

March 5, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisors of Elections

Mr. J. Bean, Mrs. Elinor Peabody, Mrs. Irene Mattingly, Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Mrs. Peabody stated that they are requesting an increase in pay for the people who work at the polls, as they will be open an hour longer in the next election in May. Reviewed laws regarding compensation for the workers, and law was amended in 1967 for payment of not less than \$20 per day and may be as high as \$50.

Discussion regarding method of handling books, and Mrs. Mattingly said that one person gets them and another brings them back. The manner in which this is done is not written into the law, so it must be the prerogative of the Supv. of Elections to appoint someone to do this. Mr. Bean and Mrs. Peabody were asked to study the listing of expenses for the last election and try to determine where some reductions might be made. They agreed to do this, and will report back to the commissioners with their findings.

Library Budget

Adm. T. B. Clark, Mrs. H. Janssen, Mrs. K. Hurry, Mr. W. S. Donaldson. Reviewed the library budget being submitted, and it was agreed that the population being used by the state to compute funding was not correct. As a result of the reduction of state funds, the county share will be increased to \$10,918.51. (Mrs. Davis of the Health Department, who sends the statistical reports to the state will be asked to send copies of such reports to the commissioners). Adm. Clark explained that part of the increase was the necessity of bringing up salary scales for workers in the new building in Lexington Park to the level of those in Tudor Hall.

Adm. Clark said that as the county owns the building in Lexington Park, he does not feel that fuel should be carried in this budget, as this would probably be carried under the contract the county has to provide fuel for all county buildings. The bill will come to the county and charge the library for the oil that is used by the library. He mentioned that they have tentatively set May 15th for the dedication of the new building. The commissioners agreed, and so far as the utilities are concerned, these statements will come to the commissioners office for payment.

Courthouse Custodian

Mr. W. Gatton, jailor and custodian, asked the commissioners to

consider the possibility of getting someone to take over the care of the courthouse or hire someone to relieve him of some of this work, as there is just too much to do. He suggested that someone might be hired to work from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. each day and half day on Saturday to help him with the work in the courthouse. After further discussion, it was decided that Mr. Gatton would try to find someone who would take such a position at \$1.50 per hour, or not to exceed \$2.00 per hour.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond reported that work has been done on the Chancellors Run Road and no further charges will be made against this account number. However, there may be some additional charges on the Strickland Road.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. T. Waring has graveled the entrance road to the Society Hill Subdivision and stated he will furnish a bond for the surface treatment of the road. Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo will inspect the road and advise the commissioners next week so that a decision can be made regarding placement of this road in the county system.

A Mrs. Harper is concerned about a portion of the 7 Gables Road that is in very poor condition and wants to know what is going to be done about it. Mr. Bond said this road is on the list for surface treatment in the schedule now being formulated, and the program will begin in the middle of May.

Mr. Aud asked who was responsible for the sidewalks in Patuxent Park. Mr. Pantaleo said that this was brought up once before, and Mr. Guyther ruled that it is the responsibility of the property owner even though the walks are within the road right of way. However, this might be checked again.

Mr. Burch reported that Mr. Norman Hancock, Hollywood, informed him that the drainage pipe between the Bull Frog Inn and the 21 Club on Route 235 is flooding water all over his property. He would like this corrected in the construction plans for this road. Mr. Bond said he will talk with Mr. Tate about this or Mr. Mike Moore, the inspector on the job, and see if there are plans to take care of the problem.

Mr. Bond stated he is making up a schedule of blacktopping for the county, and both he and Mr. Pantaleo agreed that the Chancellors Run Road should have another coat of bituminous concrete as the previous one is beginning to deteriorate. He also said that the Wise-St. Andrews Road project will be done this spring, as the money has been appropriated for this work.

Mr. Pantaleo will contact the Dept. of Game and Inland Fish about getting the fish out of the Mechanicsville Pond and expedite the project to drain this.

Mr. Pantaleo reported he had spoken with Mr. Hawkins of the Key Broadcasting Company and they will have an answer on this in just a few days. Mr. Pantaleo was instructed to make a list of the people on this road who have not signed for the right of way (St. Andrews Church Road) and give this to the commissioners as soon as possible.

Mr. Aud and Mr. Pantaleo will meet with Mr. Hill regarding the road back to the fire tower in the Great Mills area in connection with possible placement of this road in the county system.

Harland Bartholomew Study

Mr. Pantaleo suggested that a meeting be arranged with Planning & Zoning, the commissioners, Harland Bartholomew, Mr. Guyther and Mr. Sterling, to discuss the contract with Harland Bartholomew for the planning study, to determine whether or not they have fulfilled their contract services. Mr. W. Etzler, Regional Planner from the State Planning Department, who is working with the Tri-County Council, feels we should have more than we have gotten under the contract. The commissioners agreed that such a meeting should be arranged.

Trailers

Mr. Pantaleo reported that the Rhodes Trailer Company is still moving trailers into the county and placing them on lots without water and sewerage, even though they have been contacted about this several times by Planning & Zoning. This matter will be discussed with Mr. Guyther to determine what can be done to stop this practice.

Soil Erosion, 2nd District

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed letter he is sending to Mr. Phipps, CBA, asking who will be responsible for the survey costs if the projects at McKay's Beach, Kloman's Subdivision, and Potomac Shores, does not go through. Mr. Phipps has requested such a letter so that he can take this up with the Department of Public Improvements and get a determination.

Dog Damage Claims

The commissioners approved payment of claims as follows: \$110 to Otto Stasch, for 11 pigs killed by dogs; and \$78.00 to W. Harris, for 3 sheep killed by dogs; both claims approved by a deputy sheriff and Justice of the Peace H. Davis.

Board of Education - Park Hall Site

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. H. Dodson, Mr. R. Wigginton, discussed property at the Park Hall site that they are trying to purchase for construction purposes. Reviewed plat, and Mrs. Williamson, owner of the parcel in question, is asking \$9,000 for 12 acres. General discussion concerning possibility of purchasing land from Mr. M. Dixon, and it was Mr. Dodson's opinion that this would be a better arrangement as

the land is high and level. A plot of approximately 4 acres was roughly marked off on the plat and Mr. Aud said he will take it and meet with Mr. Dixon to discuss the matter. Dr. King will accompany him.

Animal Shelter

The commissioners approved payment of semi-annual reconciliation of operating expenses for the shelter, in the amount of \$2,047.18, St. Mary's County share of 37½% of the total amount of \$5,459.14.

Sheriff's Bond

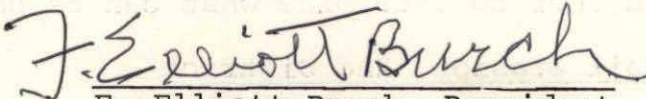
The commissioners approved official bond for Sheriff B. Burroughs, Jr., in the amount of \$10,000.

Lexington Park Library

The commissioners approved payment of Requisition #9, to Mervell M. Dean, Inc., in the amount of \$13,273.20, as approved by S. Arthur, Architect, for work on this facility.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President