

November 2, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

#### Dental Clinic

Dr. Houser, Mr. R. E. King, Rev. Wilkinson. Requested that this service be established in the Health Department, especially for children of low income group who receive no dental care. All of the dentists in the county have agreed to donate half day per week in the clinic, some of them a whole day. There is a room for the clinic in the Health Building and the fixtures are already in the floor for the equipment.

Dr. Houser has made inquiry about re-conditioned equipment and it would cost about \$1900 to purchase everything needed, plus \$100 for installation. This cost includes everything, the exray, chair, drills, lights, developing tank, etc. Hand instruments necessary will be furnished by the dentists as they prefer to use their own tools. Dr. Houser said that the company selling this type equipment has agreed to hold same for one month awaiting a decision on this project.

Mr. Donaldson came into the meeting and the project was explained to him. General discussion as to how same could be financed. Dr. Houser stated that Dr. Peeples, Health Commissioner, has stated that a supplementary budget can be submitted in such instances, and the former will speak with him about this and report back to the commissioners. Mr. Guyther will also have to be consulted as to the legality of same.

Dr. Houser mentioned that if this service is provided, St. Mary's County will have a complete Public Health Service. He also mentioned that the Health Department has a speech therapist now working full time in the county.

#### Deep Water Port

Mr. W. Chapman, Chairman, EDC, presented information regarding possibility of such a facility in the county. There is a chain link fence manufacturer interested in such a project to import steel from all over the world. They have an option on the Cuniberti property pending a decision in this matter. General discussion followed concerning financing such a project and manner in which the company involved would do this. This is to be a two million dollar investment, and the pier itself, would belong to the county. Mr. Chapman asked if this particular project should be pursued.

Mr. Bowles suggested having a sketch presented of what is to be here so a complete picture would be available for study. Mr. Chapman mentioned that this facility will also provide approximately 800 jobs for county people. He further stated that the people concerned desire a revenue bond to finance the project, but according to the law, such bonds cannot be issued to cover this. Nothing can actually be done until such time as the law is amended. He read letter from Baker, Watts and Co., in which they state they would finance the operation if the company can get leases to cover cost of maintenance and operating expenses of the facility.

Leonardtwn Taxes

Mr. G. Sparling requested that the commissioners consider giving the taxpayers of Leonardtown some kind of abatement of county taxes as they also pay taxes to the town. The town has a seven year program planned which includes complete remodeling of storm drains, sewers, etc., within the corporate limits of Leonardtown. Although the town is carrying a surplus at the present time, this has been allocated for capital improvements. They are also going to have to build a new water tower in order to meet requirements for fire protection for the town.

The Leonardtown Commissioners are asking that the commissioners indicate some reasonable percentage of abatement so that it would be of some value to the taxpayer next year. Mr. Sparling stated that there are other counties considering this same process for towns in their areas, and there are presently four towns in the state already receiving such aid.

The commissioners informed Mr. Sparling that this matter will have to be discussed with Mr. Guyther and further study be made. Copies of the Leonardtown Audit Report were left with the commissioners.

Audit Report

Mr. David Gruber, Mr. W. King, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson. Reveiwed recently completed audit with the commissioners and Mr. Gruber reported that the county is in good financial condition and has a healthy balance sheet. Mentioned substantial sum of interest earned from funds deposited and fact that full collateral is posted for such deposits. Mr. Donaldson stated that he plans to set up a budget for capital expenditures for future improvements in the county. Mr. Gruber said that the county is as close to a total accrual system of accounting as possible.

Presented a special report on the treasurer's office (copy in files) and said there is evidence of a great deal of negligence in the administrative end of this office. Mr. Gruber cited instances, such as lack of follow-up of unpaid taxes, and deed being transferred without taxes being paid. The treasurer should have some kind of concrete guidelines as to procedures to be followed. Mr. Gruber recommends that a study be made of the stituation and a manual compiled which would spell out what the treasurer should do in every circumstance. This would provide a set of rules to follow, and if necessary, could be done by legislation. General discussion concerning this and the commissioners agreed that Mr. Gruber should proceed to make the recommended study of the treasurer's office and compile the required procedures into a manual. Further discussion concerning forthcoming vacancies in the treasurer's office and the commissioners agreed that Mr. Donaldson should proceed to interview people to fill same.

Discussed possible changes in legislation, such as changing date audit report should be made; it is now September 1st. There also should be legislation allowing a certain amount of time for a person to obtain a deed for property after tax sales, after the court grants permission for such action. Might possibly state that unless the deed is procured within thirty days, the property goes back to the county to be resold.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall requested letter regarding 30 mph speed limit to be posted on Beach Drive in the 7th District, as requested by Mr. Hogue. The commissioners agreed to this and the letter will be sent.

Concerning the boat ramp being considered for construction at the Leonardtown Wharf, it will have to be determined who owns the land in question. The SRC owns the wharf from gutter to gutter, but not the adjacent land, according to Mr. Hall.

Civil Defense

Gen. Hogaboom, Mr. Tilp, Major Ellison, Mr. O. Wood. Gen. Hogaboom reported meeting with the representatives of the Corp of Army Engineers who will make the decision as to the county's eligibility in this project. They had some minor comments to make as to the plans. Essential thing is the provision for construction of additional weight on top of the present foundation. There are identifiable parts of the supports, and if this is held to, there will have to be an alternate bid for this. The commissioners will have to make some kind of statement as to their intention.

Major Ellison stated that he has told these people that he has recommended to the county that they consider future growth of the county in all construction, and feels that the authorities will accept a statement to this effect from the commissioners. The difference in cost would not be under matching funds, and would be approximately eight to ten thousand dollars, according to Mr. Tilp. This would provide for the added foundation supports. The authorities are also requesting a separate well which will cost approximately \$5,000, according to them. The well is necessary in case the town water is cut off for any reason.

It was the feeling of the commissioners that all construction in the county be carried out with the future growth of the county being considered, but that there are no plans in the immediate future for any construction on top of the new building. A letter to this effect will be sent to the proper authorities.

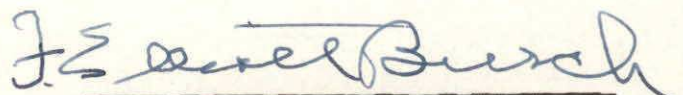
Citizens National Bank

Mr. Gene Plank, Mr. R. Gabrelcik, Mr. Guyther. Mr. Plank presented escrow agreement signed by Riggs National Bank, executed for securities pledged as collateral for deposits by the county. There is \$170,000 at Riggs, and \$75,000 at Irving Trust. Under the agreement it is provided that a quarterly report will be made to the commissioners as to the securities pledged. General discussion concerning this matter, and Mr. Donaldson said that some money will be placed in the checking account immediately.

Mr. Gabrelcik asked about checking accounts for the SRC, the Health Department, the Welfare Department, and the Board of Education, and was informed that the commissioners have no control over these accounts at all.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

  
F. Elliott Burch, President