

June 8, 1965

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

Water and Sewage for Nursing Home

Mr. Donald Garner appeared before the commissioners to present a bid for the above project. He was advised that the commissioners attorney had informed them that as no definite date has been set to receive such bids, and more than one bid must be negotiated, we must set a date to receive same. Mr. Garner was asked to come back next Tuesday, June 15th, at 10:00 a.m. and bids would be accepted and opened at that time. Mr. Garner said this would be fine and stated he would appear before the board next Tuesday.

Tall Timbers Wharf Docking

Mr. Ridgell mentioned that large boats are docking at this wharf on Friday and remaining there for the entire weekend, and the small craft cannot get to the wharf at all. There have been complaints and this matter should be investigated.

School Bus - Hodges

Mr. James Hodges and Mr. Paul Raley. Mr. Hodges stated he will have to purchase a new school bus, as his present one is over ten years old, and the law may be such that he is required to buy the new one. This would cost him \$175 per month under a five year plan, and as much as \$235 under a three year plan. He stated he has not received a quotation under \$8,000 for a new bus. His contract is for \$327 per month, and a driver will cost between \$75 and \$100 per month if Mr. Hodges does not drive the bus himself. He said his expenses will run for ten months for operation of the bus, but the payments for the new bus will run for twelve months. Mr. Bowles suggested that it might be possible to finance payments for the bus on a ten month basis.

Mr. Burch asked if Mr. Hodges would be interested in getting an extension for one year, and the latter said that this could be very costly as the bus is in need of repairs, tires, etc. Stated he did not see how he could keep this route and still pay for a new bus under his present contract.

Mr. Raley stated that no compensation has been given for purchase of larger buses, as payment is figured on a mileage basis. The pay is increased only when the mileage is increased. Mr. Burch said that this matter is something that the commissioners will have to discuss and come to a decision about, and Mr. Hodges will be notified of same.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall discussed Golden Beach Road. Said it will be possible to go around Mrs. Bowling, as Mr. Johnson has agreed that the road can go through this property, and this will eliminate the necessity of obtaining right of way from Mrs. Bowling. Reviewed plat indicating change of line with the commissioners. Road can be constructed in a slight curve to the All Faiths Plains Road, and Mr. Hall said he is meeting with Beavin for a conference on Thursday morning concerning this.

The commissioners authorized the line change as on the plat submitted for the Golden Beach Road in the vicinity of the All Faiths Plans Road. Beavin will be sent letter regarding this.

Mr. Hall said that \$900 would put the Cornfield Harbor Road in shape for the summer. This would take care of the drainage. Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed to this, Mr. Bowles not being present.

Balance due on the Happy Land Road is \$9,401.17. Mr. Hall will inspect the road in the St. Andrews Estates Subdivision, Bellwood Lane, as a request has been made to place this road in the county system. It is Mr. Hall's recommendation that this road be surface-treated before being taken into the system. There is a bond on it for \$1,000.

On the new Compton Dump, Mr. G. Taylor has cleaned up his front yard as stipulated in the lease, and has asked if he could be paid \$15.00 for the use of his land since the middle of May. Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed said sum could be paid.

Estimate to build the complete Camp Saysf Road, 1.2 miles, is \$27,000. This would be reconstruction cost and does include surface treatment or blacktopping, but does include 20% overhead. Tabled for the time being.

Mr. Hall reported they have begun paving on the Old Route 5 at Charlotte Hall, and are saving \$1.00 per ton on the blacktop. This savings will amount to about \$2,000, and this could be used to pave the spur between old and new Route 5. Actual cost for the spur would be \$1100, and there would still be \$900 remaining. The commissioners agreed that work should be done in front of the rectory at the present time, and will see how this works out under the program before anything more is done.

Letter will be sent to Mr. Thompson asking him to check on the federal aid clearance on the Willows and Trap Roads. Will also inquire as to status of request that the state blacktop Route 245 from Route 235 to end of state maintenance, as the county was considering blacktopping the Steer Horn Neck Road.

Mr. Douglas Lawrence called about request from the commissioners that he surface treat St. Inigoes Shores Road, recently taken into the system. As there are only three houses on this road at present, Mr. Lawrence was instructed to delay this work until such time as there are enough families living on the road to provide traffic to keep the road surface alive, approximately eight.

New Legislation

Senator Raley and Mr. Oliver Guyther. General discussion and review of legislation passed during the last session in January 1965. Specifically mentioned SB 548 which calls for appointment of a Parks and Recreation Board. Senator Raley said he would like to see the commissioners appoint such a board and would send a list of names of people who might serve on same.

General discussion concerning possibility of the county owning the library building in Leonardtown. If this was so, the county could maintain it and keep it in repair, as this is a landmark and should be preserved. Mr. Guyther will check into whether or not this would be possible under the terms of the will covering this building as left to the Library Association.

Board of Education Immediate Needs

Senator Raley reviewed with the commissioners the requests made. It was general feeling that the vocational school or facilities is the most important thing in the county. It was decided that the program of immediate needs, i.e., Esperanza Junior High addition, North End Elementary School, and the vocational school would be agreed to at the present time. However, there will be a one year moratorium on any new construction for the county until the integration problem is settled. The Board of Education will be so informed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
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