

January 3, 1967

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Paul Raley.

Railroad

Reviewed letter from General Services Administration concerning plans for disposal of the surplus railroad. Letter states that the 30 mile segment south of Hughesville is available for disposal, and they would like to know if the three counties are interested in acquiring this property.

The commissioners agreed that a letter be sent to General Services Administration informing them that the county is definitely interested in the railroad, and request a 90 day delay so that arrangements can be made with others involved. Copies of the letters will be sent to Senators Brewster and Tydings, and Congress Machen.

Congressional District Office

Mr. Richard T. Brice, District Assistant for Congressman Rogers Morton, reported that an office has been established in Annapolis to improve communications with the new portion of the 1st Congressional District of Maryland. The services of this office will be available to the commissioners in dealing with the federal government in any way.

Mr. Brice mentioned the Water Pollution Control Act, and that there would be a hearing on January 19th. The state is setting up water uses in compliance with the federal act and once the hearing is held, the federal government will adopt these uses. Federal funds will then become available to help clean up existing pollution problems. This action would concern interstate water and anything effecting it. The county should take a great deal of interest to see that the water uses are set properly. The federal government will pay 80% of the funds needed to clean up the water, and the county must pay the remaining 20%. This is actually a zoning of the water, and Mr. Morton is very interested. He wants to insure Maryland getting its fair share of the money available under the bill.

Mr. Burch mentioned that the county had been informed, through Mr. Charles Norris, Chairman of the Airport Committee, that there would be no federal funds available for this project. Mr. Norris was called into the meeting and discussed the project to date. He said that he still wants to keep this project current, and Mr. Brice said he will look into this and see what can be done, if anything.

Mr. Pantaleo was called into the meeting to discuss the bulkhead at 7 Gables. He reviewed the file on this matter to date, and Mr. Brice was given a copy of the application submitted for this project. The latter said he would see what can be done to expedite the study, ad the state has said it would take six months to complete.

The matter of the surplus railroad was discussed and Mr. Brice was given copies of the correspondence pertaining to this. Mr. Norris left the meeting.

Mr. Bowles informed Mr. Brice of attempts to have house to house mail delivery in Leonardtown, which have been refused. Mr. Brice said that matters concerning the post office are usually handled through the senate, but he will se what his office can do.

## Roads

Mr. D. Bond, Mr. T. Pantaleo, Mr. George Dent (Beavin Company). Mr. Bond was asked to check the Laurel Grove Road running to St. Joseph's Project, to determine if this road can be improved at a minimum cost. He will also see about getting the right of way on the George Mattingly Road. Mr. Bowles mentioned that right of way should also be gotten on the Boothe Road (off Cherryfield Road) so that this road can be rebuilt. (Mr. Bond left the meeting).

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting at this point. Mr. George Dent said he was present to request that Beavin Company continue to be considered for county work. He discussed the matter of the water and sewage plan for the county, and as his firm has done so much work in the Lexington Park area, they feel they are in a good position to draw the required plans.

General discussion concerning the Hickory Hill Road, and requested grade change. Reviewed letter from Mr. M. C. Thompson, in which he states that the county must get permission in writing from adjoining property owners before the grade change at Station 72 + 50 can be considered. Mr. Guyther said that the original form used to obtain the right of way can be used by inserting statement on the back of owner's consent to cutting the knoll by so many inches, consistent with the "red line" plan. It might be explained to the owners involved that this change is not going to effect certain entrances, then have statement signed. Can also have agreement signed by people at Station 76. Mr. Bowles will accompany Mr. Pantaleo at such time as the forms are presented to the people concerned.

## Sheriff

Mr. B. Burroughs said that there is additional equipment he would like to have, such as tear gas guns. He would like two, with the canisters to fit on the end, and two masks. These would be kept in his car and Mr. Lancaster's car. He would like to see a demonstration of this equipment and then obtain same if the county is interested. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Burroughs should see the demonstration and report back.

Mr. Burroughs said he has set up a training program to begin next week, and will need fingerprinting equipment in the jail as part of the program. The commissioners agreed to the purchase of this equipment at a previous meeting, and Mr. Burroughs will obtain it.

General discussion concerning type of report to be submitted to the commissioners from the sheriff's office. Mr. Burroughs suggested daily mileage report, presented each month, investigations made that month, and the latter might be broken down into categories of types of investigations.

The sheriff requested that Mr. T. Greig be paid one week's salary for working with the sheriff's department even though he is still at the Control Tower, as he has helped on a number of cases. Mr. Donaldson will be consulted about this.

Mr. Burroughs said that Dr. R. Guyther and Dr. D. Mossman have expressed an interest in having a location at the hospital to handle inebriates, but there would have to be someone to take care of these people. He mentioned the meeting several months ago with state officials concerning this matter, and suggestion

that was made to brief doctors on using such a location to avoid sending patients to Crownsville. Mr. Burroughs said he would like some clarification on how to handle this matter, and requested he be allowed to do this as he had in the past, so far as putting inebriates in jail, or taking them away.

Mr. Burroughs asked about compensatory time for his secretary for the time she may work after hours in connection with investigations. He was informed that this is allowed under our Merit System.

#### State's Attorney's Bond

The commissioners approved the bond for Mr. J. Weiner and Mr. Burch signed same.

#### Assessors Convention and School

The commissioners approved amount of \$69.00 per man, for assessors to attend the annual school for assessors being held at the University of Maryland January 16 through 20.

#### Jailor's Leave

The commissioners agreed that Mr. W. Gatton should be paid for the three days leave he has accrued that cannot be carried over from last year, as his position as jailor is unusual so far as his leaving the jail is concerned.

#### EDC Liaison Man

The Economic Development Commission has recommended that a man be hired to work on economic development for the entire county, to follow through legislation, to investigate any industry that might come into the county, etc. Mr. William Chapman has been mentioned to serve in this capacity. A decision must be made as to whether or not this man would work for all three counties or for St. Mary's County, alone. The salary and expenses would be split three ways if all three counties use this person. The man hired would also deal with federal and state agencies for federal projects and monies. This will be discussed further with the other counties involved.

#### Bennett Dump

Complaints have been received about the condition of this fill, that have existed for some time. General discussion concerning fact that Mr. Bennett is being paid to maintain the dump, and this will be checked.

#### Gross Receipts Tax

General discussion concerning the \$100 flat fee for non-payoff machines, and how this would effect machines located in Leonardtown. The state has said that said machines must continue to pay the 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax. Mr. Guyther will see Mr. Sterling regarding this and discuss possibility of the town abolishing the 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ % tax, also. If this is done, the \$100 can be collected and would be paid to the town. Until this is done, Mr. Guyther does not feel the \$100 can be collected for machines located in Leonardtown.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

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