three counties would be done on a cooperative basis. The employees to operate the equipment would be Board of Education employees, and there would be a systems engineer who would be especially trained for such work. Charles County will take care of the custodial duties and the utilities with the proviso that the machinery be used in connection with their community college. Students from St. Mary's County can also go there to take courses of study.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall and Mr. Gene Cullum. Mr. Hall introduced Mr. Cullum who will be taking the former's position in St. Mary's County for a period of time. Maintenance for January \$22,948.43. Mr. Hall requested \$2,000 for the sanitary fill account. Discussed use of dumps by private operators and Mr. Hall feels that private operators should be informed in writing that the dumps are not for their use. He reported that Mr. Bennett has not been burning the dump on his property as he agreed, and Mr. Ridgell said he would speak with Mr. Bennett about this. Discussed possibility of another dump in the Spring Ridge area, and using the old gravel pits on Route 235 or St. James Road for this purpose. The dump at Ridge will have to be relocated as the new road is going through the present one. Stop sign has been placed on St. Clements Shores Road, and the Board of Education has requested that a stop sign be placed at the new Dynard school. If this request has not already been made, letter will be sent regarding same.

Signs have been erected in front of Charlotte Hall indicating a 30 mph zone. Suggested 40 mph zone on Old Route 5 through Charlotte Hall from the Oaks Road to Charlotte Hall. Mr. Hall feels this is the safest speed and recommends this. The commissioners agreed.

Mr. Hall reported that a survey had been made of the Millstone Road and in 1960 the bridge caved in and there was some talk of building another one. The previous commissioners instructed the SRC to put up a gate and Mr. Bradley was given the key to same, as he was the only property owner beyond the gate. The gate was never locked until just recently, by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Hall said he does not recommend putting a gate across this road as requested by Mrs. J. Rue, and mentioned also that the county right of way goes right up to the navy gate.

Mr. Cullum said that Mr. Thompson has stated that the SRC will not accept a road with less than a 40 foot right of way. Mr. Bowles asked where the SRC gets the authority to tell the county it cannot accept anything less than the 40 foot right of way, and Mr. Cullum said he did not know, but Mr. Thompson said it had always been so.

Concerning the Baptist Church Road, Mr. Hall feels this should be done out of a special account rather than maintenance. The cash balance now is less than \$28,000, and patching the roads in the spring will use this surplus money. He stated that the \$5,000 check given to him would be used for the Happy Land Road as this overhead had been increased to 20%. This amount will clear the road, and labor will cost \$7500, using prisoners, for the bushing, pipe work, etc. \$4,000 is needed for the Baptist Church Road. The bulldozers could be working on this road at the same time they are working on the Happy Land Road. Mr. Hall recommends building the Happy Land Road and the Baptist Church Road out of construction funds. \$9,410 would be needed to finish constructing the Happy Land Road. The Baptist Church Road was tabled until later. When Mr. Hall needs more money than the \$5,000, he will come to the commissioners. Mr. Hall mentioned that forms have been sent in to build the Happy Land Road.

Mr. Hall explained that the right of way had to be obtained on the St. George Island road before the cost could be estimated, and Mr. Cooper is actually doing this. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners had requested Mr. Hall to merely make an estimate here.

Mr. Hall reported he has informed Mr. Nick Swales that if he will furnish the pipe the SRC will put it in to correct the drainage problem. Mr. Hall does not feel the county should be obligated to put in a cross drain to correct a situation caused by this/filling in some of his land. Twenty feet pipe recommended.

Mr. Hall reported list of road signs has been worked up according to district. The list must now be revised and decision made as to the names to be designated. Will need 549 signs, 323 posts, at a cost of \$4,275.51. This figure includes labor and everything else. Mr. Hall will determine cost to signpost Route 5, 234, and 235.

Reported that the second ball park at Nicolet Park has never been completed, and a new contract will have to be let for this work.

Fire Board Requests for Legislation

The commissioners agreed to grant requests made by said board for legislation

amendments concerning the allocation limit for appropriations to the fire departments, and to remove the restriction clause concerning only the Lexington Park fire department.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President