

October 31, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

SRC - State Funds

Mr. M. C. Thompson, Mr. Donaldson, discussed with the commissioners matter of state funds available for county road projects. Mr. Thompson stated that \$62,000 has been appropriated for the 7 Gables Bulkhead, but this figure differs from that reported to the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson, which was approximately \$58,000. It is Mr. Thompson's feeling that the additional money must be funds that were left over from some other project and have been added to the project.

Mr. Donaldson asked why the actual costs usually run over the estimates. Mr. Thompson said that the state aid figures are firm, but the estimates for the roads are not, as costs change. The amount of state aid depends on the amount of the federal allocation. Mr. Thompson said he will find out where the \$62,000 for the 7 Gables Bulkhead came from, and advise the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson. He stated that the county will not lose the \$62,000, or any difference so far as a remaining balance is concerned. According to the figures in the Baltimore office, \$62,000 has been allocated and not spent. However, the final figures are not in on all the roads, such as Hickory Hill, etc. Mr. Burch pointed out that there is a difference of \$2,392 between the figure we have and the \$62,000. Mr. Thompson said he will get information on this, and also ask for an accounting on the \$16,000 for the Dixie Lyon Road that was sent to the Baltimore office.

Recreation and Parks

Mr. E. Curley, director, was in to discuss applications on the Great Mills and Lexington Park parks, and to state that the government is inquiring as to maintenance of these areas. He stated they have satisfied the federal government in every respect except for the matter of maintenance, and reviewed letter from Mr. S. Ellis, Dept. of Forests and Parks, relating to this.

Mr. Curley said he has investigated the best method of maintenance, and this can be done by contract, and the figure quoted to him is \$12,000 per year, for three locations. However, it is his feeling that if the county buys equipment, this work can be done to a greater degree on this amount of money. The money would pay an operator \$100 per week and purchase the equipment needed, and Mr. Curley feels this is the best way to handle the matter.

Mr. Curley stated that there will be money for the construction and purchase of the land, but we cannot use both state and federal funds. All the funds we are using are federal, but they are administered through the State Department of Forest and Parks.

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting. Mr. Curley reported that the waterfront study has been just about completed and they will present all aspects of this and make recommendations. He said that what they need now is a letter from the commissioners stating they will accept the responsibility for maintaining the three areas now pertinent, and the commissioners agreed that the letter would be sent to Mr. Ellis.

Roads

Mr. A. Cusic, reporting for Mr. Bond, stated that they are using prison labor on the Richneck Road for bushing, so that the school buses can get in and out.

Smith's Trailer Park

Mr. R. Cooper, attorney, stated this park has been approved by the Fire Board, Planning and Zoning, Mr. Pantaleo, and they have a letter from the Health Department approving it, and he feels these approvals should be stamped on the plat. They also need the approval of the Metropolitan Commission. It was agreed that Mr. W. Raum would be asked to sign stamped approval by the Health Department in Dr. Houser's absence, and Mr. Cooper will get the approval of the Metropolitan Commission. After this is accomplished, the commissioners will approve the plat, and a building permit and license will be issued.

County Engineer's Secretary

The commissioners agreed that Miss Cecelia Battenfield should be placed on permanent status under the County Merit System, as her probationary period ends today.

Day Care Center Transportation

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. S. Schrader, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. Heslop (TRCAC). Mr. Burch explained that some arrangement has been worked out to operate a small bus for this facility, and it would be under the supervision of the Board of Education. Dr. King said that he and Mr. Schrader can work out the conditions. Mr. Schrader stated that a day care center is not considered as a school, and therefore the bus will not need the extra equipment so far as the number of children being picked up is concerned. So long as the bus goes into the driveways to pick up the children, and has a fire extinguisher and first aid kit, this is sufficient. The bus will be placed under the Board of Education insurance as a vehicle, and will simply have a star tag on it.

Mr. Burch asked about welfare families using this facility. Mr. Heslop said that seventeen families were on welfare at first, but he does not know the number now. He does know that some have gotten jobs and been taken off welfare rolls. He will write to Dr. King inviting representatives from the Board of Education to inspect the facility.

Mr. Heslop said that the driver will be covered by workmen's compensation insurance and the children riding the bus would also be covered for liability. He does not know who the volunteer driver will be, but he will have to have a physical, and also a substitute. The commissioners can make it a requirement that the drivers have physical examinations and chauffeur's licenses. General discussion regarding the bus, and it was agreed that the driver could keep the bus at his home, but must be made aware that it is not to be used for any purpose other than transporting the children. Dr. King said the Board of Education will keep tabs on the venture and see that it is a self-supporting operation. Mr. Heslop said he will look into having the allowance increased to \$114 per mile.

Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners are prepared to provide the bus immediately, and Mr. Heslop and Mr. Schrader can go ahead and work out the details. The latter

two agreed that an attendant should ride the bus, and Mr. Heslop will look into this.

Mr. Burch explained matter of surplus buses on the base, and that if EOA would make application on behalf of the county, they could get one of them. Mr. Heslop said he will speak with Mr. Leeds about this and inquire whether or not it can be done. He will have Mr. Leeds contact the commissioners before any formal application is made. Mr. Heslop and Mr. Carter left the meeting.

School Construction Loans

Dr. R. King, Mr. Kanowicz, Mr. Donaldson. Dr. King stated that information must be sent to the state as to whether the county plans to use the \$580,000 under this program. The figures may not be exact as the pupil housing information has not been received. This money is for the middle school at Park Hall and the Margaret Brent High Junior High School addition.

Dr. King said they should get about \$470,000 in federal funds which will supplement this amount of money. On the Margaret Brent school, the architects are recommending tearing down the old section and building a new section, but they are not ready to give in to this as there is some objection. However, it will cost more to preserve the building than to rebuild it, and this problem will have to be resolved.

After review, the commissioners approved the resolution for participation as revised, for \$580,000 for projects as mentioned above. Dr. King said that a survey is being made of the property where the old Hermanville Road goes through and when it is completed, they can try to acquire the property they need. He further stated that later on they will have a schedule projecting what their needs will be. The commissioners signed the resolution, and an executed copy will be returned to the commissioners office.

Petition for Fees - Cherbonnier

The commissioners approved petition for fees, signed by Judge J. H. T. Briscoe, for A. V. Cherbonnier as follows: \$25.00, State vs Cabbage, and \$50.00, Cr. No. 15211, State vs Dorothy Bond.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President