

March 7, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

County Water and Sewage

Mr. F. McCoy and Mr. W. Groome, of FHA. Mr. McCoy advised that the county program must be completed by October of 1968 in order to get federal funds and by 1970 in order to get state funds, and St. Mary's County has not contracted for this work to date. Mr. Burch informed Mr. McCoy that the commissioners have interviewed four consultants and will make a decision very soon.

Mr. McCoy said that the county should enter into a contract as soon as possible, as the sooner this is done, the better chance the county has of getting a grant from the state, as most of the other counties have already submitted applications. He further stated that any licensed consultant is acceptable.

Mr. McCoy said that until October 1968, they will go along with an excerpt from the commissioners minutes showing that a consultant has been employed and is working on the project.

Parks and Recreation

Capt. James W. Henderson, Chairman, presented plat of the Lexington Park elementary school grounds, showing outline of property proposed to enlarge this area. There is a total of approximately five acres at a cost of \$6,000, and Capt. Henderson said his board has put this amount in their budget for next year to purchase this land. There are two owners, Jack Daugherty and George Malloy. He also said that Dr. King is meeting with the Board of Education today and will discuss possibility of selling this land. If the Board of Education will pay half of the cost, with the matching funds available, it would not cost the county anything. Capt. Henderson said he would like to have the commissioners get an option on the property and then a survey can be made, and this will be at the county's expense. It was also mentioned that there is a possibility of the Board of Education giving back to the county a portion of the school property so that it can be used for parks and recreation. Mr. Burch suggested that all pertinent facts pertaining to this matter be presented to the commissioners in one package so that they can determine exactly what is involved here.

Capt. Henderson discussed Briscoe Park, and said the park needs attention such as drainage and dragging. Also mentioned the access road to the park which would run through property owned by Mr. Walter Dorsey. Mr. Dorsey will deed the right of way to the county and Mr. W. Sterling has informed Capt. Henderson that he will draw up the necessary papers and get them to Mr. Pantaleo. It will cost about \$1500 to put the park in shape, and the residents are also asking for picnic tables and bleachers. If the material is supplied, the people have said they will do the work. (Mr. Guyther came in at this point.) Capt. Henderson was informed that the county cannot work on private property and Briscoe Park was privately owned. Capt. Henderson said that he can get a one year lease on the park and perhaps it could be handled this way. Mr. Guyther mentioned that he had been informed by Mr. deSimone that these people had formed a corporation and were going to take care of this as a private endeavor.

Capt. Henderson also mentioned area at the Wigwam in St. Clements Shores that would be suitable for a boat ramp and picnic area, and that this land might be obtained by donation or purchase.

Deep Water Port

Mr. W. Anders, of the Tri-County Council, discussed various manufacturers that might be interested in using this facility. There is a large food concern, which processes molasses, and Parker W. Frames, Industrial Real Estate, has expressed an interest in locating in various places. They will be evaluating sites in Md. and want to know if the county can accommodate them. So far as the molasses is concerned, it will be brought in in tankers, but there is no information as to what they will be doing with it. Mr. Anders suggested looking over a similar operation, possibly in the New York area. He also stated that this particular firm will definitely need the railroad.

Mr. Anders asked that the commissioners consider approving the port and having a feasibility study made, and the Tri-County Council and the county could bear the cost of this, which would be about \$12-15,000, depending on what is required in the study, approximately \$7500 each. Mr. W. Chapman (who came into the meeting with Mr. Anders) mentioned that Mr. R. Sparks, of the State EDC, has stated that if the owners of the proposed port can certify sound financial tenants, and the commissioners approve the port, the feasibility study would not be needed. (This fact is stated in a letter from Mr. Sparks to the commissioners.) Mr. Anders stated that these good prospects have not been forthcoming to date. Mr. Guyther then said that they cannot get the prospects until the commissioners give some indication that they are not against the project.

Mr. Burch said that perhaps the next step would be to have a public meeting and have these people come down and talk with the people in the county before a decision is made. General discussion concerning this, and it was suggested that a rough draft of conditions and restrictions that would be imposed be presented at the meeting, or perhaps having the owners agree to these prior to the meeting. Mr. Guyther said that actually the meeting should be sponsored by the owners and the commissioners should be there by invitation. A tentative date for the public meeting was set for March 28th, but this will have to be confirmed with the owners. (Mr. P. Raley came into the meeting).

Mr. Burch said it is his feeling that this entire project should be presented to the general public. Mr. Bowles agreed and stated that if the people were given the opportunity to understand what the port facility is about and the protection that will be exercised, perhaps they would feel differently than they do now. They need to be told what would be proposed, what it would be like in the future, and what protection there would be against air and water pollution. The people should be afforded the opportunity to ask any questions they would like, and could then let the commissioners know what they are for or against.

Mr. Anders suggested that it might be a good idea to have the EDC arrange for a public meeting and make a presentation. The EDC could invite any state people who might be beneficial to this cause. Mr. Chapman suggested sending a letter of intent with the condition that the owners must come back when the tenants are firm, and have a public hearing then. Mr. Burch suggested that all proposals made today be considered, including the letter of conditions and restrictions, and then a decision can be made.

I. Bowman & Associates

Mr. F. Luntner, representing this firm, asked that they be considered for work in the county. They have offices in Washington, D. C., and Charleston, W. Va., and employ engineers who have performed an industrial survey for the city of Charleston, done work on deep water ports, worked on large hospitals, office buildings, and have completed approximately \$20,000,000 work on state parks. Have also prepared feasibility studies, economic phase. Mr. Luntner presented brochures for the commissioners review.

Roads

Mr. D. Bond presented oiling schedule as revised, and said he will need a letter from the commissioners approving it as submitted. Total cost is \$93,120.92 for 49.44 miles. Mr. Aud made motion, seconded by Mr. Bowles, passed unanimously, approving said schedule.

Reviewed letter to be sent authorizing that the Lawrence Hayden be deleted, as it is completed, and funds would remain pending on the Langley Road until such time as the right of way is obtained.

Civil Defense Equipment

Messrs. Menichino, Bornhoeft, and Goodwin, representing Motorola, Mr. O. Wood, Mr. C. Donaldson, Gen. Hogaboom (latter part of meeting). Mr. Bornhoeft stated that his firm was concerned over the difference in the bids from Motorola and GE, and wanted to investigate this a little further. Based on the information submitted by GE, they question the bid submitted. It is Mr. Bornhoeft's feeling that the specifications state that the equipment should be made by the company submitting the bid, and emphatically stated that GE does not do this.

Major Ellison came into the meeting, and said that if the county feels they are getting their fair share this was all the state cared about. They have asked GE how they were going to do the work, but not about their components. The bid specifications require them to perform and also the equipment, and if this fails they are not paid. Mr. Bornhoeft feels that the GE Company is not interested in manufacturing communication consoles, but will bid on them and then contract the work out to other companies. It is Motorola's feeling that the specifications do not allow GE to sub-contract the making of the console. Mr. Bornhoeft read from the specifications and stated that in the GE bid there was no evidence submitted to the effect that they have been in the business as required by said specifications. They would like to see a letter signed by GE headquarters in Virginia that they will manufacture the console.

Mr. C. Donaldson said that he has received every indication that the console will be made in the GE plant. He has spoken with the engineer and got the impression they wanted him to work along with them as the project went along. The "C Code" equipment is being purchased from someone else, but this was requested in the specifications. Mr. Burch said that it would be his feeling that as long as GE furnishes a unit that works this is all that would be required. As far as the commissioners are concerned, they will take the recommendations of the Civil Defense people for what they need. The commissioners advertised for bids and would have to select the low bid unless there was something radically wrong. Mr. Bornhoeft said it was their thinking that if it was decided that the specifications

were not met that both bids be rejected and new bids be submitted. Mr. Donaldson stated that GE has pointed out in their bid that they have met the specifications as required. (Gen. Hogaboom came into the meeting at this point.) So far as final acceptance is concerned, this would require checking all the equipment and if everything works properly this could be done in two weeks, with payment made 30 days thereafter.

Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners are leaving this matter up to the Civil Defense staff and the Fire Board recommendations, and have had no requests from them concerning the matter. Gen. Hogaboom said he has discussed this problem with these people, and it is his feeling that we have an obligation to be sure we are not making a mistake. The only alternative would be to reject the bids and begin anew, but this decision should not be made at a meeting such as this one. The Motorola representatives left the meeting.

Mr. C. Donaldson said that the only thing he felt that should be checked would be the posting of a performance bond, and feels that GE would furnish this if asked. He further stated that Motorola did not exactly furnish what was asked for. They were going to supply a type of equipment that would tie the county to doing business with them. Major Ellison said that the state is satisfied that the equipment being requested in the specifications will meet the needs of our Civil Defense department.

Sanitary Fills Maintenance

Mr. J. A. Combs asked that consideration be given to hiring him to maintain the fills in the county. He would perform the work for \$300 per week, and would want fencing on the access roads to the fills, and if this is supplied, he will erect it. He said he would not want to burn the fills unless he was assured he would not be held responsible if a fire got out of control. He would also want signs placed against dumping in certain areas, and if he had to enlarge an area this would be at an additional cost. Mr. Combs said he would like to try this for a year, and would be willing to contract it on a weekly basis, but would not accept the contract for less than 6 months. If he would accept a contract on a yearly basis, he would want to be paid every week, and the yearly salary would be \$14,400, at \$1200 per month.

General discussion concerning junked cars, and Mr. Combs was informed that the commissioners are considering purchasing some land to use for this purpose. Mr. Combs said he would like to maintain this area, also, provided he has permission to salvage what he could and keep the area open by burning the cars. He stated that if the county would furnish a tow truck, he would be willing to bring cars to the dump area and this would not cost the county anything.

County Road System

Mr. D. Gruber and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Gruber said that he and Mr. Pantaleo have been working on this project and it will cost \$300 - 325,000 to buy the minimum amount of equipment. If the equipment lasts 6 years, amortization should be about \$50,000 per year. After all expenditures were considered, it would cost the county approximately \$175,000 per year over what is now being spent, but there is no question that the county will get more for the money spent. It was agreed that Mr. Pantaleo should make a survey of all county roads, and this would give the commissioners an idea of the actual condition of the, and how many men and how

much labor is needed to take care of the roads.

Mr. Bowles said he feels we must proceed to take over our roads, however, he does not feel we are in a position to do this now. He feels we should immediately begin to contract out all surface treating, construction, blacktopping, etc., having this under the supervision of Mr. Pantaleo, and begin plans for our own road system by July 1, 1968. This would give us sufficient experience and knowledge of costs, time elements, construction, road conditions, etc., and by this time next year we would be in a real position to know if we could proceed with the full scale operation of our own road system. We should move into this with a definite system, and do the construction work by contract.

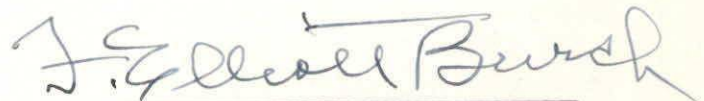
Mr. Gruber urged the commissioners to give the road inventory priority, and he said he would like to go over some figures and present a final report that will spell out all of the pertinent thinking of everyone concerned.

Vocational Technical Center

Bids opened today, and Chris Brown, Clinton, Md., was low bidder at \$1,227,300. The bid was within approximately \$126,000 of the estimate made two years ago. Total amount is \$1,548,947, state - \$1,222,300, federal - \$351,098, local - \$175,549. The commissioners were in agreement with the bid award and the Board of Education will be so notified.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President