

February 21, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud (Mr. Bowles and Mr. Raley on vacation)

Portney's Overlook Road

Mr. Martin Keough (resident of Portney's Overlook) and Mr. Pantaleo discussed with the commissioners the condition of the road in question. Mr. Keough reported that the road is in very bad condition, with large potholes which hold the water. A great deal of gravel has washed down into the ditches, and Mr. Keough said he has cleaned this out himself several times. After general discussion it was decided that Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond would inspect this road today and report back at the roads meeting this afternoon.

At the afternoon meeting Mr. Bond reported that the condition at the beginning of the road can be corrected in about two hours. The other matter of the clogged ditches near Mr. Keough's property is being caused by a condition created by a Mr. Nelson, who is blocking the road, but this portion of the road is private. Mr. Bond said he can take care of the beginning portion of the road tomorrow morning, but Mr. Nelson will have to take care of the lower end. According to both Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond, as soon as the water and snow dry up, the road will be in good condition. The grader can then go in and this will be a perfect gravel road. Mr. Bond said he will send the grader in as soon as the road dries up.

Library

Mr. F. Tilp, W. Chapman, Mrs. P. Barber, Adm. T. Clark, Mrs. K. Daugherty, Mr. Jensen, discussed with the commissioners inspection made by Mr. Tilp of the Tudor Hall library, and report made by the latter stating that the building is structurally dangerous. The stairs are bad and the entire building is overloaded from the weight of the books.

Mrs. Barber said that the Library Association has no money to do anything and they are at the point of asking the county to take over the building and restore it. Mr. W. M. Loker has searched the will and stated that so long as the building remains a library, it does not make any difference who owns it. Actually, the building was offered to the county at first, but it was not accepted.

Mr. Tilp has recommended an emergency program that has already been started to take the books off the second floor, and they are going to have to reduce the services they are now offering. Adm. Clark said he feels there is a distinct matter of liability and this must be corrected immediately, and he plans to seek legal advice as to who would be liable if an accident did happen.

Mr. Burch mentioned that the commissioners had agreed some time ago to take over the building, but it had not been presented to them to date. Mrs. Barber said that was because they want to know what the county is going to do with the building before turning it over. They want to have the library service and also preserve the building. Mr. Aud and Mr. Burch agreed they would be in favor of keeping the building as it is and preserving it as an historical spot. Mr. Burch further stated that he would hope that the Library Association would continue to operate

the building as they have if the county did take over the facility.

General discussion concerning cost, and Mr. Tilp said it could cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$100,000 to restore the building, depending on the condition of the structure. Mrs. Barber said she had spoken with Mrs. Loeffler about this and they can get \$70,000 from the federal government, but there is no money available from the state. Mr. Chapman said he will look into this. There was further discussion about possibility of building an addition to the library and moving the library facility into it until such time as the building might be renovated. Mrs. Barber said it was their thought that the present library could house the collection of Maryland Historical books, be used as administrative offices, and a center of operation for the bookmobile.

Mr. Tilp presented rough sketch of how a proposed addition might be built, and is suggesting a two story building as more value is gotten for the amount of money spent. General discussion concerning size and type facility and possible cost. Estimate for 10,000 square feet of space is \$207,000 for an addition. This figure does not include doing anything to the present building.

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting and was advised of prior discussion. He said that if a plan is formulated to change some of the original intent of Mrs. Davidson and this was presented to the heirs, they would go along with this and perhaps lift the necessity that the building be used as a library. At least this is his feeling.

So far as renovating the old building is concerned, Mr. Tilp stated that if it is found to be structurally perfect, it will cost approximately \$5,000 to replace the plaster, but if not, the walls will have to be torn down, a new roof added, etc., and as previously stated, might cost \$100,000.

After further discussion, Mr. Guyther stated that the county can receive title to the library if it is granted. Mrs. Barber said first they would have to set up the legal machinery to turn the building over to the county, and then have an architect determine what must be done. It was agreed that a schedule should be drawn up and presented to the commissioners for their consideration. The schedule could be for the new addition, and also include renovation of the present building over a period of time. Mrs. Barber mentioned that Mrs. Loeffler has stated in a report that the present building can be used as an administrative building for the library if the new building is constructed.

Mr. Burch advised those present that this matter would have to be discussed when the full board was present, when Mr. Bowles returned to the county.

Proposed Legislation

Mr. J. Kenney discussed with Mr. Guyther and the commissioners several amendments to be made to the Metropolitan Commission bill. Mr. Kenney stated that the amount of bond for the treasurer should be more than \$10,000 as this person will be handling a great deal of money eventually. This should be given serious consideration.

Golden Beach Roads

Mrs. Doris Hodges and Mr. Robert Nantz reviewed roads in this subdivision, and Mrs. Hodges asked about right of way for the road through the Boland property. It was

explained that Mrs. Boland would not grant the right of way, but as she has passed away, her son now has control. Mrs. Hodges said that he might be approached and it was decided that she or someone else from the area would do this.

Petition for Fees - Cherbonnier

The commissioners approved payment of petition for fees submitted by A. V. Cherbonnier in the amount of \$50.00, Criminal Law #1976, as approved by Judge Dorsey.

Roads

Mr. D. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond said he will put a small guard rail and indicators on the small bridge on the road to Golden Clark's, and will try to get this done tomorrow. He reported that it will cost \$9,000 to do the Boothe Road: labor - \$4,500, material - \$1,125, equipment - \$1,875, plus 20% overhead. He said it will cost about \$1,000 to widen this road and drain it if the county takes it over for maintenance. For the present, he will patch the road.

Mr. Bond said he will need \$4,000 for grading and maintaining the sanitary fills and the commissioners approved granting this amount.

Mr. Bond stated that the oiling schedule is approximately \$148,000, and the commissioners will have to review it. He said he can go over the roads listed, give a priority listing, and present this for revision. Mr. Bond was asked to use \$100,000 as a guide and then if it is necessary, another 25% can be cut off the schedule. It was also agreed that Portney's Overlook Road would be added to the schedule, and Mr. Bond will present the schedule next week.

Gosnell Subdivision Road

The commissioners approved taking over the road in this subdivision that runs from the Larredore Road to Mr. O'Donnell's property. Required letter and plats will be sent to SRC. This project approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

Dog Damage Claim

The commissioners approved payment in the amount of \$27.50 to Mr. J. Carroll, Avenue, Maryland, for 22 laying hens killed by dogs, at \$1.25 each.

Deep Water Port

Mr. Buckley, Mr. J. Long, Mr. W. Chapman. Mr. Buckley said they have contacted a food company and a lumber company that are interested in the port, and he and his associates are now looking for the moral support of the commissioners to bring in a limited amount of "green" industry into the county. They are speaking about 4 to 6 factories with a payroll of some \$3,000,000 per year for about 150 employees for each factory. Mr. Long stated that the Volkswagon business is looking for a distributing area and might consider the port.

Mr. Long said that they are aware of the water and air pollution problems, and they have a plant in Bladensburg, which is immaculate and the mayor is very pleased with their facility. General discussion concerning a feasibility study, and Mr. Buckley said that this would point out the potential development, indicating the various

types of industries that should be at a port facility of this size, and recommendations would be made in a particular field.

Mr. Long stated that if the commissioners feel they do not want a port, they will sell the property. It is Mr. Buckley's feeling that the commissioners would have to approve every factory and industry that would come into the county, and all plans would have to be submitted to the board for approval. In this manner, the commissioners would control the kind of industry coming into the county. Mr. Long agreed that this could be done.

Mr. Buckley said he would like to leave the possibility of revenue bonds open although they are not here for that reason today. Today they are simply asking for the moral support of the commissioners so they can go ahead with the necessary expenditures for the engineers for plans, etc. He said they are willing to have a public meeting with anyone objecting to the port and answer any questions that people might have to ask. He further stated they will guarantee keeping the air and water free from pollution. Mr. Buckley said that what they need is a letter of intent from the commissioners, and this could spell out the conditions the commissioners would impose.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. Long were told about the sanitary district being built in the 8th District, and that plants in the industrial park could tie into this. Mr. Buckley said they will meet with the Metropolitan Commission and get information from them about this.

Mr. Burch informed the gentlemen that this matter will be discussed with Mr. Bowles when he returns.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President