

November 22, 1966

Present: Mr. Burch, Mr. Bowles, Mr. P. Raley, Mr. Donaldson. Guest: Mr. R. Aud.

#### Youth Commission Bus

Mr. Guyther was called into the meeting to discuss matter of purchase of a school bus for use of the Youth Commission in their activities. The bus in question can be purchased from Mr. John Drury for \$450, and the Youth Commission is requesting this. Mr. Guyther reviewed the law and stated that the commissioners have the authority to make this purchase as they are authorized to buy equipment needed by the Youth Commission. Insurance covering the bus will be with George Wigginton at present for \$47 per year. Mr. Bowles and Mr. Burch agreed to the purchase of the bus with the stipulation that it belong to the county.

General discussion concerning letter from the Youth Commission regarding purchase of the old firehouse in Leonardtown for a youth center, for \$35,000. It was the general feeling that as there are many schools, buildings at the fair grounds, etc., ways should be explored to use these existing facilities. Mr. Bowles mentioned that the Youth Commission has gotten excellent cooperation from the School Board in using the schools in the county. He also suggested that the Youth Commission be required to set up a record of any charges made to the youth of the county for various activities, in order to have a clear picture of what monies are collected and how they are spent, any balance remaining and how it is to be used. A quarterly report to the commissioners would be required.

#### Board of Education - Chopticon

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. Schrader, Mr. O. Guyther. Dr. King reported that the Board of Education has had a great deal of correspondence concerning the lack of playing fields at the Chopticon High School. They had planned to improve the athletic facilities over a period of three or four years, but would like to accomplish this as soon as possible.

Mr. Schrader presented proposed planning for the football field, baseball field, etc., and this could be done in two phases. Phase I would be clearing, grubbing and drainage and would cost \$41,960. Final phase of seeding, track and final grading would cost \$41,387, if one contractor does all the work. If two different ones are used, the second phase might be a little higher. (Their estimate for Phase II alone, is \$52,823.25.) Six thousand dollars of this can be eliminated by not having a paved road run behind the facility, but a good gravel road, so that an ambulance can get in and out. The estimates include the entire package, except for the stands, and guarantees grass on the field. Dr. King is requesting that the commissioners approve the entire project.

General discussion and it was decided that this would be done in two phases as suggested, one under the present budget, and the other to be under the 1967 budget. The contractor doing the second phase would be made aware that payment will not be forthcoming until after the first of July 1967. Mr. Guyther said that this can be done legally by including it in the specifications.

Concerning the stands, these will be fitted to the contour of the land, and there might be some saving by asking for an estimate for them after the grading is

finished. Mr. Schrader said it would be best to keep the stands separate as they can deal directly with the company, including installation.

Mr. Guyther advised that the contingent fund could be legally used to provide money for this purpose, for Phase I. The commissioners approved the project as outlined.

Dr. King also mentioned that there was additional work to be done at Great Mills High School that will not be included in the money from the State Loan Pool, but they will stretch their funds to do as much as possible everywhere.

### Roads

Mr. George Thomas and son, Mr. Clarence Thomas, and Mr. Gosheff, met with the commissioners regarding the Yowaiski Mill Road. They are requesting that a portion of this road, previously abandoned, be reclaimed by the county and maintained, as it is now impassable. Mr. Gosheff stated that some years ago, approximately 1962, there was to be some work done on this road and the right-of-way had been given by Mr. Martin Beck. The stakes were set, but the work was never done. (Mr. Gosheff is administrative agent for the Beck estate).

There are five families in this area and they are only asking that the road be improved enough to allow traffic to flow in and out. Mr. George Thomas said he would give the necessary right-of-way as the road would go through his property, and Mr. Gosheff stated that if the road would go through the Beck property, right-of-way could be obtained here, also. Mr. Burch explained that the right-of-way would have to be 40' as required by law, and these gentlemen were agreeable. Mr. Dennis Raley of the State Roads Commission will be asked to determine just what is needed to bring this road up to minimum standards.

(A later check of records revealed no evidence of property being deeded to the county from Mr. Martin Beck, as mentioned by Mr. Gosheff.)

### Carver Heights Health Center

Needed repairs to the roof at this facility will be advertised for bids.

### Sheriff's Office

Mr. Ben Burroughs reviewed with the commissioners specifications for the cars to be purchased for the deputies. He said he felt the color of the cars should match the uniforms and he would like to investigate this a little further before a decision is made in this respect. He would like to present samples and pictures to the commissioners for their examination.

Mr. Burroughs feels that there should be unmarked cars to be used in connection with serving civil papers and doing criminal work, and marked cars for the patrol work. So far as the number of cars is concerned, Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles agreed to the six cars recommended by Mr. Burroughs. After discussion, it was agreed that there would be two unmarked cars and four marked cars. Mr. Burroughs said he would prefer to have the two unmarked cars each a different color.

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Qualifications discussed and reviewed and the following were set:

1. Age limit 25 to 50, with service limited to age 60. (Mr. Burroughs asked that the commissioners reconsider lowering this to 21 years, as this would help him in getting the kind of people he would like to have as deputies.)
2. Reputation for sobriety and honesty.
3. High school graduate or five years experience in police work.
4. Investigation of criminal record.
5. Can devote required hours to work.
6. County resident six months, state resident twelve months.
7. Responsible financial history for three years prior to appointment.
8. Willing to submit to character investigation.
9. Six months probation with two weeks training during probation in general police work, and annually thereafter.
10. Failure to comply with any or all regulations would be sufficient cause for dismissal.

General discussion concerning salaries and Mr. Burch presented scale that is used by the state and for county employees. The commissioners are of the opinion that they would like to keep in line with these scales, and place the men in a given scale following the regular increment procedure. They are suggesting Scale 14 for the six deputies and Scale 16 for the chief deputy, and will check for legal authority to place perhaps one man in Scale 15.

The commissioners agreed that Mr. Burroughs could purchase badges, have various forms printed, and that Mr. Raley should advertise for a secretary as required under the county merit system.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

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