

July 31, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Animal Shelter

Mr. Paul Raley discussed some of the difficulties occurring at this facility and need for some proof that dogs are being delivered to Mr. Ward. Mr. Raley was instructed to write to the other two counties regarding some method of having Mr. Ward sign a paper when the dogs are delivered to the shelter. This will be discussed next week at a joint meeting of the commissioners.

Dog Tags

Discussed matter of Mr. Thompson, dog warden, not selling tags. Mr. Raley explained that Mr. Donaldson has told Mr. Thompson he could no longer collect the fee after we went under the merit system, and the dog warden has not sold any since. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Thompson should sell tags as this is part of his job, and that Mr. Raley should get tags from the treasurer immediately for him. An accounting will be kept of how many he is given, how many are sold, etc. Mr. Thompson will be called in to discuss these matters with the commissioners.

Larredore Road Signs

The commissioners agreed that a stop sign should be placed on Route 242 where it intersects Larredore Road, and Mr. Pantaleo will be asked to draw up the necessary resolution to be forwarded to the SRC.

Yowaiski Mill Road and Wise-St. Andrews Road

The commissioners reviewed letter from Mr. M. C. Thompson giving estimate for reconstruction of the Yowaiski Mill Road at \$3,387.82, and modification of the Wise-St. Andrews Road at \$1,512.36. Letter will be sent to Mr. Thompson asking whether or not overhead is included in these estimates.

Watershed Meeting

Mr. Robert August (State Planner), Adm. T. B. Clark, Mr. J. Hall (SCS), Mr. B. Smith, Senator P. Bailey, Delegate J. H. Briscoe, Mr. T. Pantaleo, Mr. W. Miles, Senator Parran, who opened the meeting by stating they were here to discuss the Patuxent River Watershed Commission, which is trying to set up some type of organization in planning for the river. They are still operating under the commission originally set up by Governor Tawes and continued by Governor Agnew. The state agreed to work up a plan for the watershed and Mr. August was given this job. They are now meeting in all of the counties to learn more about what is going on, and to ask for help in conceiving a good plan for the river.

Mr. August said they have requested the state agencies that have any concern with the river to designate one of their technical people to work with them. Through their group they hope to work closely with the county people and accomplish a good liaison. (Senator Bailey came into the meeting at this point.) They are engaging

a consultant, Melvin Shite, who has worked with the river, and he will help in the evaluation and development of the plan. Everything that is done will be referred to the advisory committee for its review and analysis.

Senator Parran stated they now they would rely on the State Planning Department to outline the plan showing boundaries and what type authority they would have within the watershed complex. They would bring this back to the legislators if necessary, as they are actually trying to come up with a plan to implement the act. They want to coordinate matters so that everyone will be thinking along the same lines and there will be no conflict.

Mr. Briscoe mentioned that we must come up with a plan to get the counties upstream to go along with us, or we are not going to be able to accomplish our aims.

Senator Parran said he has been shocked at the number of discharge points that the State Health Department has obligated itself to. Mentioned Columbia City, and the number of applications that have been made for discharge of sewage for this project. Mr. Miles mentioned possibility of sewage being discharged into the bay from upper state development. Senator Bailey pointed that there is no known way to do anything with sewage except dump it into rivers, and because of this, all of the watershed commission work will be for nought. He asked if there was any scientific thing in the offing to keep it from being dumped into the rivers. Mr. August said there is one possibility, and that is the degree of treatment the waste is given. There is a technology available to get a fairly pure discharge, but there is nothing to perfect it completely.

Senator Parran said he has asked the planning department to look at the Patuxent River not only as a watershed alone, but in connection with the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and the Susquehanna River, as we need a statewide plan to cover all waters. He stated that one reason the water is becoming more and more polluted is that more water is being taken out of the river for drinking purposes. If more fresh water was put into the river, this would reduce the pollution. The treated effluent coming from Columbia City will put more water into the river and this might help.

Senator Bailey said it was his thinking that the advisory committee being set up was too late, as it is too late to stop several large projects that are being planned already. He also stated he would give his complete cooperation in helping them in their efforts.

Senator Parran said that they have at least gotten the various state agencies to come together in a task force where they will call on representatives of various agencies and will be working together in this respect for the first time. They have usually confined themselves to their own departments and now they will see what problems the other departments have.

General discussion concerning St. Mary's City, and Mr. Briscoe mentioned buffer zone that is automatically placed around any point of discharge, no matter how pure the water is. Adm. Clark mentioned fact of very high standards for seafood, and said that perhaps later the State Health Department will realize that the standards are too high, and perhaps lower them. Senator Parran said that the standards set up by the federal government have either been complied with or bettered by the State of Maryland. He said that the effluent coming into the head of the river has been checked

with the best possible methods. There have been evaluations and recommendations made to increase the quality of the water, or at least maintain it. It was Senator Bailey's feeling that industry should be slowed up until an answer is found to protect the river. If the developers had to pay the cost of cleaning up what they are using, this might help. Senator Parran said they hope to keep constant watch in this respect and make sure these people are doing what is necessary to keep the water from being polluted.

Mr. August said that a Waste Acceptance Authority is being formed, which would be a state agency, and would be responsible for the treatment of all wastes generated in the state. This will allow the state to control types of plants, etc., but this is just a proposal at present.

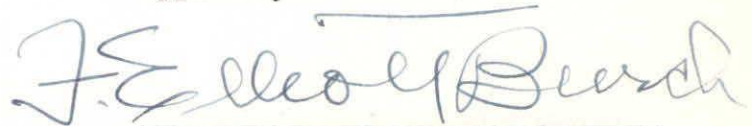
Mr. Briscoe said that the new law requires that a sanitarian be at a plant at all times in case of breakdown.

Senator Bailey stated that if a bill is needed, if someone draws it up, he will help with it.

Senator Parran said that the commissioners will be hearing from Mr. August and his committee in the future about this matter.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President