

March 1, 1966

Present: Mr. Burch, Mr. Ridgell, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

CATV

A Mr. Lindsey and Mr. Cole, Mr. O. Guyther. These two gentlemen are interested in establishing CATV services in the county, and stated that at present there are 316 such units in the country. This is a master antenna system, and if they come into the county, they chose a site, construct a tower, and residents can subscribe for this service and will receive 12 interference free channels for a monthly fee. The cable is run on telephone poles, which are leased, and the houses are wired as for telephones with wiring running directly into the television sets. The programming can also include educational or civic groups, or any non-profit organization. Installation fee for the individual is \$10.00, and the monthly charge is \$4.95.

They have selected Lexington Park for this site because this is the most compactly populated area in the county. They expect 80 potential subscribers per square mile, with a total potential of 1500 to 2000 subscribers. At present, they are operating a site in Fredericksburg, and this is the only one so far. They are bonded for the amount of money it would take the county to replace their equipment if they should leave the county.

The installation of the tower is subcontracted and they lease the land where it is located. They lease enough land to preclude the possibility of the tower falling on any structures. There is no set length of time that a subscriber must keep their service and same can be cancelled at any time, as there are no contracts to be signed. Service to a second set in a home will cost one dollar per month. These people do not sell, rent or repair television sets, so there is no conflict of interest here.

The county will receive $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the gross profit, plus license fee, which will be a total of about 2% for the county. They do not make much money the first year or so, and the county can set up a system of getting 2% or a lump sum, whichever is greatest. A rate of 2% or a minimum of \$500 could be set. They are not asking for an exclusive franchise, but just to be allowed to come into the county and get established. They further stated they take care of the conversion of sets themselves, and people who do not subscribe will have no interference from their system.

Mr. Guyther will have to investigate the legality of this project. (Mr. Guyther explained that these people had engaged him to bring this project before the commissioners. He in turn, explained to them that he was the attorney to the Board of County Commissioners, and if this matter would ever go to court for some reason, he would have to represent the county and these men would have to get other counsel.)

Electronic Business

Mr. W. Chapman discussed electronics company planning to locate in the county to establish an industry. Jean's Sportswear is going to sell them their building and relocate somewhere else. General discussion concerning same, and parties involved will meet and settle some of the problems relative to such an endeavor.

Merit System

Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell signed Resolution 66-1, adopting the Merit System for the county as of this date. Mr. Bowles will sign when he is present.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. T. T. Pantaleo. Mr. Pantaleo reported that the bridge on the Millstone Landing Road is in fair condition. He and Mr. Hall met with Capt. Tryzna, Public Works Officer on the base, and the latter will send a written report as to the navy's feelings in this matter. Mr. Pantaleo recommended that if the road is retained, the navy should have joint responsibility in maintaining same and rebuilding the bridge.

Mr. Hall said that the budget is \$6,000 in the "red" because of the expense of the snow removal. Total expense for maintenance and snow removal has been \$31,500 with the snow removal alone, costing \$24,311, for the last storm. Biggest problem in March will be skin patching broken roads, and the problem in the spring will be the Seven Gables Road. Mr. Hall suggested putting this road on the oiling schedule for this year, and would not recommend rebuilding it as the new bridge is coming into this area, and the road will then become a state road.

General discussion concerning bill submitted by Mr. Robert Stevens for cleaning snow from the Hermanville Road, in the amount of \$25.00. Mr. Hall reported that he cleared this road with his own equipment and no one authorized Mr. Stevens to do this. It is his feeling that this bill should not be paid. A letter will be sent to Mr. Stevens regarding this matter.

Mr. Hall presented blacktopping and oiling schedules for 1966, blacktopping - 13.3 miles - \$119,700, and oiling - 79 miles - \$135,000. St. Andrews Church Road will be federal aid, and St. Johns Road and Mechanicsville-Chaptico Road will be state aid. (Copy of program in files). These schedules will be reviewed with Mr. Bowles next week. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Hall and the commissioners ride the county roads for a physical inspection of same, and this will be arranged.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed the final plat for the Alms House property, as submitted by Hugh Wilkerson, Surveyor, and stated same is in order.

Leonardtwn Rescue Squad

Mr. Abell Longmore, Jr., and Mr. George Duke presented budget for the newly formed Leonardtown Squad which will serve the 3rd and 6th Districts. This money is needed in order to get this squad operative. They will have final figures on some of the items tomorrow night as there are committees working on this. They are also meeting with the Leonardtown Commissioners and they may give them some money toward this effort.

The commissioners reviewed the budget and agreed to give the squad \$1200, the full year's allotment, as this squad will cover two districts and there is a great deal of expense in setting up this organization.

Hermanville Road

Mr. R. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. M. Dixon, Mrs. M. Harris, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Hall. These people are requesting that the county rebuild this road from Route 5 into the beginning of the blacktop on that portion that runs into Route 235. Presented petition requesting this. Mr. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo will investigate.

Vouchers #25054 through 25177 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch, President

March 8, 1966

Present: All commissioners.

Route 235 Construction

Mr. Harry Dorsey of the SRC reviewed plans for the proposed construction of this road in the Hollywood and Somerseast areas. There is a 140 foot right of way indicated with a median strip 30 feet wide. There might be a possibility of a 24 foot median strip, but this would be the very minimum that would be allowed. From the edge of the right of way line to the pavement will be approximately 90 feet from the house closest to the road, house number 14 on the plat. (Mr. Pantaleo came into the meeting at this point).

General discussion concerning construction of the road on into Lexington Park and how various areas will be effected.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Pantaleo. The commissioners reviewed the oiling schedule and Mr. Hall will work this up as presented and the commissioners can make changes if they so desire. The bituminous concrete schedule will also have to be worked up and this will be discussed next week.

Welfare Director

Mr. Bowles introduced Mr. Joseph Carter, the new director. Mr. Carter has been working in this capacity since March 1, 1966.

Public Hearing - Dean Re-Zoning

Mr. Pantaleo, Mrs. L. Rogers, Mrs. L. Lanyan, Mrs. Kaplan. Mr. M. Dean and Mrs. L. Dean are requesting rezoning for the Gardiner's Pond area of Esperanza Farm as they wish to build a marina and motel. Planning and Zoning has approved the request after having the required public hearing. Mrs. Lanyan and her daughter, Mrs. Kaplan, said they were not protesting the rezoning but felt there had been an infringement by Mr. Dean on their property boundaries, and this is what they are protesting. The ladies were informed that this was a legal matter and would have to be settled by an attorney, as the commissioners have no jurisdiction in such matters.

Mrs. Rogers read letters of approval for this project and the rezoning from the Town Creek Citizens Association, and others. She stated that Mr. Pantaleo had reviewed this matter with Mr. Jack Wood, our planning consultant, and the latter is in favor of the project and feels it would be a good thing. The Town Creek Citizens Association is approving the rezoning and the construction of the marina provided proper regard is given to traffic control on the access roads, and provided no further commercial development is permitted.

As there were no protestants present, the commissioners agreed to approve the rezoning as requested.

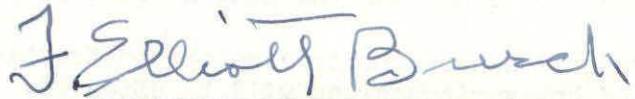
Gum Landing Road

The seven residents on this road have stated they will bring the road up to specifications if the county will take it over. There is a recorded deed and plat dedicating a 40 feet right of way for the road. The commissioners agreed that if the road is brought up specifications it would be taken into the county system. Mr. T. J. Palmer, who is acting as spokesman for the residents involved, will be sent a letter informing him of this decision, and requesting that he contact Mr. Pantaleo as to what is to be done here.

Vouchers #25178 through 25215 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President