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

Dog Licenses

Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. Roe Cecil, discussed with the commissioners the method of selling dog tags in the county and those persons so authorized. Mr. Cecil said he does not issue new tags for sale until old ones have been turned back to him. Discussed ways and means to enforce purchase of tags by persons owning animals, and the commissioners will make regulations public. Also decided that there should be some tags available at the animal shelter and Mr. P. Raley was instructed to call Mr. Ward and inform him that Mr. Thompson would bring 100 tags to the shelter. Mr. Ward was also requested to submit a monthly report of those tags sold to the treasurer. Suggestion made that those persons issued tags to sell be made to pay a deposit, and also that next year the tags and books be in groups of 25 instead of the present 100.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall will investigate request by Mr. E. Weisman for placement of additional 30 mph speed limit signs on the Town Creek Drive. There are two signs there now, but they are about two miles apart, and Mr. Weisman feels that additional signs might serve to discourage speeding on the road.

Mr. Hall reported that new pipe is being placed near the Wiegman property in Piney Point, and this should correct the complaint from Mrs. Wiegman that the faulty pipe was causing her beach to erode.

Signs have been placed at the public wharves limiting docking to one hour. Crew will be sent into the Far Cry Road tomorrow for bushing and drainage work. Water-loo Road is being primed today. (Mr. J. R. Breeze who has a home in the area will be so notified.) Mr. Burch and Mr. Hall will meet at the Marie Coleman Road to discuss possible work to be done here.

Public Hearing - Finnacum Property

Mrs. Leila Rogers, Planning & Zoning Secretary, Mr. Jack Rue, Mr. J. J Finnacum, Mr. John Daugherty, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther. Mrs. Rogers reviewed with the commissioners the application for the rezoning of a parcel of land facing Center Gardens on Willows Road in the 8th District. Mr. Finnacum has applied to have this area re-zoned from C-Residential to Commercial, as he would like to build a shopping center. Planning & Zoning has approved the project and recommends that the commissioners do so.

Mrs. Rogers stated that Planning & Zoning has held the required public hearing and there were no protestants. Mr. Finnacum stated that this application is strictly for the shopping center, and if an apartment is constructed, it would be on property adjacent to the shopping center. Mr. Rue said that when the apartment house is built, they will probably have to build the Franklin Roosevelt Road that runs behind the two properties.

There were no protestants present today, and Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners will take this matter under advisement and issue a decision within ten days.

Deputizing Dog Warden

Mr. Guyther advised that the sheriff cannot appoint this man as a deputy as the law allows only five deputies and he already has that number. Authority to do this would have to be obtained through legislation at the next session of the legislature in January of next year.

Youth Commission

This commission will be asked to investigate and report to the commissioners the possibility of Mr. A. Briscoe leasing a portion of his land to the county for a park. The commissioners feel that such a request should come from the Youth Commission, in a formal manner. The Commission will also be requested to investigate requests from Mr. H. K. Johnson regarding Nicolet Park, such as cutting the grass, trash pickup, trash can placement, and possible placement of a security light near the restrooms to discourage the continual vandalism.

School Bus Matters

Mr. Paul Raley. Regarding the request for transportation for children to attend the two room school being built by the Mennonites, Mr. Guyther advised that it is his feeling that under the law the commissioners have to provide same. This will be a parochial school, receiving no state aid, and therefore is eligible. These people will furnish Mr. Raley with a map indicating where the children live, and he will try to arrive at a settlement of the matter.

Reviewed request for transportation for four boys living in the Charlotte Hall area, who will be attending Leonard Hall School in the fall. Mr. Raley will see if this can be fitted into the present schedule in an effort to accommodate the boys. A letter will be sent to Mr. John Roache informing him of this, and that the commissioners will make a decision within two weeks.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Joseph Hancock might turn his bus route over to his son. Mr. Hancock is 62 years old and feels he should no longer drive the bus.

Principal Physician - Nursing Home

Dr. C. Greenwell, Dr. Berubi. Dr. Greenwell said that the Medical Society had held a meeting, had discussed the written request for appointment of a county doctor to act as principal physican for the Nursing Home, and there were no volunteers. Dr. Greenwell stated that there are so many duties involved this would take approximately three hours per day of their time and none of them are interested. He said he also feels there will be interference from the state in this position. He suggested it might be possible to use the doctors who are rotating on call at the hospital, but this would mean using the entire staff of doctors in the county. He further suggested that the commissioners write to the state asking them for compensation for this position, and to spell out exactly what they expect of such a person.

Dr. Berubi said that it would be a financial sacrifice for most of the doctors to donate the amount of time necessary, and also, they are not interested in the administrative type of work. Mr. Burch said that the state will be contacted and asked to clarify the services of the principal physician.

Security Room in Hospital

Dr. Greenwell mentioned possibility of a room in the new hospital wing for alcoholics. Dr. Berubi said this was mentioned once before and the Board of Directors of the Hospital turned it down. Mr. Burch said this will be looked into.

Bar Curfew

Dr. Greenwell mentioned possible curfew for bars in Leonardtown, and suggest twelve o'clock. This would have to be done by law and could be discussed in January at the next session of the legislature.

Tri-County Animal Shelter Agreement

Mr. Burch signed the agreement, which will be forwarded to Charles County, then to Calvert County. A completely executed copy of same will be returned to the commissioners. (Said contract was reviewed and approved by Mr. Guyther as to correct legal content.)

Mapping the County

Mr. Collins, of Maps, Inc., will be informed that the county commissioners are not in a position to pursue this project any further at the present time.

Scholarship

The commissioners agreed to award to Mrs. Rosemary Valentine, the scholarship declined by James Hamrick. Mrs. Valentine and St. Mary's College will be so notified.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch, President