

February 13, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Department

Mr. Donaldson, Sheriff Burroughs, Mr. H. Lancaster. Mr. Burroughs reviewed itemized list of functions carried on in his office, stating he feels there is a need for another secretary. Also reviewed list of additional functions he would like to initiate to improve the services of this office. (Copies of lists in files).

Mr. Burroughs also asked for an extension of the trial magistrate's telephone in his office to simplify contact with the control tower. He stated that Mr. Wood is in agreement and would like to see two telephones in the sheriff's office similar to those in the control tower and state police offices. The sheriff said he would like to have two numbers that will ring in sequence if one is not answered, and would not go through the switchboard in the courthouse. If this is done, the number now listed, 475-9120, would be eliminated.

Mr. Burroughs mentioned that his present secretary, Mrs. Norris, is pregnant and will be leaving to take the four months leave of absence required under the Merit System. He would like to have another secretary work with Mrs. Norris for one month before she leaves, to learn the duties of the office. He requested that if he is assigned another secretary, he would like each of them to have separate offices.

Railroad

Mr. L. A. Sheppard, Chief, Real Property Division, GSA, and Mr. Pierce Bragg of this department, and Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Sheppard asked about the status of this project, and was informed that arrangements are being made to submit a proposal very soon, and that a meeting was held with Charles County officials last week.

(Mr. Guyther came into the meeting). Charles County is agreeable to the county buying it (St. Mary's County) and taking title to the entire railroad, then framing an agreement with them. Mr. Sheppard stated that if in the letter to be sent, we state that Charles County is in agreement to St. Mary's County taking title to the entire railroad, then this would be fine. Mr. Burch mentioned that Charles County is only interested in the railroad to help our county. Mr. Sheppard asked for a date when he might expect to hear from St. Mary's County, and was given tentative date of end of February.

Agreement reviewed, and Mr. Sheppard stated that the railroad is to be paid for in 15 years, but if more time is desired, he will check with the authorities and see what can be worked out. In some instances,

they have allowed 20 years for payment. Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Bragg then left the meeting.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Aud and Mr. Bowles of the meeting last Friday with Mr. R. McDonagh of Charles County, Mr. Coakley of SMECO, Mr. R. Wigginton, and Mr. Oliver Guyther. A suggestion was made at the meeting that after title has been taken, ownership should go to the Co-op, granting the county an easement that would not interfere with the railroad or other public use. If this is done, the county would be able to collect taxes on the real estate.

Mr. Guyther stated that the new proposition was that the county acquire the railroad, lease it to SMECO for several years, giving them the right to purchase it to get it on the tax roles, with the county reserving an easement. The easement should be explicitly spelled out in very definite details in the agreement, and also limiting one power line on it. The agreement could stipulate that if SMECO ever decided to sell the property, the county would have the first refusal, at a price to be negotiated between REA and the commissioners.

Mr. Guyther mentioned that the difficulty in reserving an easement is that location of the present easement is not known. When new lines are installed, SMECO said they would utilize the railroad bed solely, and the difficulty is trying to determine what they will need for the new lines as to how much land is required. Mr. Guyther said that what the county is reserving must be clearly determined in order to protect us in the future. An easement could be reserved subject to the existing line, and when the new line is constructed, an easement could be reserved for given distances from the side of the road bed in a given direction. We must also consider the matter of maintenance while the county has ownership.

Airport

Mr. D. B. Snyder, Director, State Aviation Commission; Mr. William E. Adams, Project Manager, Rader & Asscts.; Mr. Zolton J. Adam, Air Traffic Representative, FAA; CDR. Gordon R. Otis, USN, Air Operations Office, NAS; Mr. Roger Chandler, Mr. C. A. Norris, Airport Committee; Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, County Engineer, Mr. Ol R. Guyther, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Mr. Snyder said they were present today to discuss the proposed airport, and to urge expedition of the project. He has been instructed to get applications for the airport completed so they can be presented to the governor this week while the legislators are in session. Mr. Snyder said that projects for St. Mary's County, Prince George and Prince Frederick, are being pushed.

Mr. Norris stated that under the state law we cannot act as sole sponsors of the project, but must this must be between the state and county if we want state funds. We must accept the state as our agent to accept the federal funds. Mr. Snyder presented the agency

agreement needed, and asked to have this completed so he can take it back today, as it must be forwarded to the Falls Church Office. He stated that the state funds are a loan, for 20 years, at a low interest rate of 3 to 4%, as they do not have any projects receiving outright grants at the present time.

Mr. Guyther reviewed the application for federal funds. Mr. Snyder said that these funds are for planning and construction, and the state will not recognize the land as part of our contribution. However, if the land value is considered, this increases the cost of the project. The federal government considers this, but the state does not. (Mr. Guyther left the meeting). Mr. Snyder said that more money can be requested from the state, up to 25% of the project, and perhaps also from the federal government. Mr. Adams said that a 10% increase can be requested without any problem, if the costs are higher than the estimate. They are in favor of the county acquiring all the land possible, as the cost will not decrease. Presented plat prepared by his office showing planned use of the land, etc.

Mr. Snyder pointed out that the gain to the county from the airport will be the future development around it. Acquainting industrial people with what is being done is very important and should be started now. It would be desirable to have some light industry waiting for the airport to be completed so they could move in as soon as possible. In this light, he mentioned importance of the railroad and highways to the development of the airport.

Further discussion regarding funds, and Mr. Snyder stated that to a degree state funds can be used for the land. Mr. Adams suggested that after the project is underway, a request be submitted for additional funds for improvements from the appropriations that will be available in 1970.

Mr. Snyder said he will need several items: letter requesting state aid, mentioning necessity of the project from the county's viewpoint; detailed description of the project and a set of preliminary plans (Mr. Adam of Rader & Asscts. said he would get a set to Mr. Snyder immediately). (Mr. Guyther returned to the meeting). Mr. Burch stated that the county will be sponsoring the project, and Mr. Norris mentioned that he feels that the commissioners sign the documents pertinent to the project.

Agency agreement was signed by Mr. Burch and Mr. Snyder was given a letter requesting a state loan in the amount of \$90,000. Study report also given to him which furnishes information as requested in preceding paragraph.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. A. Tate, Acting Director, SRC, and Mr. R. Combs. The latter discussed matter of funds received from CBA for various projects for waterway improvements in the county, and

status of same. He mentioned specifically St. Clements Shores, Bushwood and Kingston Creeks. Mr. Pantaleo explained that the people did not allow enough land in the St. Clements Shores area for a parking lot, and another site must be found. The money has been received, but has not yet been spent. On Porpoise Creek, this project has been given to a contractor, and a permit must be obtained from the corps of engineers before anything can be done. It is expected that this permit will be received this week. On the Kingston Creeks, both the channels have been approved, and now a permit must be gotten for these also. It will be necessary to dredge in order to put a ramp in the Bushwood site because of the flat marshy area, and a jetty is also needed, as is a bulkhead, and this is quite a detailed project. There are contractors who are coming to look at these projects tomorrow relative to bidding on them. Mr. Combs left the meeting.

Reviewed letter from Mr. Tate regarding programming of St. Andrews Road, and fact that it will use all funds allocated for 1967, 1968 and part of 1969, to do this road. Mr. Tate said that the commissioners can do this but should give it some thought. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed that the St. Andrews Road should be programmed as planned.

General discussion on construction of Route 5. It was mentioned that Mr. Wolff had stated that the funds for the road had been allocated and this should go right along. Mr. Tate said that on the section of Route 5 into Leonardtwn, they are starting the preliminary plans, so that is an indication that this is going through.

Mr. Donaldson asked about the \$8,000 on the Muade Gardiner Road, and if we have lost this. Mr. Tate stated that Mr. C. Dell had said that the county had not lost anything, but he will have to check this. Mr. Donaldson said he felt that the county should not lose this money because of the laxity of the state in the matter of this particular road. Mr. Tate said that there will be some money left on the 7 Gables Road bulkhead, and this will help us somewhat.

Mr. Tate informed the commissioners that blacktopping, oiling, etc., should be programmed right now, as he believes it is best to get this done and alter the program later if necessary. So far as the Maude Gardiner Road is concerned, Mr. Tate advised the commissioners to do this without state aid, and to use our own funds. He said he will get an itemized report from the SRC on all the state aid to the county.

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There was further discussion concerning the status of acquiring right of way on the St. Andrews Church Road, and Mr. Pantaleo stated there are about six residents that have not signed. Mr. Tate said it would be best to get the line straight, then submit the plans for approval, and the latter will take about a week.

Mr. Burch asked about the possibility of having a state man assigned

to the county, as is the case in Charles County, for inspection work. Mr. Tate said he will have to give this some thought, and mentioned that this would come out of our maintenance, but he will look into it.

Reviewed matter of stop sign where McKay's Beach Road intersects Route 244. Mr. Tate suggested putting up a stop sign where the McKay's Beach Road intersects Route 244, leaving both signs up (there is one on Route 244 at this intersection) for about a month until the people get used to it, then take it down, making McKay's Beach Road a through road.

The commissioners approved installation of stop sign on the right side of Drumcliffs Road, where it intersects Jones Wharf Road, as requested by the Drumcliffs Citizens Association.

St. Mary's City Planning

Gen. Hogaboom and Mr. Pantaleo. Gen. Hogaboom reported that they have interviewed three firms, and have selected the firm of Robert L. Plavnick, A.I.P, Urban Planning and Design Consultants, Washington, D.C., to do the master plan for St. Mary's City. An agreement has been drawn up that will probably be a three party agreement, under which the county will agree to make available the maps and records that we have, and periodically make recommendations and review the plans. The St. Mary's City Commission will be obligated to provide the cash and matching staff services, about \$30,000; \$5,000 from the Commission and \$25,000 in staff services. This will be a 12 month project. General Hogaboom said he would like to bring these people down to meet with the commissioners to review the agreement and contract, and this will be arranged.

E.O.C. Building

Gen. Hogaboom reported that this building is 99.9% completed, and Mr. Tilp is asking that Bacon & Passarelli be paid part of the retainage fee. Gen. Hogaboom said he is recommending that none of this be released until we receive a certificate of 100% completion, then pay the final 10%. The commissioners agreed that they would wait for the approval from General Hogaboom before any of the 10% retainage fee is released.

Waterway Improvements

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Jack Williams and Mr. Carl Williams, of Williams Marine Construction Co., Washington, D. C., and Mr. Charles Berry. These gentlemen wanted to review the plans for various dredging projects and boatramps in the county, to see if they would be interested in giving an estimate for any of them. It was decided that Mr. Pantaleo would take the gentlemen to make a physical inspection of the sites in question.

Zoning Public Hearing - Clifton

As required by law, public hearing was duly held on the petition for

zoning and re-zoning submitted to Planning & Zoning on December 12, 1967, by George E. Clifton, Annie M. Clifton, and H. L. Fowler, Inc., to have certain land zoned and rezoned from "commercial and unzoned" to "manufacturing and industrial". As there were no protestants present, the commissioners approved petition, as approved by Planning & Zoning, after public hearing held by that Commission on January 8, 1968.

Metropolitan Commission Secretary

The commissioners approved salary of \$85.00 per week for secretary employed by this Commission, as requested by Mr. L. C. Merchant, Chairman. Mrs. Stella McPherson will work in this capacity, beginning today.

Petition for Fees - Dorsey

The commissioners approved payment of \$50.00 each, to Mr. Walter Dorsey, for Criminal #1738 and #2255, as approved by Judge P. Dorsey.

Lexington Park Library

Approved payment of Requisition #8, in the amount of \$26,237.70, to Mervell Dean, Inc., for work on this facility, as approved by Mr. St. Arthur, architect.

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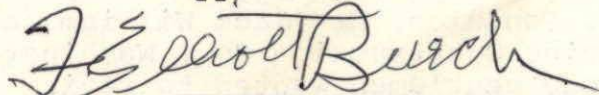
Approved payment of Invoice 22648, from Rader & Associates, in the amount of \$5,000, for work on the proposed airport site, as approved by Mr. C. A. Norris, Chairman, Airport Committee.

Approved employment of Hugh W. Wilkerson & Associates, for the property survey to be made at the airport site, at \$14 per hour, for a three man party, and \$11.50 per hour for a two man party.

Approved payment of \$1.064 to J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., for services on the airport, research, brushing and running center line of runway and elevations, Job No. L-1433, as approved by Mr. Norris.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President