

February 20, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's City Planning Commission

Gen. Hogaboom, Mr. H. Janssen, of St. Mary's City Commission; Mr. R. Gucker, Chief, Local Planning, State Planning Department, Mr. Buzio, of same agency; Mr. R. L. Plavnick, Planning Consultant; Mr. L. Etzler, Tri-County Council Planning Agent.

Mr. Gucker reviewed the three party agreement between the county, the St. Mary's City Commission, and the State, for the master planning of St. Mary's City. The total cost will be \$91,110, and he stated that this is a fairly firm estimate, and once it is approved, becomes a firm cost or flat fee contract. It will take approximately three months for approval.

General Hogaboom said that the area covered is from Three Notch Road, west, and from Park Hall down to St. Inigoes, including Webster Field, and St. Mary's City, proper. Mr. Plavnick reviewed services that will be performed by his firm for the study. The college will not be included in the master plan, but they have complete cooperation with the college in this respect.

Mr. Gucker said that the contract will not be executed until such time as they have federal approval, and the agreement will be signed at that time. He presented a sample of a certificate that must be signed by our attorney certifying that we do have a planning commission with the authority to plan. This is to be signed by Mr. Guyther and returned to Mr. Gucker.

Airport

Mr. C. A. Norris, Mr. L. Starling, Mr. J. Latham. Reviewed plat of proposed airport and Mr. Norris stated we will need approximately 24.6 acres of the property owned by Mr. Waldschmidt, who is represented by Mr. Starling, for future development, plus right of way for the access road the latter is requesting.

General discussion followed concerning amount of property to be purchased. Mr. Starling said that they would want \$7500 for the 24.6 acres, but if the 60 acre plot is purchased, the price will be \$12,000. He said that he will recommend that a 50' right of way be donated for the road, and feels this would be acceptable. The right of way would be given to the county in fee simple. Mr. Pantaleo was called into the meeting and computed actual acreage in the larger plot to be approximately 67.03 acres.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Starling that it would be best if this property

was purchased for the same amount per acre as other property, \$200, in fairness to the owners. Mr. Starling said he was not in agreement with this and did not think Mr. Waldschmidt would be either. However, he will submit a contract for \$10,000 for the 67.03 acre plot to Mr. Waldschmidt and let Mr. Norris know in about ten days or so what has been done. Mr. Norris pointed out that the purchase of this land is holding up the project and he would like to have an answer as soon as possible. Mr. Starling said he will also want it defined in the contract that they will have complete and free access over the road.

Mr. Starling was given a plat of the airport relocating the road, and showing property lines for the 67.03 acre parcel.

Animal Shelter

Mrs. D. Sullivan, Town Creek, and Mrs. L. Cochran, Tall Timbers. Mrs. Sullivan reported that her dog had been picked up and when she called the animal shelter, was told by Mr. Ward that the dog was not there. She contacted Mr. Thompson, dog warden, who said he had taken the dog to the shelter. Mrs. Sullivan went to the shelter and got her dog, and said that the place was very dirty and that Mr. Ward was not taking proper care of the animals. She complained also, about Mr. Ward's rudeness when she spoke with him on the telephone, and asked why this man is retained in the position of manager of the shelter.

Mr. Burch explained that this is a tri-county project and the manager is hired by the Commissioners of Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties. He informed Mrs. Sullivan that the matter will be investigated, but that our county has only one vote in matters pertaining to the shelter, and can be overruled by the other two. However, the commissioners will see what they can do.

Mrs. Cochran stated that she, also, had contacted the shelter and was not pleased with Mr. Ward's attitude when speaking to her.

Civil Defense

Major C. Ellison; Mr. O. Wood; Mr. Leach, Field Representative, Federal Civil Defense; Gen. Sweeney, Deputy Director of Civil Defense for the State of Maryland; Col. Handberger, Shelter Coordinator for the Federal Government.

Col. Sweeney said they are asking for consent of the commissioners to continue the work of the Fallout Shelter Program in the county, and that county department heads be directed to cooperate with them. A survey will be made of all shelter areas in the county, and once a plan is completed, it will become the property of the county. There are no costs involved so far as the county is concerned, except indirect costs. The federal government pays for all the costs and also printing the information after it is compiled.

They will ask for a citizens committee to assist them, and recommend

policies to present to the commissioners for approval, such as what to do with the school children, etc., in the event of attack. This committee should be comprised of people in newspaper business, radio business, other business, etc., and will number from 8 to 10 people up to 40.

Col. Sweeney presented sample of letter of intent they would like sent to Gen. Van Brunt, stating that the county will participate in the program and will direct department heads to cooperate and render all assistance possible in the development of the program.

Col. Sweeney mentioned meeting being held on March 14th in Pikesville for the briefing on the Home Fallout Protection Survey for residents of the state, and that he hoped the commissioners would be present.

After further discussion, the commissioners agreed that the program should be followed in the county, and will send the letter as requested.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Copsey, Mr. C. Copsey, Mr. Cairn. Mr. F. Copsey reported that the bridge at Horse Landing is in very bad condition and they are here to request that something be done about it. This area is all the harbor the watermen have, and they can no longer get under the bridge to get into the waterway when there is a storm.

Mr. Pantaleo will investigate, make a survey, and figure an estimate of what it would cost to reconstruct the bridge. He will also contact Mr. Marshall Cook about dredging Horse Landing Creek. These people then left the meeting.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that on St. Andrews Road, they are shifting the road in one place over on the Norris property. On the Mattingly property, Mr. Mattingly will have to move the fence back about five feet, but not much of his property will be taken. Mr. Pantaleo feels they have resolved the major problems of right of way here, and now they are waiting for a sketch showing relocation area, and just what land is to be taken, and this should be forthcoming in about a week.

Mr. Bond came into the meeting. Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter requesting a 30 mph speed limit on Steer Horn Neck Road in the Half Pone Point area. Mr. Bond and Mr. Patnaleo recommend this action, and the commissioners approved it. The speed limit will be posted on the loop at the lower end of the road.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter in which he is recommending that certain roads in St. Andrews Estates be accepted by the commissioners. The roads are: Park View Drive, 50' wide, leading from the end of said drive to its intersection with St. Andrews Lane, for a distance of approximately 650'; Park View Drive, 50' wide, running from the end of said drive conveyed to the county by deed dated August 18, 1967, and running to the northwesterly property line of St. Andrews Estates Sub-division for a distance of approximately 50'; and St. Andrews Lane, 60'

wide, leading from the end of St. Andrews Lane to its intersection with St. Andrews Church Road, being approximately 576' in length. Mr. Bond recommended accepting said roads, also, and the commissioners agreed.

Golden Beach Roads - Mrs. Doris Hodges, and Mr. E. R. England, Pres., Golden Beach Citizens Asscn., Inc., inquired about road work to be done in this area, and was informed that the schedule has not been prepared. She suggested that Wolf and Bay Drives, and a portion of Burton Drive be surface treated this year. Mr. Bond stated that he will present a list of recommendations to the commissioners of roads to be worked, including those in Golden Beach. Mrs. Hodges and Mr. England left the meeting.

Mr. Bond reported that he has been asked to check all the bridges in the county to determine if they would stand a \$20,000 pound load limit, and has written to Mr. Tate about this. Reviewed letter from Mr. Wolff regarding weight limits on county bridges, in which he states that he is recommending that a study be made of all bridges in the county toward posting maximum weight limitations.

On the Chaptico bridge, Mr. Bond said he would recommend putting a pipe here, as this would be less expensive. Actually might possibly require 3 or 4 pipes. Mr. Pantaleo said he will check his files for a letter from Mr. Grubb, SRC Bridge Engineer, on this bridge.

Mr. Bond was asked to check growth of brush and trees on Route 235, going south, from Sandy Bottom to St. Andrews Church Road, between the railroad and the road, re Mr. Starling's request this morning to have this area cleaned up. He will also check condition of the pipe at the further entrance to Placid Harbor and see what can be done about the drainage problem that persists here. Will check matter of stop sign that was to be placed on the Strickland Road where it intersects Chancellor's Run Road.

Mr. Bond reported that the remaining road name signs would be erected at the beginning of next week. After they are erected, he will make a survey of what roads are not sign-posted and submit a list to the commissioners.

Mr. Bond will see that appropriate arrows are painted on the emergency parking signs in front of the Health Department building in Leonardtown indicating that no parking is allowed between said signs, except emergency parking.

Library

Mrs. E. Barber, Mr. J. Kenney, Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Kenney said they were present to request the commissioners to accept the Leonardtown library, and he would like to add a provision to the deed that if the building is not used for library purposes, it would revert back to the Library Association. He said they hope to have a restoration architect evaluate the building, make an estimate for its restoration, and then present this to the commissioners. If the county takes title to the building,

it will then become eligible for federal funds. After further discussion, the commissioners agreed to accept the deed for the building, and Mr. Kenney said he will have the deed recorded and pay for this himself.

Piney Point Waterway Improvements

Mr. Pantaleo reported that we will have to resubmit one of the projects here as we cannot submit more than one project on the same property in a fiscal year. Mr. Sandusky, Asst. to Mr. Phipps of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, called Mr. Pantaleo about this, and it was the latter's feeling that we should submit the dredging and boatramp project now, and the wharf project after July 1st. The commissioners agreed, as the wharf will not be actually needed until next fall.

Planning & Zoning Office Partitioning

The commissioners reviewed plan drawn by Mr. Pantaleo for proposed partitioning of this office to provide him with a private office. Mr. Paul Raley was called into the meeting and requested to investigate possibility of getting portable partitions to use in this respect, as this might be less expensive.

Breton Bay Waterway Improvements

Mr. Bowles said that the county owns property at the foot of the road going past Ryken School to Breton Bay, which is a desirable location for a wharf and boatramp for the general public and residents of the area. The first thing to be determined is exactly how much land the county actually owns, and Mr. Bowles said he will contact the brothers at the school about acquiring more land if it is necessary.

Health Department Parking Lot

Mr. Bowles also reported that there is a strip of land at the end of the Health Department building in Leonardtown, opposite the library, that was not completed when the courthouse parking lot was constructed, and suggested that this lot should be constructed. General discussion, and Mr. Pantaleo will draw a plan for such improvement. Mr. Pantaleo then left the meeting.

Day Care Center Bus

Mr. P. Raley reported that this bus has broken down and will cost \$150 to \$250 to repair. These people are using a Board of Education bus at the present time as a substitute. The commissioners agreed that the small bus should be repaired.

Emergency Vehicles

Mr. Raley reported that there is nothing in the law which states that an ambulance is an emergency vehicle, and that Mr. John Early, of the Rescue Squads, is requesting that the commissioners pass a resolution to this effect. Mr. Guyther will be asked about this and requested to

draft a rough resolution that might be considered.

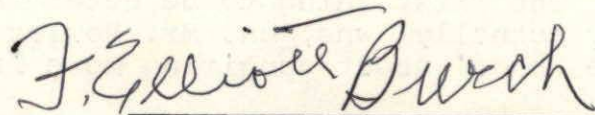
Metropolitan Commission

Mr. L. C. Merchant discussed needs for additional help as responsibilities of the sanitary district are increasing, and mentioned approval of the commissioners for the Commission's appointment of Adm. Clark as project engineer. However, Mr. Beavin feels that Mr. Miles should act in this capacity, as this person will sign for minor changes and accept various documents for the Metropolitan Commission. Mr. Merchant said that the statute directs them to appoint an engineer to act for them. He reviewed letter he is submitting to the commissioners, requesting that Adm. Clark be appointed as Director and Secretary-Treasurer for the Commission, and that Mr. Walter Miles be appointed as Executive Assistant and Chief Engineer of the Commission.

General discussion concerning salary to be paid Adm. Clark, and the minutes of June 20, 1967, were reviewed, when he stated he would work for a salary not to exceed \$500 per month for two full days in the office, and on call the other three. After further discussion, it was decided that the appointment to the position of director would be on a yearly basis, with re-appointment at the pleasure of the Commission, at a yearly salary of \$6,000. This will be discussed with Mr. Guyther.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President