

January 24, 1967

Present: All commissioners, Mr. O. Guyther, Mr. P. Raley.

Route 235 - Hollywood

Mr. Walter Dorsey, representing delegation of people from Hollywood (who were also present) stated that property owners who would be effected by the proposed location of the new highway going through Hollywood, are disturbed. Mr. Insley presented a petition requesting that the road be routed to run from the Vista Road on or along the old State Road through old Hollywood, then bear to theeast enough to pass behind homes, businesses, church and school, on to Clark's Landing Road. They feel this would a less expensive and safer road and would prevent the destruction of some twenty homes or more now standing along Route 235.

Mr. Dorsey said they had talked with Mr. Harry Dorsey of the SRC, and there are several alternate routes. The SRC's first choice would be to use the existing roadbed for the second lane, second choice would be to take the railroad, and third, channelization such as in Lexington Park. Mr. Walter Dorsey said that these people are only interested in the northbound lane, unless the old raod was relocated. They feel that re-routing the highway along the old road would stimulate growth andeconomy in this area.

Mr. Burch informed those present that it is the commissioners understanding that the design and relocation of the road is out of their hands. The Board can suggest something they would like to have done, but the SRC has to agree with it. Mr. Guyther read from the 1965 Laws concerning this, which states that the commissioners can stop construction, but they cannot tell the SRC where to put the road.

Mr. Charles Norris said he wanted to point out that Mr. Insley talked with every person on the petition and all of them are bona fide property owners. He also mentioned that there is a slum area in Hollywood, and b placing the road in the location requested, this would be eliminated. Mr. J. Hodges pointed out that the property owners most directly involvad if the road is located as they are request- ing, are in favor of it and have no objection.

Mr. Guyther suggested that Mr. Dorsey and those concerned meet with the delegates to discuss this matter. Mr. Dorsey agreed that they would try to accomplish this on Monday and report back to the commissioners. The commissioners will be meeting with the legislators in the very near future and will discuss this matter, as there was some concern as to how quickly the final decision would be made on the road. The contract is to be let April 1.

Mr. Hodges asked if property owners are allowed to see maps and plats of proposed highways. Mr. Burch said that this has been done in the past and would probably be possible in this instance.

Snow Fence

Mr. G. R. Perry, Airdele Road, said that snow fence is badly needed on one portion of this road, beyond Mrs. J. Drury's property. There are about 30 families involved and when there is a heavy snow the road is practically impassable in this one spot.

Mr. Perry was informed that snow fence will be obtained under the county roads improvement program, but it would be impossible to get any now as it has not been provided for in the budget. Mr. Aud suggested that if we have anymore heavy snow, that someone call the commissioners office and the plowing will be taken care of.

Inquiry will be made of other counties to see if there is any snow fence that might be available to St. Mary's County, but this is doubtful.

Civil Defense Tower

Major Ellison and Mr. O. Wood. Discussed matter of the tower for the new building. The pole now belongs to the state police, but the replacement pole will be higher and has not been provided for in the state police budget, and they do not want to go into a supplemental budget. The higher pole is necessary for the county roads antenna that is to be placed on it. The pole, erection, fencing, and running underground cable tunnel, will cost about \$8,000. This is not the bid price, and this might be less, or more. The pole will be 147 feet high, and without the light on top, the cost might be about \$7,000.

Major Ellison said that this can be done by the county paying 25% of the cost, and make it the responsibility of the state police to take care of the light. They want to use the pole even though they do not own it. Mr. Burch made motion that the county participate for the 25%, seconded by Mr. Bowles and passed. Major Ellison said he would initiate proceedings at once.

(Mr. Aud, Mr. Bowles, and Mr. Raley left to attend meeting at Animal Shelter).

Roads

Mr. D. Bond and Mr. T. Pantaleo, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Guyther. Discussion regarding the bridge on Millstone Landing Road giving way beneath a truck. Mr. Bond said that the bridge has been repaired so that one car can get across it, and there are now barricades and highwheel guards in place. He said that the bridge can be repaired to make it safe, and then it could be posted. Mr. Pantaleo agreed and further stated that pictures should be taken after this is done to have evidence that the signs were placed there. Mr. Bond said that \$500 would probably cover the cost, and Mr. Burch instructed him to go ahead with the project. A letter will be sent to the SRC requesting posting the bridge.

Mr. Bond will determine just how long the Cat Creek Road actually is, and how much of it is in the county system. The entire road should be included if it isn't, as the snow plow has not been going to the end of the road. Mr. Pantaleo said they are still waiting to hear from the Army Engineers about the 7 Gables Bulkhead. Mr. Burch and Mr. Pantaleo will inspect the Yowaiski Mill Road this week to see what can be done toward improvement. Mr. Pantaleo will also find out exactly what Mrs. P. Lopitz wants done on the Fair Grounds Road.

Mr. Bond said he will have to have the program for the surface treatment by February 15th. He will go over all the roads and make recommendations to the commissioners. He asked that the commissioners decide on any new gravel roads to be put on the oiling schedule. He will have a report for them next week.

All the right of way has been gotten on the Boothe Road (Cherryfield) and Mr. Bond will figure an estimate to widen it. He and Mr. Pantaleo will inspect the road to determine just what can be done to improve it.

Reviewed request from a Mr. Zirpel regarding a road in Tall Timbers. Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo inspected it and it is very narrow and winds in and out through many trees. The latter reported that there are enough houses there to justify a road and suggested that he write to Mr. Zirpel requesting a formal request from the property owners involved, stating that they would grant the necessary 40 foot right of way. The commissioners agreed that this should be done. Mr. Pantaleo said he will also make certain that they are considering the correct road, as there are several roads in the area.

On the George Mattingly Road, Mr. Bond said that Mr. T. Hall had told him they had all of the right of way here except from one person. He hopes to have information on this road for the commissioners next week. Mr. Bond said he could provide a breakdown on the Graves Road for the work done, but not for the overhead, and would see that Mr. Donaldson got this immediately.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that nothing has been done on the Dutchman's Cove Subdivision Road and it is in very bad condition. There has been some pipe delivered to the site but that is all. Mr. Guyther suggested that Mr. W. Sterling, attorney to the Planning & Zoning Commission, write a letter to the developer stating that the subdivision has been platted and the bond placed, and the road is to be built in a given number of days. Mr. Pantaleo will take care of this.

Mr. Bond said that he and Mr. Pantaleo inspected the St. Andrews Land and Parkview Drive in St. Andrews Estates, and these roads have deteriorated and are not now fit to be placed in the county system. This has happened since the letter was written requesting that these roads be placed in the system. Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond will send a letter to the developer stating that if he does not fix the roads as requested, no more building permits will be issued.

Mr. Bond asked about roads being taken over when there are no houses on them. It is Mr. Pantaleo's feeling that if the roads are taken over, a maintenance bond should be posted. He recommends accepting the roads if they are up to specifications, and feels that under the law, the county is bound to take over the roads if they are up to specifications whether there are any houses on them or not. Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners depend on the SRC to advise them in such situations, as well as Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Guyther suggested that the same type maintenance bond requested from Mr. J. Dobry for his subdivision roads, could be requested in this instance.

(Mr. W. Chapman came into the meeting).

Mr. Pantaleo said that it will be necessary to transpose the property owners names on the plat of St. Andrews Church Road, and there is a Mr. Harvey Dorsey, of McCrone, who will do this in his spare time for \$2.50 per hour. After general discussion, it was decided that Mr. Pantaleo would do this work himself to find out just how much time and work are involved. He would then know just what to expect of someone who might work in this capacity in the future if needed.

Tri-County Animal Shelter

Mr. Aud, Mr. Bowles, and Mr. Raley returned from the meeting and reported that they

found Mr. Ward in a very intoxicated condition. The commissioners from Charles and Calvert Counties were also present at the meeting, and it was the general feeling that Mr. Ward should be relieved of his position. Mr. Lusby, now employed by Calvert County, was mentioned as a possible replacement for Mr. Ward, at a salary of \$6,000 per year, but no definite decision was made.

Parole and Probation

Mr. Guyther reported he had discussed possibility of this agency renting space in the courthouse and was informed by Mr. Charnley that they do not pay rent anywhere in the state. As of July 1st, there will be a Division of Juvenile Services established in each county, and additional office space will be needed in the courthouse. The commissioners and Mr. Raley left the meeting to make a tour of the courthouse to investigate all possibilities for additional office space.

Nursing Home

Reviewed letter from Mrs. V. Thomas requesting \$4200 to meet payroll expenses for period of January 27th. The commissioners approved same, however, a letter will be sent to Mrs. Thomas stating that the commissioners are very concerned about the continued requests for funds, and that they expect to be reimbursed for these advances at such time as the Medicare payments are received.

A letter will also be sent to Dr. Guyther, Chairman of the Board of Directors, expressing the commissioners concern for requests for funds, and that they have decided that the monthly audit of the nursing home books, and the annual audit of the bookkeeping system should be under county administration, namely Mr. Donaldson and Mr. David Gruber, county auditor. Dr. Guyther will be asked to meet with the commissioners on Thursday, January 26th, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss this matter, and to bring Mrs. Thomas or any other members of the Board of Directors who would care to come.

Supervisors of Election Convention

Mr. Aud made motion to pay \$160 expenses for the supervisors to attend the annual convention in Bowie, Maryland, on February 7, 8, and 9. Seconded by Mr. Bowles and passed unanimously.

Library

Payment approved of \$17,321.54, balance of 1966-67 appropriation for this facility, as requested by Mrs. N. Tzonev.

Hickory Hill Road

Reviewed copy of letter to Mr. Pantaleo from Mr. M. C. Thompson regarding approval of the grade change by the SRC.

Copying Machine

The commissioners agreed that the 914 Xerox machine should be installed, as this will provide increased services.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President

January 26, 1967

Thursday.

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Donaldson, Dr. Guyther, Mrs. V. Thomas, Mr. P.
Raley

Nursing Home Finances