

December 19, 1967

Present: All commissioners.

### Watershed

Mr. John Hall, Mr. J. Goldsberry and Mr. G. Rogers, from the Department of Game and Inland Fish. Mr. Rogers presented aerial photo of the area for the proposed watershed Site 1, the fish and wildlife pond, and reviewed this and maps indicating location. He stated that consideration should be given to getting some additional land for a small parking area and access to the site. There will also have to be access to the dam site for maintenance purposes. Mr. Pantaleo came into the meeting.

Mr. Goldsberry said that his agency is going to pay the local share of the construction costs, which will be approximately \$72,563. The original agreement was that the county would purchase the land within the taking line, and Game and Inland Fish would put up the money for the dam proper. The total area is from 250 acres for the actual pond, plus approximately 200 acres for the flood pool, a total of 420 acres that must be acquired by the county. After completion of the project, this is to be turned over to the Department of Game and Inland Fish with title or easements. The area will be open to the public and there will be no charge for using the lake, other than the charge for the fishing license.

They will need one access area to begin with, so they can put in a parking area and a ramp, and they will pay for the construction of the ramp. Here again, the county must acquire the access and the area needed. They would also like to have access on the other side of the lake, and although it is not absolutely necessary, would be desirable.

Mr. Rogers said he could not say who would pay any difference if the cost exceeded the \$72,563, the director of his department would have to answer that. However, he feels that this has been well planned, and will not exceed the amount estimated.

Mr. Hall said that at the present time, the Watershed Committee has not obtained any of the land, but this will be discussed at the meeting being held tonight with the county commissioners. Mr. Rogers mentioned that his department is ready to proceed as soon as the land is acquired. He stated he did not know if they could accept a 99 year lease on the land instead of accepting it in fee simple, and this will be investigated.

Mr. Goldsberry stated that the actual survey work will have to be done, and the state does not do this. Survey costs are listed in the cost for the local government, in the amount of \$5,000, and this will be part of the county share.

Additional Deputies

Messrs. Sam Bailey, Jr., C. Kopel, Wm. Mattingly, Sr., E. Beitzell, J. S. Guy, Jr., Fr. Richard Hughes (Holy Angels Church). These gentlemen are from the 7th District, and Mr. Guy said they are concerned about the crime in their district. They had a meeting with the sheriff last week, and there were about 30 people present who had been robbed or suffered breaking and enterings in their businesses or homes. They would like to know what can be done to correct the problem as it is now getting out of hand. The sheriff's department does not seem to be large enough to meet the needs of the area, and they are asking for recommendations from the commissioners to help correct the problem.

Fr. Hughes stated that this is in no way to be construed as a complaint against the sheriff's department as the sheriff explained to them the hopelessness of trying to cover all schools, businesses, etc., with just one or two men. Personnel wise, they cannot function well with just eight men.

Mr. Beitzell said that Charles County has a large number of deputies, and Mr. Burch reminded him of the law that was proposed to have twelve deputies in the county, but the people defeated passage of the law. Now the increase of deputies would require legislation.

Mr. Beitzell said that the sheriff gave them the impression that he has an agreement with the state police whereby the latter take care of the traffic control, and the sheriff takes care of law enforcement in all other areas. The two state police who work as plainclothesmen, are making reports to the sheriff of their findings. He further stated that the sheriff mentioned at their meeting with him the matter of the leniency of the courts and frustration of the law enforcement officers when they apprehend repeated offenders, and they are released by the courts.

Mr. Burch asked if the sheriff made any comment about asking for additional help from the state police and Mr. Beitzell said no, he did not. Mr. Bowles explained how emergency legislation would have to be enacted to effect immediate help, and even this would not be forthcoming until after the legislature is in session. However, by asking for additional help from the state police, this would provide help at once, and any request for such assistance would have to come from either the sheriff or the state's attorney. Mr. Burch said he is of the opinion that the state police could be of greater assistance, and not being used to the fullest extent. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners will discuss this with the sheriff and the state's attorney and see if there is some solution to the problem.

Alms House Foundation

The commissioners agreed that Mr. James Mattingly should be allowed to remove the cement foundation still standing on this property, which remained after the fire department burned down the building. Mr. Mattingly will do this free of charge and will also clean up the

area, and will be allowed to take the cement. Mr. Bowles will call him today to proceed.

### Roads

Mr. A. Cusic and Mr. Pantaleo. It was reported to Mr. Cusic that Mr. Bond (who is now on leave) had agreed to bush and widen the Hewitt Road (opposite National Trailer Sales on Route 235) and this has not been done. Mr. Cusic said he will take care of this.

Mr. Cusic asked about the old International pickup truck at the SRC garage, and Mr. Burch suggested we trade it in on either a new truck, or a station wagon. This will have to be decided.

The commissioners reviewed statement from Mr. M. Dixon for 600' of snow fence, at \$.12 per foot, \$72.00 total. Approved payment of statement as submitted.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that sign has been posted on the Millstone Landing Road, informing the public that the weight limit for the bridge is being determined by the SRC and they are to use the bridge at their own risk. However, another sign is needed and Mr. Raley will have to have one made.

General discussion concerning traffic hazard created by allowing parking on both sides of the road at the Two-Spot Club on Route 235 in Lexington Park. After further discussion, it was agreed that parking should be prohibited on the opposite side of the road, and a letter will be sent to the SRC requesting that "no parking" signs be so posted.

Mr. Cusic reported that "curve" sign has been posted on the Breton Beach Road near Camp Maria, and "stop" sign on the Bishop Road, Friendship Road, and 30 mph sign on Woodland Drive in Town Creek. He said he will also investigate drainage problem at Placid Harbor on Clark's Landing Road.

Mr. Pantaleo reported on Overcup Drive and Holly Lane in Town Creek, and that nothing has been done to these roads. He has written to Mr. Capps about this stating that he must put the roads into condition before the county can take them over. Mr. Capps has stated to Mr. Pantaleo that the state had accepted the roads, and the minutes of a meeting of Planning and Zoning indicate that motion was made and passed that Mr. Capps was to file a bond, and he has not done this. Mr. Pantaleo asked what should be done in this matter. It was the commissioners feeling that Mr. Capps should be approached about putting up the required bond and fix the streets, and Planning and Zoning should put pressure on Mr. Capps to do this.

Mr. Pantaleo also reported on roads in St. Andrews Estates, and bad condition resulting from a ditch that has been dug along one of the streets that is to be placed in the county system. Mr. Pantaleo said

he has sent the deed back to Riley Brothers, the developers, and informed them that the road will not be placed in the system, and no snow removal will be exercised until the matter is corrected.

General discussion regarding Mr. L. Wilkens at 7 Gables and construction of the bulkhead. The bulkhead being constructed extended into Mr. Wilkens property and he was concerned that this might mean he would lose title to some of his property. However, this is not the case, as Mr. Wilkens will still own the land and have all the rights he has always had, and the inspector from the SRC is supposed to have explained this to him. The only rights the county would have would be maintain the structure.

Mr. Cusic said he will check the Mary Dixon Road at the St. Joseph's Project. He also mentioned erosion at Swann's Store at Piney Point. He said that a sheathing could be placed here to correct the situation, and he will look into this. Mr. Bowles mentioned that Mr. M. C. Thompson is aware of this situation. Mr. Cusic commented on the fact that Mr. Thompson is retiring on January 1, 1968, and a new district engineer will be coming in, and he will ask him about this.

Mr. Burch mentioned "stop" signs needed on Strickland Road at intersection with Chancellor's Run Road, and Mr. Pantaleo will frame a resolution to effect this, and make Chancellor's Run Road a through street for its entire length. Mr. Cusic will also check need for stop signs in the Tall Timbers area.

Mr. Cusic said he will speak with Mr. J. Mattingly about granting easement to remove the curve on the Breton Beach Road near the Camp Maria entrance.

#### Porpoise Creek

The commissioners reviewed and approved letter to be sent to the Corps of Army Engineers for the work to be done in this area, and Mr. Burch signed it.

#### Library Carpeting Bid Opening

Adm. T. Clark, Mrs. Hurry, Mrs. J. Daugherty, and representatives from bidding firms. Adm. Clark stated that the first bids were rejected because of the decision to use a synthetic carpeting instead of the wool which was originally called for. Bids were opened, with Deiner apparent low bidder at \$7,482.50. The bids will be reviewed and studied and the Board of Library Trustees will make a recommendation to the commissioners regarding awarding the contract. (Detailed copy of bids submitted in files.)

#### Proposed Legislation

Delegate J. H. Briscoe requested that the commissioners advise him of legislative proposals to be considered at the session to be opened in January. The following items were discussed:

1. Increasing membership of the Metropolitan Commission from three members to a minimum of five, maximum of nine, with four year term instead of the present six year term, with privilege of reappointment.
2. Appointment of additional deputies for the sheriff's department.
3. Tax revenue sources such as:
  - a. Increase license and occupancy fees for trailer parks.
  - b. Transfer tax.
  - c. Sales tax.
  - d. Soft drink and beer tax.
  - e. Increase cost of building permits.

#### Metropolitan Commission Bonding Counsel

Mr. Edward Clarke, Mr. D. Bellman, from Smith, Somerville & Case, Bonding Attorneys; Mr. L. C. Merchant, Mr. W. Miles, Mr. T. R. McKee and Adm. T. Clark, of the Metropolitan Commission; Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. R. Guyther.

Mr. Clarke reviewed various aspects and phases of the bond sale for the Metropolitan Commission and the resolutions needed to effect this. The bonds are to be sold on January 3, 1968.

Mr. Clarke pointed out that if a contract is not awarded by January 27th, it will be necessary for the federal government to make a pay rate re-evaluation, and they will be sure that the contract is awarded prior to that date. This will be discussed with Mr. Guyther before any action is taken, so that the commissioners will be aware of what is going on. Mr. Clarke said that the present intent is to use the money for the sanitary district and not for anything else, such as water, and cannot be used to purchase a water system.

Mr. Clarke said that someone will have to be designated as clerk to the commissioners for the purpose of signing the bonds. The commissioners agreed and also that Mr. Clarke be authorized to make minor changes in form, to be discussed with Mr. Guyther. The commissioners and the Metropolitan signed the resolutions.

#### Petition for Fees - Cherbonnier

The commissioners approved payment of \$25.00 to A. V. Cherbonnier, for State vs. Reece, Docket 15378, as approved by Judge J. H. T. Briscoe.

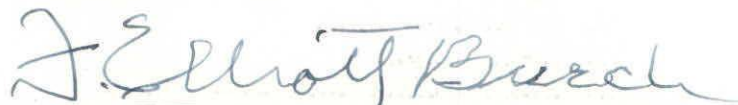
#### Civil Defense Tower

The commissioners approved purchase of antenna and lead-in wire for the new tower, as requested by Mr. Wood. Antenna cost is \$68.00, and the wire is \$.50 per foot, and about 125-175 feet is needed.

The connector kit costs \$20.00. The state will furnish the arm that the antenna sits in, and the cost for everything would be from a minimum of \$150.50 to a maximum of \$175.50, according to Mr. Wood.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President