

December 6, 1966

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Paul Raley. Guest: Mr. George Aud.

Neighborhood Youth Corps

Mr. A. Barthleme and Mr. George Beschner, Director of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee. Mr. Beschner said that a Neighborhood Youth Corp has been developed to meet the needs of young people from 16 to 22, who are living in poverty, to provide incentive for them to return to school or develop a skill for future opportunity. There has been tentative approval from the Dept. of Labor, and the contract calls for \$160,000, which will primarily be spent for salaries for the young people. Various agencies have been contacted about employing these people, who will be paid approximately \$40 per week. The initial check for the program will be for \$25,000.

Mr. Beschner stated he will be leaving in a short while, but the program will continue, and he is looking for a representative. He has talked with Mr. Barthleme about this, but the Tri-County Committee will have to approve any action, as will the Youth Commission and the commissioners. So far as the programs are concerned, Tri-County will decide to a large degree what they will be, but they do not want to initiate anything unless the county would accept what they have to offer. Mr. Beschner said he would like to explore the possibility of having the Neighborhood Youth Corp and the Youth Commission under Mr. Barthleme's supervision. Mr. Barthleme said that the Youth Commission had agreed that he should go to Mr. Beschner and discuss this. Mr. Beschner said he wanted to know if the commissioners are interested in the program, which would be coordinated from a tri-county viewpoint, unless something is worked out with the Youth Commission, then it would be primarily St. Mary's, as three-fourths of the actual program would be in this county. The federal participation is 100%, as the local contribution will be supervisors who will be working with the young people.

Concerning Mr. Barthleme, Mr. Beschner stated he is thinking of the former in terms of director, and that he should continue under the merit system if he is used in this capacity. He further stated that he feels the program will be funded in January, as he has the contract and there is money in the budget to cover a period of twelve months, and this has not been cut. After the contract is signed, a director must be hired, and a staff, within two weeks.

General discussion concerning the use of mobile units, and Mr. Beschner agreed that this was the most practical method to use to reach the most people. He suggested speaking to Mrs. Martin of the Extension Office about including other services in the unit, and agreed that additional units could be funded very easily. The agency in Southern Maryland has the highest priority in the state. He also said that there is \$64,000 available for the Family Unit Independence Program, and this is to explore the possibility of decreasing the welfare rolls.

Mr. Beschner said that when the money is available, he would like to come back and ask the commissioners whether or not they want this program, and said it has been determined that there are many people in St. Mary's County who need the service.

Buchart Company

Mr. Casavant, representing this firm, presented resume of services offered, and is requesting that the commissioners consider them for future business. There are 260 people, including city planners, on their staff, and they do everything from an initial study through to a master plan. They also do water and sewage studies, and planning for such projects. A feasibility study would be developed along a cost plus basis, or an hourly basis, depending on the amount of time required. Mr. Casavant presented illustrated brochure of his firm's projects.

Tax Sale Property

Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, and Mr. Joseph Mattingly. Mr. Mattingly said that a piece of property for sale had gone to the county due to no one bidding on it, and it belongs to a Mrs. E. Biscoe. He was supposed to have paid the taxes for Mrs. Biscoe, but neglected to get to the sale, and he is now asking that the county sign the property over to this person. There is no deed for the property and there are many heirs involved.

Mr. Guyther reviewed the law and stated that the county must wait the required time of one year for redemption, and that Mrs. Biscoe will have to pay the expense of the foreclosure suit. He said that the county would have the same rights as any purchaser and can do as Mr. Mattingly is requesting, legally.

The commissioners agreed unanimously to grant Mr. Mattingly's request, and he was informed that there is a poundage fee to be paid also. Taxes on the property are \$10.35. Mr. Guyther and Mr. Mattingly will handle legalities for this transaction.

Roads

Mr. A. Cusic and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Pantaleo presented a road agreement to be used in lieu of a deed for the Thompson's Road running through the Thompson and Mattingly property, 7th District, for a road 210 feet in length and 40 feet wide, until such time as the deed is prepared. Agreement has been signed by all parties concerned.

Complaint of Mrs. P. Lopitz given to Mr. Pantaleo. Concerns condition of Fair Grounds Road, and Mr. Pantaleo will investigate and make recommendations.

Letter will be sent to SRC regarding the traffic controls recommended by Mr. Pantaleo on Route 242. Copy will be sent to Mr. Stanton Guy. SRC will also be requested to eliminate the 40 mile per hour limit on Route 5 through New Market, and also to post traffic control signs on St. Andrews Church Road, as there is only one "curve" sign on the entire road, and to post a 40 mile per hour speed limit along the entire road.

Mr. Cusic reported that the Nalley Road has not been done, and they do not recommend doing this road, the Smith's Nursery Road, and one other road which he could not recall. It is too late in the season and they are recommending that these roads be done next spring as they are in good condition for the winter.

Sheriff's Office

Mr. Guyther, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. J. Weiner. Mr. Weiner said he met with the state police about two weeks ago and they seemed to be agreeable about most matters so far as the new sheriff's office is concerned. Mr. Burroughs has requested that his office be given all criminal cases and the state police handle traffic cases, but Mr. Weiner feels that Mr. Burroughs is going to need some help with the criminal work. The state police should be called on if they are needed. Mr. Guyther mentioned the request to draw a definite line for the various types of work, and that the state police have asked that they be allowed to work as they have in the past. He mentioned also that the state's attorney would be the only one who be able to ask the state police not to handle the criminal work. Mr. Weiner was asked how he felt about this, and he said he wanted to have cooperation between the two offices and have as little friction as possible. He further stated he did not plan to ask the state police not to do criminal work. He said he would speak with the state police and the sheriff again, and Mr. Burch suggested a group meeting so there would be a mutual understanding. Mr. Weiner left the meeting.

Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Lancaster came into the meeting. The former said he has selected three deputies, George Quade, Richard Lessans, and Joseph Somerville. There are two other men he is considering, but until the commissioners set the age limit, he cannot appoint them, as they are both under 25. Mr. Burroughs said he would appreciate the commissioners considering lowering the age limit to 21 years so that he could get these two men.

The sheriff said he had found a place to purchase the pistols but would need a letter from the commissioners stating what type gun and that they are to be used for law enforcement in the county. Security on the base is making ID cards for them, and Mr. Burroughs said he had found the flashlights, fingerprinting kits, billy clubs, handcuffs, and the cameras, which they can buy in Lexington Park for \$93.50, and can also get film at a discount. (Mr. Ridgell left the meeting).

Mr. Burroughs said that the governor is holding his commission until the end of December. He presented a letter from the attorney general's office which states that he may qualify as soon as his election has been certified by the appropriate election board. He stated he has opened an account for the sheriff's office with the 1st National Bank, where the present sheriff has an account. Further stated he had a meeting with the state police superiors about his recommendation for handling the criminal work and they agreed to this. He has also discussed it with Sgt. Muchow and Corp. Petit, and Mr. Burroughs said he will make all requests through the sergeant. He has also asked that the two criminal men stay in the county to assist the sheriff's department. Mr. Lancaster said that Capt. Cook and Lt. Moon were pleased with this agreement.

Mr. Burroughs discussed criminal training and fact that he plans to set up a training school for the men, under the FBI. This will be arranged in January of 1967, and the instructors will come down to the county for the various courses that they feel should be taught. He said that he does not want the state police to drop out of the picture so far as the criminal work is concerned, as his department will need them.

(Mr. Bowles left the meeting.)

Mr. Burroughs said he will take whatever the commissioners give him in the way of office space, and if certain rooms are assigned to them and the state police in the new building, then they can use all the facilities.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
F. Elliott Burch, President