

January 30, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Civil Defense

Mr. O. Wood reported that the winch on the Civil Defense truck needs repairing, and it will cost more to repair it than to buy a new one. A new winch would cost \$296.00, plus freight of \$20-25. He mentioned that they have \$5,000 allotted for new equipment, and there are funds available. The winch would be purchased from S. J. Meeks Company, and Mr. Wood mentioned that they will also need cable.

Mr. Wood said that there are three old radios that were taken out of trucks that belong to the county, and they want to keep one of these. He asked what should be done with the other two. They have no trade-in value but perhaps could be sold to recoup some of the cost, perhaps for \$50 each. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Wood would take this up with the Fire Board at their next meeting.

Mr. Wood asked permission to purchase about \$10 worth of lumber for shelving needed in the new building. He stated that there are things that are needed, such as covering on the cement floors in rooms that were not tiled, but he will take care of this later in order to get matching funds.

The commissioners agreed to the purchase of the winch, cable and lumber as requested.

Patuxent River Commission

Mr. R. August, Mr. L. Etzler, State Planning Department; Mr. M. Scheidt, Mr. W. Miles, Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, Mr. W. Raum, Dr. A. Houser, Mr. B. Beavin.

Mr. August spoke of previous meeting regarding measures to take to preserve the Patuxent River, and Commission formed for this purpose. He stated they are now at a point where they have done considerable work, and want to try to develop their findings and recommendations. They will report back to the Advisory Committee in the near future.

Mr. Scheidt stated they want to discuss their findings and recommendations before any plans are consolidated. There is some pollution to the river, but it has not yet reached the stage where this has caused too serious damage. There are three regions to the river, the upper, middle and lower. The middle region is the critical region so far as pollution is concerned, as this is a very slow running area and most of the sewage is dumped here. In the lower region, there are no serious

problems at the present time, and this must be preserved.

Mr. Scheidt said there are five areas where attention is required:

1. Waste water disposal - there was a master plan prepared in 1962 which was a good one, and has been used as a guide to date for the studies made. There is a study being made of the quality of the water in the middle region of the river, as occasionally the oxygen level will drop below the accepted standard, and there has been some loss of fishlife, which has effected the spawning, and therefore effects the whole of the fishlife. It has not yet reached the stage where it is too serious, but it could become so. The river is not capable of assimilating the projected wastes. The immediate future program between now and 1980 must be planned right now and all plants must be at the highest level of efficiency and treatment.
2. The problem of nutrients does not pose a serious problem yet, but eventually, a third stage of treatment may be necessary in order to take the nutrients out of the sewage. They are recommending that as new plants are built, they be constructed with the idea in mind for later expansion to the third stage treatment.
3. Parks, open spaces and recreation program must be considered. In 1961 the legislature passed the Patuxent Watershed Act, authorizing the counties to acquire land along the banks of rivers, and provided funds to assist in the purchase of land along the river and its tributaries. Mr. Scheidt mentioned several counties that are taking advantage of this act to acquire the lands needed. However, this is not a total program, and it involves more than just the Patuxent River Basin. It comprises the whole area of Baltimore and Washington. They are recommending that this be studied from a broader point of view to determine how the Patuxent River fits into the total program.
4. Sediment and erosion control - Mr. Scheidt stated that the upper estuary has filled up with sediment, and approximately 15 miles is already completely silted. Erosion has been reduced from what it used to be years ago, however, this could increase to a greater degree. Modern construction, highway construction, etc., produces a tremendous amount of silt and the problem is how to control this. He mentioned that in Montgomery County, subdividers must indicate how they are going to control the sediment before they can get a permit. The SRC is required to institute certain erosion control features now, and they are suggesting that all counties adopt such regulations and requirements.
5. Public water supply - This is primarily the problem of the upper basin and does not effect St. Mary's County too much.

Concerning the estuary itself, this is a special problem and a difficult one, and they do not know too much about it, and it needs to be studied. Mr. Scheidt feels that all seven counties concerned should get together for discussions, and also meet with the state agencies that can give them advice and help them. In his report, Mr. Scheidt

said he is recommending two committees - Waste Water Disposal and Parks and Recreation, and is suggesting creation of the Patuxent River Basin Advisory Committee, which would have no authority, but would be for the discussion of problems in the basin. Representatives on the committee would be possibly the county engineer, health department, State Water Resources Board, Chesapeake Bay Affairs, Game and Inland Fish, etc., and Mr. Scheidt is suggesting that the State Health Department take the leadership in getting such a group started. It is his feeling that this committee should be brought into being as soon as possible, and that it will work successfully. There is the possibility that two counties could save money by building one common sanitary plant, and this group could determine this. There are grants available for the studies that should be made. This committee would also concern itself with all problems in the basin, such as solid waste disposal, etc., and could see that these facilities are managed well and properly run.

A similar committee is needed to approach the problem of parks and open spaces, and should be comprised of a representative from each of the seven counties, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, State Forests and Parks, CBA. Grants are available for technical studies for such a group. Then it could be decided what should be done within the basin to meet the total requirement.

Concerning erosion and sedimentation, people from SCS, along with a representative from each county should be brought together under the auspices of the Dept. of Water Resources to plan for a program of erosion and sediment control.

On the estuary, Mr. Scheidt said that the technical studies will have to be accomplished first. He is suggesting to the governor that technical assistance be provided, such as scientists, and money, etc., to make the needed studies. The Health Department, the Dept. of Water Resources, and CBA, should participate with the water pollution control people in this respect. The findings of all the studies should be given to the advisory committee.

The problem at this stage is how to get the facilities built that the advisory committee is going to recommend. The commissioners have the power to adopt budgets and authorize construction for these purposes. Mr. Scheidt is suggesting that the elected governments of the counties begin to talk with each other to coordinate what they are doing and agree on the overall program, and this can be reflected by appropriate ordinances.

He is suggesting creation of a Patuxent Basin Council, which would review the reports from the other committees and adopt them or send them back. On this council there should be representatives from the commissioners, the Metropolitan Commission, and each of the seven counties. The council could also include one of the legislators, either a delegate or senator. The governor should take the leadership in appointing this committee. It might be advisable for the legislators to adopt a resolution advocating this, and urging the

county to take such action. Mr. Scheidt feels that this will work and will preserve the river basin. He pointed out that St. Mary's County is on the receiving end and this is of vital importance to this county.

There was some discussion concerning the collection of sewage from the Baltimore-Washington area and possibility of carrying it to larger bodies of water. Mr. Bowles asked if this had ever been considered. Mr. Scheidt said that Beavin suggested this solution in 1961, and he suggested in his report bringing all the matter down to one plant for treatment, and eventually carry it to the Chesapeake Bay. This was abandoned because of the factors involved. For the time being, the best and most economical plan is to continue to use the river, and eventually more extensive planning will be needed. In the long range plans and studies, discharging into the bay and ocean will be considered, but at the present time they do not know. At this point Mr. August mentioned specific need to have some short range plans to do something immediately. Mr. Scheidt said their recommendations include heavy treatment with chlorinization in the discharge into the basin.

Concerning Chalk Point, Mr. Scheidt said they have to rely on the technicians reports, as to how it effects the river. Sometime during the year the flow has a detrimental effect, and other times it is beneficial. The phytoplank that goes through the plant and the intense heat is badly damaged and this effects the entire food chain. Also, some of the copper from the tubing has been found in the oysters and this is a health menace. There are further studies being made along these lines. There are ways of cooling the water before it is put back into the river but this is very expensive. It must be determined if the effect on the river is detemrinal enough to warrant telling Pepco that they must build a five million dollar cooling tower. Mr. Scheidt stated that there has been a great deal of emotionalism and predictions of dire destruction of the river, and this just is not so.

Mr. Scheidt said that the draft of the report has been submitted to the governor's advisory committee, and has also been sent to the technical task force of the Water Pollution Control Agency for study. Mr. August said that copies of the report will be made available to the counties. Mr. Scheidt stated that the report is for the use of the governor's advisory committee, and if they go along with it, he feels it will be distributed to the counties. The final report should be available approximately the end of February, or the first of March.

Master Water and Sewage Plan

Mr. B. Beavin, W. Miles, T. T. Pantaleo, Dr. A. Houser, W. Raum.

General discussion concerning facility at Piney Point Marina, and that these people have not corresponded or contacted the commissioners at all relative to this installation. Dr. Houser said that his

office had some correspondence with them, and will send copies to the commissioners.

Mr. Raum reported that there will be 500 men at the facility, plus the regular staff, with three ships anchored there permanently. At the present time, they are emptying sewage into the creek and the Potomac River. The State Health Department would like to have them use the Potomac River side and get the effluent out of St. George Creek and away from the oysters there. Mr. Bingley has told them they are going to have to double the size of the plant, and work out some plan to utilize the point of discharge into the Potomac River, and abandon the one on the creek side.

It is evident that the people at the marina have not contacted anyone about their plans, neither the Health Department, Planning & Zoning, or the commissioners. Mr. Beavin feels that the ships should be made to pump their sewage into the treatment plant and this should not be discharged into the river. He said he has suggested that the marina people and their engineers meet with him and the commissioners to discuss this matter. Dr. Houser suggested a meeting with these people, and have Mr. Bingley present, and make these people aware of the fact that they are in St. Mary's County and must abide by our rules and regulations.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond reported they will have difficulty with the maintenance account in April and May because of the debt service. They have saved approximately \$50,000, but the debt service is going to seriously effect this.

Mr. Bond said that he and Mr. Pantaleo will inspect the road in the Essex South Subdivision, as it has been torn up by the construction equipment and the former does not feel this should be placed in the system until it is fixed. There is also one spot on Shangri La Drive that is bad, and Mr. Wise has said he will fix this.

Mr. Bond asked about getting a 40 foot right of way on the Hewitt Road, 8th District, and was instructed to get the short forms signed for the right of way needed. Then the road can be graded and graveled and widened.

Need for maintenance on Far Cry Road, 8th District, was reported to Mr. Bond and he will check this.

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Mr. Pantaleo reported that trailers in the California Mobile Home Park on St. Andrews Church Road, are placed right up the right of way and in some instances are hanging over the road.

Mr. Pantaleo stated he talked with Mr. Moore about the statement from McCrone for the work done on the airport, as the former felt the charges were unreasonable for the number of man hours involved.

Mr. Moore said he could do nothing about this and suggested Mr. Pantaleo call Mr. Latham, and he did. Mr. Latham said they could not reduce the charge at all as they had to send parties from Annapolis, which was expensive, and the county had to pay transportation costs, etc. (Mr. Bond left the meeting). After further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Pantaleo will check with Mr. Hugh Wilkerson, surveyor, about when he could work on the survey for the airport.

Cat Creek

Mr. B. Beavin, W. Miles and T. T. Pantaleo. Mr. Miles stated that the developers of the Colony approached the Metropolitan Commission about the feasibility of having a sanitary district in that area. They submitted a petition representing 39 property owners requesting establishment of the district. The Metropolitan Commission voted to approve this at the November meeting, and they now need the approval of the commissioners to establish the sanitary district. Mr. Miles said he will supply the commissioners with copies of the petition.

Mr. Beavin suggested to the Metropolitan Commission that they layout this district and bring the matter under their complete control. They are proposing a secondary treatment plant, but do not intend to discharge any effluent into the Patuxent River. They have laid out a golf course and a series of five dams to store the water, approximately 43,560 cubic feet of water. They will be using a part of the effluent for irrigation of the golf course and the rest for irrigating a large turf farm. The developers are also of the opinion that they can use the effluent for some crops. Mr. Beavin stated that people at Hopkins and in other state agencies feel this can be made to work.

Mr. Beavin has advised the Metropolitan Commission they should not allow this project to come into being, until they have closed out all areas of failure possible, but he feels the developers are going about this in a way to make it succeed.

Mr. Burch asked that the Metropolitan Commission send a formal letter to the commissioners requesting approval of this project, and Mr. Miles said this would be done.

Trailer - Beander

Mr. Pantaleo and Miss Beander. Miss Beander stated she is living wither mother, but has had a trailer moved on property owned by Mr. Valley Greenwell, on the Hollywood Road. The Health Department has informed her she cannot move into it until water and sewage is installed. She is asking the commissioners to grant an exception as she has three children and wants to move into the trailer out of her mother's home, as it is very crowded.

General discussion concerning fact that Rhodes Trailer Sales have been violating the county regulations by moving trailers on lots without water and sewage, and that there have been several letters sent to them regarding this. There is a possibility that more drastic steps will have to be taken against this firm.

Miss Beander stated that she is paying \$68.00 per month for the trailer and \$10.00 per month to Mr. Greenwell. The commissioners informed her that they cannot make any exceptions and suggested she continue to live with her mother or find housing elsewhere.

Alcoholic Beverages Board

Gen. H. Peabody, Mr. T. Cryer, Mr. M. Jarboe, discussed matter of teenage drinking in the county. Gen. Peabody stated that being able to prove what is going on is very difficult, and the only solution to pinning down the information is to have their own witnesses. The board feels that there are several places where they can get evidence of sales being made to minors, and that Mr. Cryer must have help. (Mr. Guyther came into the meeting). It is their feeling that the inspector is doing everything possible, and they have nothing but praise for Mr. Cryer's efforts, but he is only one man and cannot do any more than he is already doing.

The Liquor Board is requesting three parttime inspectors, to work 6 hours for two days, at \$2.50 per hour. This will cost \$45.00 per week, or \$350 to \$400 per month if they are used every weekend. However, they will be used only as necessary to solve the problem, and they want to use off-duty security force men from the base. The navy will allow these people to do this as the problem is of concern to them, also. The state's attorney has said that Mr. Cryer is authorized to deputize these men as assistant inspectors under law. They will be issued cards to this effect, and will only use them when on duty.

Gen. Peabody said he will speak with Capt. O'Neil and get permission to do what they propose, and also with the security officer on the base. He explained that the men would not be used continuously, but would be selected from a pool of 20 to 25 men. He mentioned that the budget next year should include funds for one fulltime inspector and for the latter to hire additional men if necessary.

Gen. Peabody and Mr. Cryer and Mr. Jarboe left the meeting so that the commissioners could discuss this further, and were recalled to the meeting to be informed that the commissioners were unanimously in favor of the board using the parttime inspectors. They do feel, however, that as Mr. Cryer's son is a liquor distributor, the plan should be enacted apart from the county inspector and be handled by the Liquor Board to avoid possible criticism. Gen. Peabody agreed to this, and said he would speak with Capt. O'Neil and get the plan in action as soon as possible.

Sheriff's Department Invoice

The commissioners agreed that the most recent statement received from Joseph J. Philips Company, in the amount of \$16.50, should be paid, and a letter sent to this firm informing them of the purchase order system in effect for acquiring supplies, and that future invoices will not be paid unless items are gotten under purchase order. Mr. Paul Raley will handle this matter.

Metropolitan Commission Director

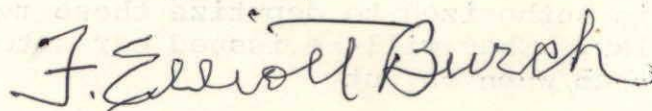
The commissioners reviewed letter from Mr. L. C. Merchant, requesting that Adm. T. B. Clark be appointed to the position of Project Engineer for this Commission to supervise construction of the work, at a salary not to exceed \$5200 per year. Appointment approved, and Mr. Merchant will be so notified, stating that this will be contingent upon receipt of the resignation of Adm. Clark from the member board of the Commission.

FDR Boulevard

Reviewed letter from Beavin Company requesting that the commissioners not consider less than 80' right of way on this road in view of the future development of the county and the Lexington Park area. Mr. Beavin is suggesting that the commissioners give this some consideration when the matter of this road is settled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President