

December 20, 1966

Tuesday evening.

Present: All commissioners, Mr. James Kenney, Mr. W. Sterling, Mr. Walter Miles, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo.

County Master Plan

Meeting called for general discussion of master plan recently completey by Harland Bartholomew & Associates. Mr. Sterling said it is his feeling that larger maps and plats of the land use plan should be obtained and reviewed before any decision is made, as there might be something recommended in this plan that might not be in agreement with the commissioners thinking of what would be best for the county. Mr. Pantaleo stated that larger maps and plats are coming from Harland Bartholomew as he has requested them.

Mr. Sterling said that the present zoned areas will be approximately as they are now under the master plan for zoning the entire county. There will be some changes in the zoning regulations and the residential zones will have to be broken down more than they are now. The main thing is to adopt a master plan for the county and then work into that plan with the regulations and the actual zoning. This will correct all of the spot zoning that is now in the county.

It was generally agreed that it is a matter of educating the people to accept zoning. The farmers will probably object most as they feel they should not be told what they can do with their own land, but they will have to be assured that this will help and not hurt them.

Mr. Sterling stated that after the commissioners study the plan, they then present this to the people, have public hearings and adopt the plan or reject it. Once the plan is adopted, it will be final and the poeple of the county will have to abide by it. He stated that the commissioners should study the report, make whatever changes they desire, then proceed with the public hearings. The hearings should be out in the districts and will take some time to complete. There will be maps and descriptive booklets to illustrate each area to be zoned for the people to review. There was some discussion about the fact that the federal government is planning on taking some acreage along the Potomac River for recreational and wildlife purposes, and possible effect this might have on general county zoning. This will have to be considered.

General discussion concerning sewage of the county. Mr. Guyther feels that the biggest problem in the county is for developers to come here and be faced with indecisive laws regarding sewage. This should be clarified. There are some areas that are better for septic tanks and other areas that would be more suitable for a sewage system, and this should be considered. He suggested getting some information on the pitfalls in other counties that have a master plan, and this might help us to avoid making the same mistakes.

Mr. Sterling mentioned that Planning & Zoning has public hearings, and then the commissioners have hearings to adopt the master plan. A meeting will be arranged with Planning & Zoning to review the large maps and plats so that this might be accomplished in one effort.

(Mr. Sterling left the meeting.)

Sanitary District

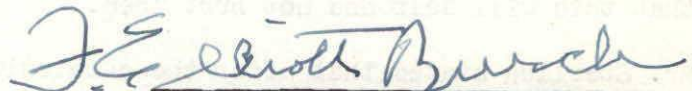
Mr. Kenney mentioned that the county should consider building a road for access to the sewage plant that is to be built on the 23 acres that the navy is giving to the county for this purpose. Without this road it will be necessary for all personnel associated with the plant to go through the south gate and have security clearances. Individuals owning the property on which a road could be built will have to be contacted about deeding the land to the county or selling it for a reasonable price. Mr. Kenney asked that the commissioners consider constructing the road if the Metropolitan Commission can get the property for it. Mr. Pantaleo will investigate and report his findings to the commissioners regarding location for said road.

General discussion concerning the fact that the Metropolitan Commission needs office space immediately, and various locations were considered that might be available. Mr. Kenney will look around and try to find a location.

Mr. Burch also mentioned replacement that will have to be found for Mr. R. Dean, who is resigning from the Metropolitan Commission.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President

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Present: All commissioners, Mr. Guyther.

Nursing Home Entrance Road

Mr. Guyther reported that Mr. James Mattingly is agreeable to doing the corrective work needed in this area, as discussed at last week's meeting.

Nursing Home Payroll

Mr. W. S. Donaldson present. Reviewed request from Mrs. V. Thomas, Administrator, for \$4200 to meet payroll needs for the December 30 payroll period. She states in the letter that due to the fact that Medicare payments are not made in advance, money from this source will not be available until January.

General discussion concerning nursing home, and it was agreed that some information should be provided by Mrs. Thomas as to how much money is going to be received from Medicare payments each month. A meeting with Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Guyther to clarify this matter and also to discuss auditing nursing home accounts, might be helpful.

The commissioners approved payment of the \$4200 and Mr. Burch signed same.

Great Mills Watershed

Mr. John Hall, Soil Conservation, and Mr. R. MacDonald, representing the Columbia Paper Co., discussed land being considered for the watershed, which will encompass land owned by the paper company. There are some 163 acres involved, that would have to be obtained by the county. Mr. Hall said that if the property is made available plans for the construction can possibly begin in the spring of 1968 and there is a remote possibility of an earlier date than that. But all the papers will have to be signed for the property before any construction can be done.

Mr. MacDonald said that the company he represents is very substantial, but there is some public ownership of the land. They will be as cooperative as possible and do what they can. He said he has no idea of what the land is worth and this will have to be looked into.

Mr. MacDonald said he will report to the paper company and get an expression from them, and they will want to know just what piece of land is involved and something about it. Mr. Burch said that the county is depending a great deal on federal and state participation, and appreciate having the land for such projects given to the county. Mr. Guyther suggested using a dollar option approach for this land and Mr. MacDonald said that this might be done, but he has no authority to make any kind of offer.

Housing Authority

Mr. J. Leeds, Deputy Director of the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Mr. D. McGough, Director of the Regional Office of the Housing and Urban Development Department in Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. J. Roy Guyther, Mr. P. Raley.

Mr. McGough stated that the local government has to activate a housing authority, then his office will help take whatever steps are necessary. Type of units needed and where they should be built would have to be determined, and then the local housing authority could apply to them for financial and technical assistance. The county housing authority can operate anywhere in the county except in an incorporated town of over 1,000 population, unless they are asked to do this by that town or city.

Mr. McGough explained various aspects of the housing and said that the first step is to organize the housing authority and then decide if they want to make application for assistance from the federal government. Mr. Guyther asked about providing such housing in small groups, and Mr. McGough said he thinks this can be done. The main problem would be providing services such as water, sewage, etc. In some instances a package deal is made for sewage plants for this purpose, and there might be 18 to 20 houses on one plant, which would be a mechanical plant. Construction costs would determine whether or not this could be done.

Mr. McGough said there are some programs that do not require a housing authority, and these are all in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Detailed of Mr. McGough's presentation is in the files.)

Civil Defense re Joy

Reviewed letter from Gen. Hogaboom requesting that Mr. Herbert Joy be granted a year's extension of sick leave as he is recuperating from a major operation. The commissioners agreed.

Sheriff's Secretary

The commissioners reviewed application of Miss Helen R. Wood for employment as temporary appointee to the position of secretary to the sheriff, and agreed she should be employed in this capacity. Miss Wood will be so notified by letter, with a copy to Mr. Burroughs.

St. John's Road

Mr. Guyther suggested that Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. M. C. Thompson meet with a representative of Beavin Company to straighten out the matter of the requested grade change on this road at Station 72 + 50. Mr. Burch said he would meet with Mr. Thompson regarding this matter first.

Snow Fence Requests

Mr. G. R. Perry, Airdele Road, has requested snow fence on said road in the area between the school house and property of Mrs. J. R. Drury. Request also made for snow fence on St. Jerome's Neck Road on William Trossbach property across from Capper property (old Egan Roach property). Letter will be sent to SRC re same.

Tax Sale Expenses

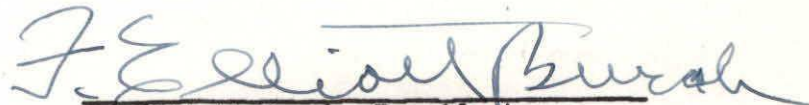
The commissioners approved payment of statement submitted by Mr. Cecil for tax sale expenses as follows: J.H.T. Briscoe, Attorney - \$35.00, Mrs. E. Vallandingham, Notary - \$1.50, Mrs. Ann Fowler, Notary - \$40.50, Mr. A. J. Fortin, Auctioneer - \$35.00.

Petition for Fees - Weiner

The commissioners approved payment for petition for fees submitted by Mr. J. D. Weiner, in the amount of \$50.00, Law No. 1926, per court order signed by Judge Philip Dorsey.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President