

October 24, 1967

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles.

Trailer - Owens

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. J. Owens. Mr. Pantaleo stated that Mr. Owens wanted to place a trailer on his farm for his daughter, in a spot where a previous trailer had been located. There is an individual septic tank for the trailer, but water has been supplied from his brother's well, on adjacent property. This is an artesian well, and approval was given for the first trailer to be placed here under these conditions.

(Mr. Aud and Mr. Guyther came into the meeting.) Mr. Guyther reviewed the matter, and stated that he feels the trailer can be placed here, as there is a guaranteed source of water. After further discussion, the commissioners agreed that Mr. Owens could place the trailer on his farm, provided he signed an agreement to retain the 20,000 square feet required for a lot, in the event another well would have to be dug in the future. Mr. Pantaleo wrote said agreement on the sketch of the property submitted by Mr. Owens and the latter signed it.

Waterway Improvement Projects

Mr. L. Phipps, CBA, H. Cook, Marine Police, L. Hayden, Chesapeake Bay Affairs Commissioner for St. Mary's County, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Guyther. Mr. Phipps stated that they were here to discuss the various projects for boatramps, dredging, etc. He reviewed monies that have been appropriated and work that has been done. On the Bushwood and Tall Timbers ramps, they are waiting for verification of completion, and the money will then be sent to the county. He said that there are additional funds available, and suggested expediting projects over \$5,000 to get these funds. The county can receive money from the residents of a given area, to pay costs, as the state does not care how the county gets the money. Some of the larger projects would have to be submitted to the legislature for appropriations.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed appraisal made by Mr. J. Capps of property owned by M. C. Thompson, at Piney Point, where a boatramp has been proposed. Mr. Capps states that unless a restriction in the deed is released, the county cannot build the ramp here, as the clause states that the property must be used for commercial purposes. Mr. Capps appraisal is \$1,000. Mr. Cook pointed out that weather conditions in this area would sometimes make it impossible to launch a boat, and this is something that should be considered. Mr. Phipps suggested that if this project is not carried through, a request can be submitted to transfer the money to some other project in the county. If the funds are transferred, they can be added to if more money is needed for another project. He said he would like to impress on the commissioners that this money must be spent, and if one dredge is gotten down here to do several projects, this will be less expensive. He also stated that he does not feel that a large engineering study would have to be made on the smaller projects, as engineering costs would exceed the cost of the project. As long as the work is on a strong contractual basis, this would be sufficient.

On Porpoise Creek, more funds can be applied for if they are needed. Mr. Bill Bailey was called into the meeting and was asked how much work needs to be done, the

depth of the water, etc. He stated that the depth of water inside of the creek is about 4', or more, at normal tide in the main body of the creek. There is plenty water here for the type boats that would be using it, and if the mouth is opened this will help. He does not feel that the inside of the creek would need dredging, just the mouth and some dredging is needed beyond the mouth. Mr. Phipps suggested that a permit be obtained from the army engineers for dredging, and then they can determine where the oysters are located and whether or not the dredging would be detrimental to the beds.

Mr. Pantaleo said he will speak to Mr. W. Sterling about the possibility of another location at St. Clements Shores for a boatramp, other than the one being considered.

Mr. Phipps asked for a letter requesting transfer of funds from the Piney Point project to the Porpoise Creek project, which would make a total of \$4,000 for the latter. It is his feeling that a better location might be obtained at Piney Point.

On St. Clements Shores, Mr. Phipps stated that if the county gets an easement for 20 years, this will be sufficient to qualify for the money for the project. If this is done, the county will not need to purchase any property for the ramp.

At Tall Timbers, easement must be obtained from Mr. Meatyard for the proposed ramp, and Mr. Pantaleo said he will make a survey and prepare the papers for this project, as the county does not have enough property here. \$3,000 has been requested for this project.

Mr. Hayden mentioned that a Mr. R. Pogue owns the property near the site for the Bushwood ramp, and he has stated he would sign it over to the county or state.

Discussed Little Kingston and Kingston Creeks, and Mr. Pantaleo said he inspected these areas with Mr. Cook, and he feels there is a definite need for opening these channels. Mr. Phipps stated he will meet with the board on November 9th, get these approved, and the money will be set aside for the projects.

On Manahowic and Dukehart Creeks, which are large projects, engineering will cost about \$14,000, according to Mr. Phipps, and they will need a request from the county for these projects. If the projects cost approximately \$30,000, the county would have to match \$15,000. Mr. Phipps suggested that the county send them a letter stating it will provide funds for these two projects, and if we decide within the next sixty days that this cannot be done, Mr. Phipps will withdraw the request. Mr. Hayden said he can provide a list of the property owners on these two creeks. Mr. Phipps said that \$50 - 60,000 would do both these jobs, so far as the dredging is concerned.

Tax Sale Error - Peak

Col. L. Peak informed the commissioners that he purchased a piece of property at a tax sale which had been on the books with a double assessment, located at 411 Midway Drive, Lexington Park. The man who resides there now, rightfully owns it. Mr. Peak is asking to be reimbursed for the expenses incurred regarding settlement of this matter. He has spent \$157.25 in cash, \$35.05 for advertising, \$14.00 for filing, and \$.80 for a registered letter that had to be sent, a total of \$207.08.

Mr. Peak said there is another piece of property he bought in 1963 at a tax sale,

for \$400. This is in Beachville and contains approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres of land. There was a house here, but it burned down some time ago. Mr. Peak would like the county to decide on a fair value for the property and buy it back. This piece of property still stands in the name of the original owner and the county gets no taxes from it, although Mr. Peak can order the county to give him a deed for it if he so chooses. Mr. Burch said that Mr. Guyther will have to be asked about these matters.

Library Financial Documents

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud (Mr. Bowles not present) approved, and Mr. Burch signed certification to Dr. Q. Earhart, of payment in the amount of \$28,455, to be eligible for state aid funds, and \$4,093 to be deposited by the county in the library incentive fund.

Interest Bids

Mr. Burch, Mr. Aud and Mr. Donaldson, reviewed bids for interest on \$106,170.91, to be deposited in a county bank: Maryland National - 4.5%; Citizens - 4.52%; 1st National - 4.25%. The 1st National Bank is also offering to purchase for the account of the County Commissioners, U. S. Treasury Bonds, which would be due November 15, 1968, and they can guarantee a yield of 5.25%, and probably as much as 5.35%. They will do this at no charge through the same channels that the bank utilizes for its own investments. Mr. Donaldson is recommending that we buy the treasury bonds, and deposit the money for one year, with 1st National. Mr. Aud and Mr. Burch agreed that Mr. Donaldson should proceed to purchase the bonds as outlined. (Mr. Bowles returned to the meeting, was informed of the above and agreed to purchase of the treasury bonds.) Mr. Donaldson will write to the other two banks thanking them for submitting bids.

Piney Point Appraisal

The commissioners approved payment of \$30.00 to J. E. Capps, Realtor, for appraisal of property being considered as a site for boatramp. Said property is owned by Mr. M. C. Thompson.

14th Series Road Bond Issue

The commissioners, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Pantaleo reviewed program for expenditure of these funds. Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Pantaleo will prepare a list of roads on which the \$300,000 will be spent. They then left the meeting.

Later Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Pantaleo returned and presented schedule as framed as follows: St. Andrews Road - \$131,461; Oiling schedule - \$107,000; Patuxent Beach Road (bulkhead and road) - \$53,448; Shangri La - Essex Drive - \$5,437; Yowaiski Mill Road - \$2,654; total of \$300,000. Mr. Donaldson stated that the SRC will deduct approximately \$1,000 for the cost of the bonds, so we will not actually receive the entire \$300,000.

Food Stamp Program

Mr. J. Carter reported that the government has reduced the minimum purchase requirement to 50 cents, and are asking for assurances to the Dept. of Agriculture that

steps would be taken to provide for the minimum purchase requirements in those instances where even this 50 cent monthly minimum (\$3 for a family of six or more) would prevent a family from participating. Mr. Carter presented Food Stamp Program Assurance Form to be signed by the commissioners. The commissioners reviewed and approved the form, and Mr. Burch signed it. Mr. Carter mentioned that any time the county wishes to withdraw from this program, they can do so, as the county as complete control.

Airport Site

Mr. & Mrs. George Hayden, Mr. C. A. Norris discussed property owned by Mr. Hayden which might be considered for the site of the proposed airport, approximately 305 acres. The latter said he would not take less then \$300 per acre for the entire parcel, but would call Mr. Burch at his home tonight and give him a price for just the wooded area, excluding the cleared area. There are approximately 60 to 70 acres cleared.

Mr. Rudy Baliko of the SCS, came into the meeting, and stated he had made a survey of the timber on the entire 305 acres, and there was only about \$1,000 worth standing. The timber is mostly scattered hardwoods, and Mr. H. Giddings has already said he would like to buy it if it is for sale.

St. Andrews Estates Roads

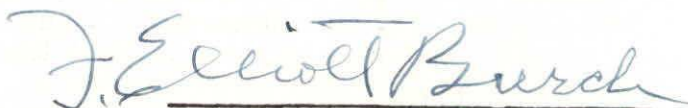
The commissioners approved placing extension of St. Andrews Land and Parkview Drive in the county system, and Mr. Burch signed approval.

Insurance Merger

Mr. Bowles not present. Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved merger of Workman's Compensation Insurance for Board of Education and county employees, and letter will be sent to this effect.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President