

January 2, 1968

Present: Mr. F. Elliott Burch
Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles
Mr. George R. Aud

Soil Conservation Service

Mr. John Hall spoke to the commissioners about the long-range plans of the Soil Conservation Service for the county, and method of formation of the local committee. There are three elected members, Johns Dixon, J. S. Mattingly, and James Raley, and two appointed members, J. Beavan and R. Stevens. He then reviewed letter outlining objectives of the SCS for the entire county (copy in files).

Mr. Hall said that if the county takes over its own roads, his agency will work very closely with the commissioners in various areas, such as seeding banks, controlling washing of sediment, etc. He also stated that his department is working on an inventory of suitable sites for water storage in the county.

Watershed Projects

General discussion concerning the St. Mary's River Watershed Project, and Mr. Hall said that most of the property owners concerned want to be paid something for their land, rather than give it away.

Concerning the access roads, any improvements will have to be paid by the county. The access road to Site 1 is a dirt road and does provide access to the site. At Site 2, 100 yards of road would bring the road up to the dam site. Mr. Hall stated that actually, the county is not required to develop the roads at all, but they will be necessary to get to the sites. Access roads on Site 2 for the minimum basic facilities will be cost shared. After further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Pantaleo will meet with Mr. Hall and review matter of suitable access roads, etc., and see what is involved in getting access to the Mollard property that is being given to the county at Site 2. Mr. Hall said he will also figure costs.

Mr. Bowles asked if it would not be advisable at this point to set up steps of procedure. Step 1 would be to obtain options on all necessary land or acreage so that we can determine the cost of acquisition, necessary roads and cost of construction of the roads, before proceeding with Step 2, whatever that would be. Mr. Hall reviewed rough drafts of letters that might be sent to FHA, Forests and Parks, regarding funding of the watershed project, and stated it is his feeling that if the commissioners indicate again that the county does intend to do everything reasonable in order to make the project an accomplishment, then we can proceed as suggested by Mr. Bowles. He felt we could contact the land owners to find how much land they will give, or if not, how much they will sell it for. Then we can figure a specific cost for the project. If the letters are sent, and we do not get the land, this

will not hurt the county in any way. Mr. Burch said he also felt that every property owner should be contacted so it can be determined what the cost to the county will be. The Columbia Paper Company, which owns property in the area, will be contacted again concerning acquisition of that portion effecting the watershed.

Civil Defense

Mr. O. Wood discussed matter of final completion of the new building, stating that it will be the middle of March before the control center can actually be moved into the facility. He said that there are several items needed, and one of them is 80 feet of hose with nozzle for fire protection, and the county is supposed to furnish this. He has obtained an estimate of \$95.00 for the hose and nozzle, and said he would also like to purchase several locks to secure the louvres on the fresh air system. The commissioners agreed to the above purchases, which will be made by purchase order through Mr. Paul Raley.

General discussion concerning possible safety measures that might be taken at the new site, such as a guard rail around the entire area to prevent cars from riding over the top of the building, or a wire fence. Mr. Wood mentioned that the new tower will have a fence around it, as this is required.

Mr. Wood discussed matter of janitor service for the new building, and that Mrs. N. Pilkerton is interested in this job. The former has discussed this with Gen. Hogaboom, and they feel 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, at \$1.75 per hour (\$35.00 per week) would be sufficient. Over a 23 week period this would amount to \$805.00, which they have in their budget. Mr. Wood said that this position does not have to come under the merit system, but is considered a contractual position, to be awarded by the commissioners. After general discussion, it was decided that the janitor would be hired and paid for 20 hours of work per week and would work out his own schedule, making certain that the building was taken care of over the weekend.

The commissioners also agreed that the walkway to the entrance of the building should be taken care of immediately, and Mr. Wood will get estimates for paving this area. The latter also stated that he is getting prices on equipment for the janitor to work with, such as a vacuum cleaner, floor buffer, tec., and will present this to the commissioners later on.

St. Andrews Church Road

Mr. Carl Brenner, Vice-President of the Key Broadcasting Company, and Mr. Blake Hawkins, manager of WPTX, and Mr. Pantaleo, and Mr. A. Cusic, SRC. Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter sent to Key Broadcasting Company regarding right of way needed through their property to straighten a bad curve on the St. Andrews Church Road. Mr. Brenner said that his firm is going to build several towers on the land they own in the area, and it will be necessary for some clearing to be done.

He asked if the county would consider helping them to clear the land in return for the easement needed to straighten the road. He stated that his firm had just purchased the land 6 or 8 months ago, for approximately \$20,000, and are reticent about giving it away. He explained that they have filed with the federal government to increase the power of the station to 5,000 watts, which will increase their services to the community. They will be investing about \$100,000 in the county by the time the project is completed. There are about 12 acres to be cleared, and Mr. Pantaleo said it would cost about \$500 per acre to do this.

The commissioners agreed that they could not clear privately owned property with county funds, and Mr. Burch mentioned that there are no funds in our budget for purchasing rights of way. There was some discussion regarding abandonment of the old road when the new road is aligned, and Mr. Pantaleo will check how many houses are on the present road so that a decision can be made in this respect.

Mr. Brenner said he would confer with this Board of Directors and see what they want to do and report back to the commissioners. Mr. Brenner and Mr. Hawkins then left the meeting.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Cusic reported on general road matters. Hewitt Road, 8th District (near National Mobile Homes) has been bushed and graveled. Mr. Aud reported that there is an erosion problem where the bridge was replaced with replaced with pipe on St. George Island, and Mr. Cusic was instructed to correct the problem the best way possible. He will also take care of putholes in the Chancellors Run Road near the Elks Club. Mr. Cusic said he has found the problem with drainage near Placid Harbor Yacht Club, but this has not been taken care of due to the shortage of labor, as most of the men are on leave or ill.

After some discussion about snow fence, the commissioners agreed that Mr. Cusic should remove some of the fence on the St. Jerome's Neck Road, and put it on the Airdele Road, as requested by Mr. Guy Perry. Mr. Cusic will contact Mr. Perry to determine just where the fence is most needed.

Mr. Aud and Mr. Cusic will inspect the 7 Gables Bulkhead where it has been extended to the property of Mr. Les Wilkins, as the latter is concerned about the public using his property as a result of this.

The commissioners agreed that Shangri La and Essex Drives should be placed in the county system, pending on receipt of letter from Mr. Pantaleo recommending this.

Planning and Zoning Appointments

The commissioners agreed that Gen. Hogaboom, Mr. Johns Dixon, and Mr. Sam Bailey, Jr., would be requested to accept appointment to the

Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. J. Claude Johnson, Mr. Les Schlup and Mr. J. Roache have completed tenure of office. Terms of the three new members would expire in December 1972.

Scholarships

Dr. R. King, Mrs. Pembroke, Mrs. M. Burch, and Mr. McCleef, discussed matter of method of awarding scholarships, and need for communication between those groups granting said scholarships, to avoid duplication of awards. After general discussion, it was agreed that the best solution would be for the Miller and Dent groups to forward list of their awards to the Citizens group, and then a listing of all awards would be sent to the commissioners.

Lexington Park Library Carpeting

Admiral T. B. Clark and Mrs. Hurry. Admiral Clark reported that the building is going to be completed ahead of schedule and the trustees would like to have the contracts for the furniture and carpeting signed. He explained that the low bid for the furniture was submitted by the Glover Furniture Company, and all that is needed is the approval of the commissioners. On the carpeting, the first bids were rejected, and on the second bid, the same person was low bidder as on the first bids. Admiral Clark explained that Raley's Sales Center submitted a bid for a carpeting that did not meet the specifications, and the architect, Mr. S. Arthur, said that there was no justification for accepting this. Therefore, the trustees are recommending that the bid for the carpeting be awarded to Dieners, Inc., as low bidder meeting all specifications.

Admiral Clark said he has spoken with Mr. Rystikin, the company's vice-president and general manager, and the latter has stated that he will personally come down when the carpet is installed if this is desired, if there is any concern about how the job will be done. The commissioners reviewed the contracts, and signed them, awarding the bid for the carpeting to Dieners, and the furniture to the Glover Furniture Company.

Admiral Clark mentioned that there will not be much carpeting remaining after the bulk is installed, and the committee decided to purchase a small piece of carpet in case of emergency. They have negotiated for a small piece of carpet in case of emergency. They have negotiated for a piece 12 feet by 3 feet, costing \$32.00, which is not in the contract.

Health Department - Trailers

Dr. A. Houser and Mr. W. Raum. Dr. Houser stated they were present to discuss matter of trailer violations, and wanted to first inform the commissioners that they letter they had received concerning this should not have been sent. It was a rough copy and was not intended to go out as a letter, but was rather, just a report.

Dr. Houser said they have been investigating the violations as submitted on Mr. Cryer's report, and are not sure as to just where they should go from this point. They have sent official notices to all violators, by "return receipt requested" mail, and have received answers from some of them. It is obvious they are not going to do anything unless taken into court.

Some of the trailers have been at their present location for three years and none of them have permits allowing them to be where they are, so legally have no right to exist. The majority of them have no sewage systems as defined in the county trailer ordinance. Dr. Houser said there are three different types of ordinances, but when a local ordinance exists that is stricter than the state ordinance, then the county law takes precedence. Those trailers that were already placed prior to the county regulations being passed, can be made, by the Health Department to construct privies. There are approximately 30 trailers that are in violation and the general reaction is refusal to do anything. Dr. Houser said that the only thing he feels that can be done now, is to go to the state's attorney and have these people prosecuted.

General discussion concerning the problem and Dr. Houser said it might be necessary to go to our legislators to control the trailer sales people who continue to move trailers onto lots without water and sewage.

Dr. Houser mentioned that two of the property owners on the list, Langley and Adkinson, are also in violation of the trailer park law, as they have three trailers located on their land, which constitutes a trailer park, and they have no license for such a facility.

Mr. Raum said that he feels they can work with most of the people concerned and get privies constructed, but there will be a small group that will resist for financial reasons. Dr. Houser said they will work on the list and asked if they should use their own discretion about getting the state's attorney to prosecute the hard core few who will not abide by the regulations. He said they can handle all of the violations and have the legal authority to do this. The commissioners agreed that the regulations should be enforced as discussed.

Health Department - Alcoholism

Dr. Houser and Mr. Raum. Dr. Houser said that the District Court of Appeals has ruled that alcoholism is not a criminal offense but is an illness. If this is upheld, we are going to be faced with the prospect of providing services and care for all alcoholics in the county. He said he wanted to return to discuss this further with the commissioners as soon as possible, as we have no facilities to deal with this or any appropriation in the budget. He stated that we will have to persuade the hospital to accept these people, and perhaps the mental health program could be expanded to help.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
 F. Elliott Burch, President