

March 28, 1967

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther.

County Water and Sewerage Survey

Dr. A. Houser asked what figure he should put in the budget for the survey, as this can be included in the budget submitted by the Health Department. Mr. Burch stated that Mr. Coulter, of the State Health Department, has suggested that the commissioners not do anything until after the legislative session is over. Then they should meet with him to discuss this matter, and Mr. Donaldson said he would recommend this. Dr. Houser concurred in this opinion.

Chief Sanitarian

Dr. Houser stated that someone will have to be gotten to fill Mr. Miles' place. He feels that Mr. W. Raum could do this, but he is not sure the man is interested. Mr. Raum is to give Dr. Houser an answer tomorrow. With the pay raise anticipated, his salary would be \$9,700. Dr. Houser said he wants to place an ad in the various journals and perhaps attract someone to take this position. He is also asking for supplemental funds for Mr. Garner, as he was going to leave his job. With the pay raise, Mr. Garner's salary would be \$9,100 per annum.

Dr. Houser said they are going to be faced with the necessity of supplementing the salary of the chief sanitarian in order to get qualified people to fill this position. \$10,300 is what Mr. Miles would get under the new pay raise at present. Dr. Houser feels it would take at least another \$1,000 to get a really qualified man. If the man would prove the type person we would like to keep, his salary could be increased in order to keep him. The commissioners said they would discuss this with Mr. Donaldson.

County Road System

Mr. D. Gruber, Auditor, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, Mr. W. Chapman. Mr. Gruber reviewed preliminary economic feasibility report on the proposed county road system. The purpose of the report is to present some of the factors to be considered in setting up a county roads department. Assuming that the commissioners accept this, it will cost more money, but the county will receive more for the amount of money spent. Mr. Gruber also presented various brochures concerned with the roads programs. These will give the commissioners an idea of the type things that are available.

Specific recommendations in the report are: 1) An inventory of county roads and some type of advance road program to be started immediately. 2) Proposed organizational setup should be reviewed in light of the results of the road study. 3) Since the Metropolitan Commission will require some of the types of skills and equipment to be utilized in a highway department, the needs of the Commission should be considered in comparing existing and proposed future costs. 4) The Director of Finance, in cooperation with the county engineer, should immediately begin to compile additional cost information in connection with the county maintenance and construction program as it is now being carried out by the SRC. Consideration should be given to hiring a qualified accountant assistant to work under the

supervision of the Director of Finance.

Mr. Gruber mentioned possibility of use of key punch machines in the county. There are many things that could be done with this equipment, such as payroll, etc., and there would, of course, have to be someone to operate it. He pointed out that there will be at least a 12% increase of payroll burden for social security, etc., which will be included in the amount designated as overhead. Mr. Gruber feels that the commissioners will gain more by developing this over the next half-year or so, and aim for July 1, 1968, to begin this program.

Mr. Donaldson said that some sort of arrangement will have to be made to get information from the SRC. Mr. M. Thompson has said that he would offer to put a man on handling our roads if we do not take over the roads by July 1st. Mr. Burch said he feels we should make up a report of what the commissioners want and present this to them in one package. Mr. Donaldson stated he would like to look into the area of cost accounting and maintenance and construction if this would be available to the county, and Mr. Burch feels they will cooperate with the commissioners in this respect.

Mr. Donaldson said that if he could be furnished with a copy of the forms the SRC uses to arrive at a cost, this would be desirable. In this way, he could follow these things through, and analyze them himself. He would need additional help in order to do this, as cost sheets would have to be set up, etc.

Roads

Mr. D. Bond, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo. The commissioners reviewed letter concerning the 14th Series Bond Issue, allocating \$150,000 or more to St. Mary's County. After general discussion, the commissioners agreed to participate. However, Mr. Bowles expressed concern about borrowing money before a construction program is formulated.

The commissioners agreed that Portney's Overlook Road should be placed in the system. The deed will have to be corrected by Mr. Guyther before this is done. The commissioners agreed that the extension of Yowaiski Mill Road should be placed in the system, and the required letter will be sent to the SRC. The commissioners agreed that the Shangri La Drive extension should be surveyed at a cost of \$125, by Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill. Mr. Pantaleo recommends putting out the contract for this whole project, and he will take care of this.

Civil Defense Communications Review

Mr. Green and Mr. Jones (Gautney and Jones) and Mr. Kennedy (Kear and Kennedy), Mr. Wood and Gen. Hogaboom. These two firms were asked to discuss with the commissioners the cost for services to review plans and specifications for communications equipment to be installed in the new CD building. Gen. Hogaboom explained manner in which the specifications were drawn up and the day to day operation of that will be conducted out of the building. The specifications have been reviewed by the state and declared adequate for the needs of the county, as have the CD headquarters authorities. However, there has been some dissatisfaction expressed by the high bidder as to the low bidder meeting the specifications. For this reason, the commissioners decided to have a professional firm review them. After general discussion, these gentlemen said they would submit proposals to the commissioners for the services requested within the next few days.

Food Stamps

Mr. J. Carter reported he has had many requests for initiation of a food stamp program, and asked what the commissioners feelings were on this. He stated that St. Mary's County and Calvert Counties are the only two counties on the peninsula that do not have the program. The program is initiated by the Department of Agriculture and takes about six months to put into operation, and they also contact the stores about regulations. The stamps can only be used for food and it is Mr. Carter's understanding that this program is well policed. It would add about 9% to the overall economy of the county. The county would have to pay half the salaries of a clerk and a sewerworker to administrate the program.

Mr. Carter explained that the Welfare Department receives the stamps from the Department of Agriculture and clients buy them from the Welfare Department. The basic cost is appropriated by the Department of Agriculture and eligibility is decided on a sliding scale. He further stated that they certified 600 families for Medicare, none of whom receive public assistance. This group will be the largest users of the food stamp program. Welfare clients would be required to use this program under Protective Services, according to Mr. Carter, and usually they are against paying money for the stamps, as this leaves them with little cash. He said he is in favor of the program, and if application was made now, it would be set up to begin operation by January 1st. County cost would be \$4 - 5,000 for the salaries of personnel as mentioned. If the commissioners are interested, he will get some definite figures and the commissioners that this should be done.

Leonardtwn Sanitary Fill

General discussion concerning use of this facility by Leonardtown Commissioners, and Mr. Guyther suggested that the commissioners could charge the former for use of the dump. Mr. Aud suggested half the cost of burning, as other people would still have access to the fill.

Gabrelcik Expense Account

The commissioners approved payment of \$75.55 to Mr. Gabrelcik, for expenses for trip to attend state Liquor Board meeting in Annapolis.

Parks and Recreation

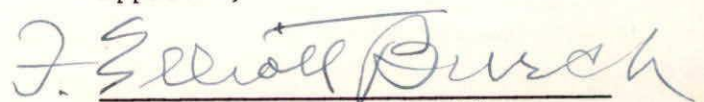
The commissioners approved payment of \$268.93 for expenses for Mr. E. Curley, Director, from February 14, 1967.

McCrone

The commissioners approved payment in the amount of \$20.00 for copies of various plats furnished to the commissioners' office.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President