

September 7, 1965

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles

Road Name Request

Mr. Charles Norris and Mrs. J. Rue. Mrs. Rue requested that the name of the Camp Saysf Road be changed to Rue Purchase Road as she and her husband had built the original road, and the road to the camp actually runs off it. Also requested that the Esparanza Road be changed to Millstone Landing Road, as this is the original name, and the gambling club that used to be in this area prompted the former name.

After consideration of the above requests, the commissioners agreed to same.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall reviewed proposed Coleman Road. There is a great deal of marsh in one area, and it would cost \$15,000 to rebuild this road.

Reported there has been some misunderstanding concerning the Klear dump. Mr. Hall said he had made a lease for the new location with Mr. Leo Klear under the impression that Mr. Klear owned the property. He now finds that Mr. Klear's mother owns the property, but he was paid for rental of same. The lease made with Mr. Leo Klear should be voided and a new lease negotiated. (Original lease examined and does not expire until 1966. Mr. Bowles checked map in Assessment Office and Mrs. Klear owns the property, and Mr. George Taylor owns right of way to the dump.) The commissioners agreed that payment should be stopped on the check sent to Mr. Leo Klear. Mr. Hall will see Mrs. Klear about this matter and the lease will have to be rewritten for another 5 years. Mr. Hall will also get the copy of the lease held by Mr. Klear.

Mr. Donaldson reported that Mr. Stanton Guy wants more money for use of the dump on his property as people from Charles County are using same.

Concerning Spruce Drive, Mr. Hall said the gravel for this work was taken from Mr. M. Dean's pit and he had said they could use all they wanted at no charge. Mr. Hall kept account of the actual amount used and it would cost \$316.80. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Dean should be paid for the gravel used.

On the Harvey Dean Road, Mr. Hall will have to check whether or not the state did deed the piece of property in question to the county. Will also investigate the road by Smith's Nursery, as it has been reported this road is so narrow the school bus driver will not go down it and this is a county road.

Senator Raley has requested that Lincoln Avenue extended be oiled for a distance of 700 feet. This would cost approximately \$300, plus overhead. The commissioners agreed that this should be done and a letter authorizing Mr. Hall to proceed with the work will be mailed.

Mr. Hall mentioned that Mr. Garner had been advised to surface his road within 60 days after June 5th, and this has not been done. This should be done by the first of October or it will have to wait until next year. (Action will be pending on this until Mr. Bruch reports his findings on same.)

Auditing Procedures

Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. David Gruber, Mr. Bill King. Mr. Gruber said they want to expand some of the accounts receivable in connection with the audit they are finishing now. There are old levies on the books, and property that has reverted to the county for unpaid taxes which has never actually been transferred to the county, and these records should be cleared up to 1964. He is asking permission to apply the maximum legal capability to clear up this matter. Read draft of proposed letter that might be sent in an attempt to get people to send the money in payment of taxes due. Mr. Gruber said he would like to see 100% of the people on the list verified, and Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles agreed that the list should be verified 100%. Mr. Gruber said they will come back and report those taxes that should be abated or written off after the certification is completed. There will be the expense of advertising, extra clerical work, etc. After some discussion, it was agreed that a definite date should be set for the tax sale.

Mr. Ridgell came into the meeting at this point.

Hospital Board


Mr. M. Dean, Mr. F. Goreley, Mr. F. McCoy, Senator Raley. Mr. Dean reported they are having a problem so far as the hospital wing construction is concerned. There will be no money available under the application made to the state for \$150,000 until late 1966, as there is litigation in Baltimore concerning disbursement of same. Senator Raley said he had contacted various agencies and written letters over the past year requesting this money. Bill was passed and amended last year because of some conflict about giving the money to church supported institutions. Until the case is settled, the money is frozen, and all projects in the state are being held up. Senator Raley is going to write a letter to the Board of Public Works regarding this matter in an effort to help. He mentioned this is state money, not federal money, and there is no problem with the latter.

Mr. Dean said they have a contract to let for \$42,000 for beds, linens, etc., and this must be let this week. He stated they are in need of money and do not know where it is coming from, and they are asking the county for help if possible. He presented a listing of accounts receivable totaling \$253,000.

Mr. Burch mentioned possibility of giving the hospital the balance of the pledge made to them by the commissioners, and Mr. Dean said this would help. It was agreed that the sum of \$14,000 would be paid to the hospital, said amount legally payable by law.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

  
F. Elliott Burch, President