

September 26, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles. (Mr. Aud came into meeting as indicated.)

Board of Education Insurance

Mr. H. Kanowicz and Mr. W. S. Donaldson reviewed report submitted by the Insurance Buyers Council regarding joint insurance for the Board of Education and the county. The Council is willing to combine the workmen's compensation coverage at this stage. (Mr. Aud came into the meeting at this point.) Mr. Kanowicz said they are placing all their insurance with INA, except the security bonds, which are with Hartford Company. He stated their insurance expires October 13th, and they will have to make a decision before that date. This would have to be the effective date of any combination of insurance, with the approval of both the Board of Education and the commissioners. Mr. Burch said he feels this should be discussed with Mr. Guyther before the commissioners make any decision in the matter. Mr. Donaldson stated he would like to talk to Mr. Sleeper, senior consultant of the Insurance Buyers Council, as to how it should be handled, and the commissioners agreed to this.

Park Hall School Site

Mr. Burch asked about this matter, and Mr. Kanowicz stated that there is 11 acres that the Board of Education would like to have, and Mr. Wigginton is in the process of getting accurate information concerning boundaries and points for this property. If they can get the 11 acres, there will be no need to touch the road. Mr. Kanowicz will inquire about this, and if there is any new information, he will see that the commissioners receive it.

Public Transportation System

Mr. P. Raley, Mr. A. Briscoe, Mr. J. Leeds and Mr. J. Scrivener, the latter two from the Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. Discussed proposed bus service for the tri-county area. This is a pilot project with a \$126,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which has been given very favorable consideration by that department. They also have the full support of the legislators of the three counties.

Mr. Leeds stated that the system cannot be in competition with any public transportation system, and it has been determined that if this was operated on the basis of a cooperative, it would not be. The people who use the service would support the purchase of equipment and the maintenance costs of the project. They would need 800 subscribers in the southern Maryland area to make this operation self-sustaining, at a cost of \$30 per month per subscriber, for 30 round trips on the bus per month. Mr. Scrivener said that the \$126,000 grant also covers costs for the drivers, administrative costs, etc. They are considering using four regular size school buses, and about ten long station wagons. No money would be handled on the buses, as this would be handled through a bank.

Mr. Thomas, of TCCAC, came into the meeting. Discussion continued, and he stated that if this project fails, the county will not be liable in any way. The members of the cooperative would be responsible. He reviewed maps showing proposed bus routes and possible feeder lines. In order to make the system work, eleven

passengers per hour must be transported, and they are looking into the use of forty-seat buses for the service.

Discussing other aspects of the system, Mr. Thomas said they hope to use an IBM card, with social security numbers, that would be put into a machine on the bus. The cards will be put on a tape in the bus, and this in turn, will be sent to the Maryland National Bank for processing (in Baltimore). By automatic data processing they will keep track of the number of rides, who rides, etc. There will be two main bus lines, A and B, and the smaller buses would meet them at given points. HUD will survey the bus routes before they are approved. If they find the cards are being used too much by non-members, they will instigate new security measures to control this. They hope to have the system in operation in November if possible.

(Mr. Guyther came into the meeting.) Mr. Thomas stated that they are hoping that by 1973 they will be able to use the railroad to transport people to the Brandywine stop. Right of way would have to be gotten in Prince Georges County and there are federal monies available for this purpose.

Mr. Thomas stated they would appreciate any endorsement they can get from the commissioners, and asked if they might use the county procurement facilities, and if the county could provide two parking areas for the buses. General discussion concerning employment possibilities when transportation is available, and Mr. Scrivener read portion of a letter from the commanding officer at Indian Head expressing need for the transportation system to enable them to employ more personnel.

They are faced with an operating budget of approximately \$7,000 per month, and will try to obtain some subsidized transportation for the welfare people for this reason, or would like to feel the county would back them up with help for these welfare people who would be using the service. They have several plans in the making, and are earnestly soliciting the support of the county for the welfare traveling.

(Mr. Pantaleo came into the meeting.) Mr. Thomas pointed out that furnishing parking places, etc., can be considered as "in kind" aid from the county, and the federal government will take this into consideration.

Letter will be sent to Mr. L. J. Cusic, Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, stating that the commissioners are in support of this service. Carbon copies will be sent to Mr. Leeds, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Scrivener.

Airport

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. C. A. Norris, Mr. R. Gabrelcik, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther. Reviewed aerial photos of the possible sites for the airport, and possibility of acquiring land. Mr. Guyther and Mr. Norris felt that the owners of the property in question should be approached directly.

Mr. J. Latham and Mr. J. Starling, representing owners of property being considered, came into the meeting. Mr. Guyther explained that the county might be interested in purchasing a portion of the property owned by these people. Mr. Starling said they would like to cooperate with the commissioners, but feel that the design of the airport as it now stands would make the flight pattern

directly over the remainder of the property. This is bad for a residential community because of the noise. They also are aware of government plans to expand all airports, and they are not favorably inclined at the present time. They are suggesting that the airport be moved to the back of the property and they be given an access road to the remainder of their property. Mr. Gabrelcik pointed out area where extension would be made and this is at the rear of the airport and would not be on Mr. Starling's property at all. He also explained that we must comply with standards set by the federal government and that is why the airport is placed where it is.

Mr. Starling said he would like to have further information so he can discuss this with his partners, as they would like to know what this facility would contribute to the county. He feels that the attributes should be reported in a letter and he could then discuss this with the other owners. General discussion concerning relocation of the access road and terminal, and Mr. Norris stated he would be coming to Washington on Thursday, and would present a proposal for relocating the strip to Mr. Starling on that day. Actually, the strip can be moved 15 degrees. Mr. Starling said that if the strip is moved as now proposed, it will only take about 25 acres of the property in question. He said they would want the access road on the northern line of their property. He would recommend \$300 per acre, plus the road into the property, to his partners.

Fuel Oil Bid Opening

Bids opened as follows: Thrift Oil Co. - .1304, discount .0386; Besche - .135; St. Mary's Ice & Fuel - 13.20, discount 3.70; Southern Maryland Oil - .1355, discount .0335. Contract awarded to Thrift Oil at low bid.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo, and Mr. Donaldson. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Bond should repair the potholes on the Pratt Road. Mr. Pantaleo reported that road signs on East Sunrise and Woodland Drives, Town Creek, are missing and should be replaced.

Mr. Bond reported there is a half-ton pickup (International) truck that is no longer being used, and the county can sell it.

County Wide Water and Sewerage Study

Mr. Guyther reviewed changes, which he is recommending, to be made to the contract with Beavin and Company for this service. He will rough draft the contract with revisions and get copies to the commissioners for review before next Tuesday. Beavin representative will be asked to come down next week to discuss the revised contract.

Center Gardens Taxes

The commissioners approved and signed Resolution 67-4 and 57-5, regarding Center Gardens Taxes for 1967-68.

J. P. Ridgell Bond

The commissioners signed bond for Mr. Ridgell in the amount of \$1,000.

Petition for Fees

The commissioners reviewed and approved the following:

C. A. Norris - \$25.00 (C. Burroughs) and
100.00 (Dyson #2184), approved by Judge Dorsey

V. Cherbonnier - \$50.00 (#2254) approved by Judge Dorsey.

W. Dorsey - \$25.00 (P. Briscoe), \$50.00 (L. Carter) and
25.00 (J. Hebb), approved by Judge Briscoe.

Dog Damage Claim - Woodburn

The commissioners reviewed and approved payment of \$30.00 to Mr. W. Woodburn, Bushwood, for one gobbler and four turkey hens killed by dogs, as presented and approved by J. P. Roland Hayden.

General Electric Company

The commissioners granted the sixty day extension requested by this firm for delivery of the console communications system for the new Civil Defense building.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President