

April 19, 1966

Present: All commissioners.

Public Hearing on Trailer Moratorium

Mrs. Floyd (Beacon), Mrs. O'Connor (Enterprise), Dr. Alan Houser, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. L. Cryer, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. J. Carter, Mrs. W. F. Herbert, Mrs. L. Rogers (Planning & Zoning), and approximately 25 interested persons.

Mr. Guyther explained legal procedure to be followed when the commissioners see a need for a particular action, as set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 25. The commissioners decided to pass the resolution after receiving many complaints concerning trailer placement without building permits, proper sewage disposal, highway safety, depreciation of value of adjacent properties with expensive homes, etc. Mr. Guyther read Resolution #66-2, banning trailers in the county except in licensed trailer parks, to become effective April 30, 1966, and continue for one year from that date. He explained that trailers already located on lots would not be effected by this resolution, as it only effects new trailers coming into the county.

General discussion concerning pros and cons of this matter, and the majority of those present were against the resolution. Mr. James Shay, representing 10 property owners in the St. Jerome's Neck Subdivision, said they were in favor of the resolution, and felt that a residential subdivision was no place for a trailer. Mr. Burke, trailer salesman, said he would cooperate fully with the county and not set a trailer in place until the sewage was in.

Dr. Houser stated that Hill's has been issued orders to correct the sewage problem behind his trailer park by the first of September, and new system has already been designed and is being worked on.

The commissioners will review this matter and make a decision and so notify the public.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. T. Pantaleo reviewed plat and description of Shangri La Drive in Lexington Park, which was recorded by Mr. James Kenney, attorney. Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Kenney had merely been asked to have Mr. Rue have the proposed road staked out so that he and Mr. Pantaleo could check it, and there was no authority given for a plat to be drawn up and recorded. It was determined that a letter would be written to the Clerk of the Circuit Court requesting that no plats of dedication to the county be recorded unless same are stamped "approved" by the commissioners.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Pantaleo should inspect the Gum Landing Road and if it is up to specifications, it will be placed in the system. Estimated cost of the Dixie Lyon Road is \$16,000, and the right of way will have to be determined before this can be staked out. There is a deed for the Sotterley Road, but no plat, and this will have to be surveyed and staked. Mr. Pantaleo will do this. This will only concern the portion going through the woods, about 2/10's of a mile.

On the George Mattingly Road, a 40 foot right of way with easements will be enough here, and Mr. Hall will present estimate next week. Beavin & Company have been working on Phase I of the St. John's Road and this will be finished tomorrow. Mr. Hall will approach the residents with the right of way agreements on this road this week.

Letter will be sent to Mr. M. C. Thompson requesting that he initiate procedure to obtain state aid for the paving of the Maude Gardner Road from Chaptico towards Mechanicsville, for a distance of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

### Budget Hearings

First hearing from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Present were Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther, Mrs. Robert Waxman, and Mrs. Joseph E. Browne, President of the Association of University Women, and Dr. Alan Houser.

Method of budget system and how it was begun under legislation in 1963, explained to those present. Mr. Burch reviewed financial statement which is received each month from the auditors and keeps the commissioners aware of how each department is using the funds appropriated in the current budget. Mrs. Brown presented letter from the Association of University Women supporting the extra expenditures for the Board of Education, and if an increase in taxes is necessary to accomplish this, they are in favor of same.

Second hearing from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Present were Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther, Dr. Alan Houser, and approximately 22 interested persons, mostly school teachers.

Budget procedure explained as per this afternoon's hearing. General discussion concerning the Cooper-Hughes legislation and what this would have meant to the county, and supplementary budget submitted for increase in teachers salaries. Mr. Guyther explained that the latter was submitted after the deadline set forth under the law, and the commissioners could not legally accept same. Mr. Donaldson read figures of Board of Education requests, and stated that the salary scale as submitted by the Board of Education has been granted with increases over last year and Step 13 added. Competition among the counties for teachers discussed and possibility of a state wide salary scale to eliminate this.

One of the teachers present said that if a ruling would be gotten on whether or not the commissioners could accept the supplementary budget, would the commissioners consider it. Mr. Burch said yes, they would at least consider it, but could not give a definite answer at the present time.

### Gross Receipts Tax

Mr. Charles Norris and Mr. L. Millison. Mr. Norris stated that he has spoken with several operators regarding the tax on non-payoff machines, and the juke boxes operate at a loss in some cases. They would be satisfied with the \$100 tax on the pool tables, but are asking that the tax be cut down to a minimum on the juke boxes. Mr. Hill, Mr. Wood and Mr. Millison were in agreement with the \$100 figure.

Mr. Guyther suggested taking shuffleboards, music boxes and pool tables from the present resolution and leaving it as is, and write a new resolution effecting

these items so far as levying the new tax is concerned. The commissioners agreed to this and Mr. Guyther will frame a new resolution calling for a flat \$100 fee.

#### Sanitary District

Mr. Cato Merchant stated that the navy has stated they could have 23 acres of land, but he wants to get this in writing. He also stated that if the navy plant is used, the capacity could be doubled, and this could be done for another \$400,000, \$200,000 of which would be county money. It is the feeling of the Metropolitan Commission that the Town Creek portion should be dropped for the present as this is one of the most expensive parts of the whole project, and the Great Mills area up to the top of the hill should be done. The situation here is very bad and the State Health Department has stated that something must be done. The engineer came up with an estimate of \$200,000 for working Great Mills in. Mr. Merchant said he has asked the navy to accept Great Mills until such time as we got our own plant.

Mr. Merchant asked for permission to go ahead with the first stage of the final plans, as the preliminaries have been completed. The commissioners agreed, but Mr. Guyther will have to check as to whether or not public hearings must be held.

#### CATV

Mr. T. Rice discussed with the commissioners his request for a franchise to install this system in the county, and presented amendments to his first paper. He stated that the public is not obligated to subscribe to this service, and they are not allowed to produce programs. Mr. Rice said he has formed a corporation and they have purchased a station in Scranton, Pa.

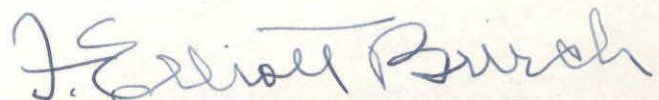
Under the new ruling just passed, there is some doubt of whether or not the southern Maryland counties could be eligible for this service. If it is allowed, the county would receive 3% of the gross receipts and it would not cost the county anything. They would also run connections to all state buildings such as the schools, etc., and they could have closed circuit television. They would furnish the Board of Education with equipment and services. The charge would be \$4.00 per month and they collect the money. They also maintain and operate the facilities and are covered by insurance and in case of accident, suit would be filed against the corporation and not the county. It is their feeling they could operate at a profit with about 1200 subscribers.

Mr. Rice was informed about the other firm who had approached the commissioners about this same service. He was told to give the commissioners time to study this entire prospect for the county and they would give him an answer.

Vouchers #25484 through 25579 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President