

February 8, 1967

Wednesday.

Present: All commissioners, Mr. P. Raley, Mr. W. Donaldson, Mr. W. Chapman.

Proposed Legislation

The commissioners reviewed amendments to bills sent to them by Mr. John H. Briscoe for their consideration as follows:

1. Amendment to dog law creating power to deputize the dog warden.
2. Amendment to Parks & Recreation Law changing wording to state that property acquired by this agency will be in the name of the Board of County Commissioners.
3. Increasing the commissioners expenses to \$3,000 per year.

General discussion concerning the proposed amendments and it was agreed that the change in the Parks & Recreation law should be made. Discussion with Mr. Guyther later in the day revealed that the dog warden has the power of constable under the present law, and the amendment was not needed. Concerning the commissioners expenses, Mr. Burch said he was not in favor of the \$3,000 as he felt it was too high. After further discussion, it was decided that the bill would be submitted as written, for consideration by the legislators.

Tobacco Market

Mr. George Clark and Mr. N. Hall. Mr. Clark stated that the tobacco people in the county will have to vote pertaining to a support price for tobacco, and are asking that someone look into this matter to determine what would be the best thing to do. Mr. Clark said that at present there 21 million pounds of tobacco being held that was overgraded and overpriced, and until this is sold their allotments will be cut back to offset this. He asked if there was someone who could provide them with some information as to how they should vote in the matter of price support.

(Mr. Guyther came into the meeting.) Mr. Hall stated that one of the problems is that there is no organization in Southern Maryland so far as the tobacco growers are concerned, there is no administrative organization, and no sales organization. Some leadership is needed for them to get started. It was decided that Mr. Chapman would obtain whatever information he can and bring this back to the people involved. Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hall and Mr. Clark left the meeting to further discuss the matter.

Sheriff

Sheriff B. Burroughs discussed matter of dog warden being deputized, and was assured this would in no way effect his department, as this would only be in connection with violations of the dog law.

The sheriff also mentioned office space for his department and that he feels there will not be room enough in the new Civil Defense building. He suggested possibility

of adding on to the present courthouse on the lower level where they are now situated. He said he would draw up a diagram of what he feels is needed.

Mr. Burroughs said he is going to ask Senator P. Bailey to amend the sheriff's bill to increase the number of deputies if the commissioners see fit to do so. There are instances when special deputies would be needed. He also asked how the commissioners want to handle gas for the new cars. Mr. Raley informed him that credit cards have been ordered for the deputies.

The sheriff said he was not satisfied with the demonstration he saw of the tear gas guns and would let this go for the time being. He requested purchase of 6 shotguns to be used in the deputies cars. Mr. Raley said the type gun desired costs \$71.00. On motion made by Mr. Aud, seconded and passed unanimously, the commissioners agreed that the shotguns should be purchased. These will be 12 gauge shotguns with approximately 18" barrels.

State Police

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the state police commander requesting that if possible Sgt. Wayne Pettit be allowed to remain in the county. Since promotion to sergeant, Mr. Pettit has been assigned to the Waldorf barracks.

Dobry Dog Damage Claim

Mr. Aud made motion to pay \$100 claim as requested by Mr. J. Dobry for calf killed by dogs, seconded by Mr. Burch and passed. Mr. Bowles declined to vote.

Mr. Aud made further motion that this law be repealed, seconded by Mr. Bowles, and passed unanimously.

Civil Defense Building Payment

The commissioners approved payment of \$24,219, Application #5, to Bacon & Passarelli, as approved by Mr. F. Tilp, architect, for work on the new building.

Sanitation Commission Law

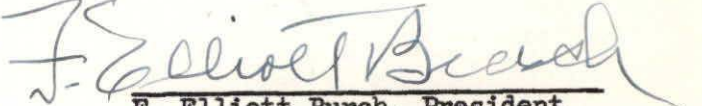
Mr. J. Kenney, attorney for the Metropolitan Commission, discussed changes to be made in this law. General discussion concerning changes recommended by Mr. D. Gruber, county auditor, and Smith, Somerville & Case, bonding attorneys, and fact that there is some difference of opinion about whether or not rate of interest should be stated in the bill. Mr. Burch explained that it was the feeling of the commissioners and Mr. Gruber that if the rate of interest was set by the commissioners, this would make bidding more competitive. Mr. Kenney also stated that it is the opinion of the Smith firm that the present district should be stated in the actual law, so that this is legislatively confirmed. Language should also be added that new districts will be created when found to be in the best interests of the health and welfare of the county. It was agreed that a meeting with the legislators would be of help in resolving how the amendments to this law should be worded.

Board of Education Land for Library

The commissioners reviewed quitclaim deed for land being given to the county by the Board of Education for the new library to be built in Lexington Park. Approved by the commissioners and signed by Mr. Burch. The documents will be recorded and forwarded to proper parties.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President