

December 11, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

Auditor III Position

Mr. Donaldson reviewed letter from the Maryland State Commissioner of Personnel, listing passing candidates who have taken the required test for this position, and is recommending that Mr. Benedict H. Sterling be hired in this capacity.

Mr. Donaldson also reviewed a proposed amendment to the Merit System to give the commissioners the right to alter, abolish, combine and reclassify existing classes, as we do not now have a rule to cover this. After general discussion, the commissioners agreed that the amendment should be made to the Merit System as presented by Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Guyther will be asked to frame the necessary resolution to effect this.

SRC Charges

Mr. Donaldson asked the commissioners to authorize him to write to the SRC in Baltimore, requesting that a copy of all charges made to St. Mary's County be sent to him. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Donaldson draft the necessary letter and present it to the commissioners next week for their review. Mr. Donaldson then left the meeting.

Railroad

Mr. Guyther came into the meeting and there was a general discussion concerning the railroad and matter of power lines along the right of way. The commissioners agreed unanimously that they are not in favor of giving the title to REA, and that the right of way should only be down one side of the railroad, and the electric company be required to remove the old lines as soon as the new lines are built. The old easement would then revert to the county. Mr. Bowles stated that the easement and the location of it held by the electric cooperative should be verified and seen by the commissioners on a plat made available either by GSA or the cooperative, before the county purchases anything.

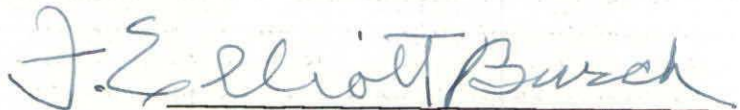
Mr. Guyther mentioned that Charles County wants to retain title to that portion of the railroad in that county, and an agreement has been signed with them to this effect. Therefore, it would be impossible to grant title to REA due to this fact. It is his opinion that the county should buy the railroad at the best possible terms and the best possible way, then work out an agreement with REA so far as the easement is concerned. The perpetual easement could be confined to one area, and might be sold to REA for approximately \$1,000 per acre. However, we would still have to take Charles County into consideration if this was done. Mr. Burch said it was

his feeling that we should work this matter out with REA as previously planned.

Mr. Guyther spoke with GSA by telephone, and they will send a copy of the formal agreement to purchase, and plats for the commissioners review. After this is done, then a decision can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President