

June 15, 1965

Present: All commissioners and Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Nursing Home Water and Sewage Bid Opening

Mr. John Williams, of Johnson & Williams, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. D. Garner. Mr. Guyther opened bids submitted. Mr. Smith's bid, with certified check in the amount of \$950 to support bid, as follows:

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| Item 1 - 11 | \$7,756.25 | Alternate 1A - \$5,218.00 | Base Bid - \$18,715.25 |
| Item 12 - 20 | 10,959.00 | Alternate 12B - 6,626.00 | |

Mr. Garner's bid, with check in the amount of \$1,000 to support bid, as follows:

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| Item 1 - 11 | 7,255.00 | Alternate 1A - 5,115.00 | Base Bid - \$17,960.00 |
| Item 12 - 20 | 10,705.00 | Alternate 12B - 6,510.00 | |

Mr. Williams explained proposal. First alternate is six inch cast iron pipe; original was asbestos cement pipe. Second alternate is a substitution of concrete pipe for asbestos cement pipe. Mr. Williams said he would be glad to evaluate these bids for the commissioners, if they so desire.

General discussion followed during which Mr. Smith said that the town would rather have the cast iron pipe for the water, but the asbestos pipe for the sewer is fine. Mr. Williams also recommends this. Mr. Guyther mentioned that the cost of the pipe according to these bids, is very much in excess of what Johnson & Williams estimated. Mr. Williams said that he feels the high bids are due to the fact that this is a small project, and the fact that everyone is busy at this time of the year has an effect on the amount of bids offered. Mr. Garner stated that the specifications are very strict, and he has broken down everything into unit prices. Fact that everything has to be done according to state regulations has to be taken into consideration, also.

Mr. Williams will evaluate the bids and send a letter to the commissioners regarding same. He took both bids, plus checks with him. The commissioners agreed to this procedure.

Mapping the County

Mr. Russell and Mr. Collins, of Maps, Inc. Discussed possibility of mapping the county, and presented illustrations of the type work this firm does. Mr. Collins said that under the 701 Program, the county is eligible for various types of financial help. The maps are aerial photo maps and are much less expensive than making the same type map on the ground. Cost to do the entire county would be from \$1 to \$3 per acre. When the maps are made, the county would get the planometric base maps, control maps and also photographic enlargements of each map according to scale. Charge to map the entire county would probably be about \$1.40 per acre. Mr. Collins said they would contact Mr. Wood, our planning consultant from Harland Bartholemew, and discuss this. Will also send updated brochures.

Melody Acres Trailer Park

Mr. P. Gray, Mr. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Mokry, Mr. F. Latham, Mr. P. Bailey. Mr. Bailey stated that these people have applied for a license for this park and McCrone has done the surveying work. The park consists of about 39 acres and the lot sizes are a good deal larger than the law requires. Presented plat of the park, and reviewed this with the commissioners. There are spaces for 119 trailers. Health Department has given tentative approval of the sewage, and power lines will be underground. Mr. Mokry said that the state is interested in having a camp site in the portion of this property that is located in Charles County.

Oaks Run will carry the sewage discharge and goes in and out of the county twice. This has been advertised, according to these people, and Charles County is aware of this. According to these people, the type sewage to be used is the most complete that can be had. Mr. Latham said it is the best type for a small development such as this. It is a system of digestion and then it is filtered out through sand filters. There will be two 10,000 gallon tanks to service the project.

Mr. Burch asked if steps to construct this park have been according to regulations. Mr. Guyther explained that the commissioners have to give clearance for this first, then Planning & Zoning, and the Fire Board, etc., according to the Trailer Law, for their approval and recommendations. Then the application comes back to the commissioners and they must review same sitting as the Board of Health.

Mr. Paul Bailey suggested that one of the conditions for granting a license for a park be that the operator require occupants of the park to sign agreement giving State Inspector authority to exam each trailer if the county so desires. He said he could foresee no difficulty with such an agreement.

Mr. Mokry said he plans to have trailer space for rent, rather than have trailers for rent. Might grant right to inspect the trailers regardless of who made them or who moves them in.

Mr. Latham said he could not say how much this sewage system would cost at the present, but Mr. Mokry said he is figuring about \$25,000 to \$30,000 for the installation.

Mr. Guyther advised that these people have all of the things that are necessary for the commissioners to review this matter, and plans and maps were left with the commissioners.

School Bus Transportation Request - Wenger

Mr. P. Raley reported that a Mr. Wenger has said that the school board has issued cards as to where the children will be going to school, and his people, the Amish, want to build their own school, two rooms for about 70 children. Mr. Wenger said they have requested transportation for these children and Mr. King is aware of this.

General discussion concerning transportation provided by the county and how this is handled. Mentioned that this should be discussed with Mr. Guyther for absolute understanding of the law.

Notary Seal

Mr. C. Connelly has requested that the county purchase the seal will need to pursue her duties as a notary public, as she has recently been commissioned. She does this work for the state's attorney at no charge. The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Connelly should purchase the seal at her expense as this would be her personal property.

School Bus Specifications

Mr. Raley asked if we are going to follow the county or code specifications in purchasing new school buses. County specifications contain everything required by the state, but are somewhat higher in standard. Mr. Raley will discuss this matter with Mr. Schrader of the Board of Education. Will also work out formula with Mr. Schrader to be used to determine how much will be charged for Mr. Hodges, for his bus route, considering his statement that he needs a new one.

Mr. Bowles suggested that Mr. Raley ask Mr. Schrader about what the state requirements are, and act accordingly. There are books available which spell this out.

Radios for County Inspector and State's Attorney

Mr. Raley reported that the state police have informed that these radios would be purchased and installed for the cost of \$750.00. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Raley write to several firms stating that we are in the market for a couple of new radios and ask for prices.

Cecil Creek Dredging

Mr. Raley stated that Mr. DeVers has requested this project in order to allow boats to go in and out of the creek. Mr. DeVers stated that Senator Raley told him that one million dollars has been appropriated for this and he could get an application from the commissioners. Mr. DeVers has requested \$5,000 for his use to do the dredging. Mr. Raley will investigate this as the commissioners have no knowledge of such an appropriation being made by recent legislation.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall said he has received reports of damage by heavy trucks to the Chaptico Wharf ramp. Mr. Hall will investigate and see what exactly can be done, and probably about \$100 worth of concrete and \$100 for labor will take care of it. Concerning the Courtney Wharf, an estimate should be gotten for repairs and then a letter sent to the Dept. of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to ask if they can help finance same. Mr. Hall recommends putting this out on contract.

The commissioner discussed hiring of Mr. S. Foxwell to inspect wharfs and draw up specifications and plans for new projects, for a fee of 5% of the cost of the projects. Mr. Hall suggested having this man draw up plans and specifications for Courtney's Wharf, and Mr. Foxwell will be contacted about this matter.

Coleman Road, first 400 feet is in good condition, and it would be a costly project to build this road across the marsh, approximately \$10,000. This road would have to be taken into the system, then Mr. Hall would have to be given the money to

build it. Mr. Burch said he would make a physical inspection of this road.

Whalen Road in the 5th District is in poor condition. This is a county road and some work should be done here. Bellwood Lane in the St. Andrews Estates will be surface treated this week by the developers, and then they are requesting that this road be placed in the county system.

Mr. M. C. Thompson came into the meeting at this point. General discussion concerning approximately \$32,000 figure in the red in county account. He stated that Mr. Hall figures up costs in January, and prices for material and labor have gone up since then, and this could be one reason for the increase in cost. Mr. Hall said it actually cost more to do the work than was estimated. The figures in the red began coming in in November of last year. Mr. Thompson said the state office had overcharged on overhead and he had them lower this to 10%. This, plus adjustments, brought the figure down some \$20,000. He further stated that the SRC expects the county to pay them the amount that is in the red.

Mr. Thompson said that so far, the state does not have anything planned for the state roads in the county, this year. There is another program they are working on for three and a half million dollars of special funds that is to be allocated for dangerous places than can be corrected. Mentioned several bad curves in the county that might be corrected, and it is possible that we can get some of this money. Also mentioned increase in pay just recently given to state employees, and how this will effect the cost of labor in the county.

Mr. Thompson reviewed letter received today from the SRC regarding federal funds for Secondary Roads. This has not been enacted into law yet, and concerns the beautification program started by the president.

Mr. Burch asked what could be done about the \$32,000 in the red, and Mr. Thompson said the commissioners can pay this money, and then take it out of the bond issue money.

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Thompson about the Coleman Road, and the latter said he had no knowledge of any of the previous commissioners promising that this road would be done.

Mr. Burch signed the form for the participation in the 12th Series Bond Issue in the amount of \$395,000. (This is a corrected form). Mr. Thompson will take same to Baltimore tomorrow morning.

Mr. Donaldson will give Mr. Thompson a check for the deficit after the May report is received.

Public Landing Docking


Discussed passing resolution to control boats from typing up at the public landings and wharves for weekends, which prevents smaller boats from coming in. This will be further discussed with Mr. Guyther.

Human Resources Committee

Mr. Donaldson explained that this committee wants to send representatives to visit vocational schools in other counties to acquaint themselves with all phases of such a project and get as much information as possible concerning same. This will help them determine whether or not one school would suit our need, or several locations. The trip will cost approximately \$600, and they are requesting that the county finance said trip.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President