

June 29, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Gibson Road

Mr. Perry Gibson requested that a new road be cut through White Neck Farm so that there will be a straight road between it and the Poplar Grove Farm, about half mile long. This would involve about five families. Mr. Gibson said the people are all willing to give right of way, and he would maintain the old road if the new road is built.

Mr. Burch stated that the SRC will be asked to investigate this with the county commissioners to determine what might be done here.

Evans - Slot License

Mr. R. Evans, St. George Island, asked if such license could be issued to him for his place of business. He has no machines now, but had one last year which was never licensed. He stated he is losing business because he does not have machines for his customers to play.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Evans that he does not believe it is possible for him to obtain a license under the law. This will have to be discussed with Mr. Guyther.

(Mr. Guyther came in at this point).

State Roads Commission, Secondary Roads

Mr. Guyther reviewed with the commissioners the letter from Mr. John Funk regarding funds for the State Federal Aid Secondary Highway System. Discussed programming of available funds and letter will be sent to Mr. Funk stating that the commissioners are in agreement with the utilization of Senate Bill 268 as outlined in Mr. Funk's letter. (Letter written, and agreement executed and mailed to SRC today.)

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Stephen Foxwell. Mr. Burch expressed appreciation to Mr. Foxwell for his work in connection with the St. George Island wharf. Further stated that there is other similar work that needs to be done, and the county would like to pay Mr. Foxwell for his time and effort. Cited Courtney wharf which needs repair and rebuilding and said the commissioners would like to have Mr. Foxwell prepare specifications for this project. The commissioners would like to reimburse Mr. Foxwell 5% of each project cost, and the latter said this would be agreeable with him. Also said he would inspect the Courtney and report to the Board what needs to be done. A letter will be sent to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs to see if matching funds can be gotten for this project.

Mr. Hall reported that the gravel roads are being primed today. Stated that any work connected with bituminous concrete program comes out of bond issue money. Work on existing roads, such as grading, comes out of maintenance. Requested \$21,420.16 for the Dr. Johnson Road. This amount will be reimbursed from the bond issue money when it is available.

General discussion concerning expenditures on the roads, and it was suggested that perhaps the SRC would give us a breakdown on the projects as they are done.

Checks given to Mr. Hall in the amounts of \$27,939.71 to reimburse SRC for over-expenditure on various roads as of June 30, 1965, and \$21,420.16 for the Dr. Johnson Road. Also given check in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the oiling schedule.

The commissioners signed the agreement between the county and the SRC regarding State Federal Highway Construction Funds, relating to use of same under Senate Bill 268.

Discussed with Mr. Hall request made by Mr. Gibson this morning. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Hall to make an inspection of the area, and the former will try to be present at the time.

Mr. Burch reported that Mr. M. C. Thompson has stated that we can get an 18 foot surface treated road on St. George Island. This should come out of construction money rather than maintenance money. Mr. Hall will work up an estimate and report to the commissioners. Gave rough estimate of \$4,000.

Mr. Hall will inspect White Point Tavern Road as to posting speed limit and slow signs here.

Jail Procedures

Mr. Paul Raley and Judge J. H. T. Briscoe, discussed matter of prisoners being sent to Crownsville. Cited instance of the sheriff telling people the county would pay for this expense. Mr. Raley explained to one woman the procedure involved relative to having her son committed. Mr. Norris had said to get two doctors and have the man examined, and it is Mr. Raley's opinion that when a warrant is issued and a person arrested, that person should be tried in court, and the court decide whether or not to call in the doctors and have the person committed. Judge Briscoe said that the sheriff has no authority to issue a warrant, and if he does and the jailor accepts the prisoner, then the jailor is accepting an illegal warrant.

Concerning a Mr. Day, Judge Briscoe stated that this man would be tried in court and the case disposed of this way. He said he does not know of any authority the state's attorney has to order that this man be sent away.

Judge Briscoe said that there too many warrants being issued by the JP's without inquiry. Some inquiry should be made to see if the warrant is justified, and if the evidence does not show that there is reason to issue a warrant, it should not be issued. He further stated that he had discussed this very thing with the state's attorney and they talked about getting the JP's together to come to some understanding.

Judge Briscoe said that the sheriff has no authority to call in two doctors to examine a prisoner and have him sent away. He must be tried in court first. Also, a person cannot be taken out of the jail just because some person requests this. This would have to be done through regular court procedure, and if the person was arrested on a warrant, he would have to stand trial.

The commissioners will discuss this matter further with Mr. Guyther.

Tall Timbers Erosion


Reviewed letter from Mr. Eiker, President of the Tall Timbers Citizens Association, concerning deterioration of seawall and beach. SRC will investigate same and report and report findings to the commissioners.

Mokry Trailer Park

Plans and specifications have been sent to Health Department, Planning & Zoning, and Fire Board, requesting review and recommendations. The Metropolitan Commission has requested separate plans.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President