

June 18, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Patuxent River Bridge

Mr. John Mills, Mr. Granados, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Huseman, discussed proposed location of the bridge. Mr. John Mills informed them that the Point Patience area has been rejected by the navy, and any location must be cleared with the navy if the project has anything to do with navigable waters. The location indicated on the map, is the one that is most satisfactory to the navy, and was recommended to the State Roads Commission as meeting all the requirements that could be met. This recommendation was made to the planning department and the State Roads Commission, but Mr. Mills said he could not say this was the only one.

Mr. Granados said that he feels the public should be informed of the possible location of the bridge so that they can consider it. Mr. Burch stated that the Commissioners will try to get some additional information as to what the alternates are and get this information to them. Mr. Granados said that the presently proposed location would take his house and he is protesting this, as he and the two ladies present felt there was some other place the bridge could enter St. Mary's County, possibly at Seven Gables Road. Mr. Granados, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Huseman left the meeting.

Mr. Mills and the Commissioners discussed the matter further, and the former said that if the Commissioners do not want the bridge at the proposed location, he will abide by this decision. However, he feels that the bridge and the railroad are part of the economic development of this area. He said he will be glad to expedite action for the Commissioners by going to Mr. Wolff, and getting some concrete information. Mr. Wolff said they will get their right-of-way man down, but they are not anxious to let this information become public until the final decision is made.

Mr. Bowles suggested that perhaps the bombing practice might be moved out into the bay, and Mr. Mills said he would look into this. He also said that he told Congressman Machen that he will not write a letter of recommendation until there is accord between the two counties. The Commissioners said they would welcome Mr. Mills assistance and would appreciate any information he can find to bring back to them. Mr. Mills said he will proceed to do this immediately.

Watershed

Mr. John Hall discussed meeting setup with Mr. Shields on Thursday. He said there has been a meeting with Mr. Ellis of Frand Parks and they have come to an agreement. Mr. Ellis said his agency will participate if the county will put up a flat sum of money, and his department will put up the money for Site 2, and the county would have nothing more to do with this. The county could get the money from the FHA and repay it out of their portion of the state park fees. The lump sum from the county would be \$250,000, half to GIF and Fand Parks, \$90,000 for the game and fish site, and they have made this \$100,000 to round out the figure. The repayment rate would be about \$8,000 on a 40-50 year basis. F&P will take over construction, etc., and all the county will have to do is take over repayment of the loan as outlined.

Mr. Hall also said he feels that the payments can be postponed until the park becomes operative and begins to accrue revenue. He stated that all this information will be presented to Mr. Shields at the meeting scheduled for this Thursday afternoon. The Commissioners were of the opinion that this would be an ideal way to handle this matter.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. General discussion concerning road-name signs on county roads, and Mr. Pantaleo said that in the new subdivision regulations this will be the responsibility of the developer of a subdivision. Mr. Bowles made a motion that this be made a requirement of the present regulations, effective immediately, seconded by Mr. Burch and passed unanimously. Mr. Williams reviewed the subdivision regulations, and advised that this action is within the purview of the present regulations, under Section 10, Subsection 10.02. A letter will be sent to Planning and Zoning requesting that this requirement be made effective immediately, with a copy to Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond said he will check at the garage to see if there are any signs that have not been posted.

Mr. Bond said he will investigate drainage problem at Yost's at Ridge. Mr. Pantaleo reported that he has spoken with Mr. Cusic about the drainage problem reported by Mr. Wicker at 400 Spruce Drive in Town Creek. The former will look into this as it is located in his own area.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that the Chairman of the Metropolitan Commission said that there is ponding in three places, at Spruce Drive. The pipe is too high and if it is lowered it will take care of the matter, and Mr. Pantaleo is recommending that this be done. Mr. Bond said that this could be done out of maintenance after July 1st. He and Mr. Pantaleo will make a physical inspection of the area.

On the St. Andrews Road, Mr. Pantaleo said that one crew has finished and the other is finishing today, and final notes are being submitted. All of the information is to be finished within ten days. According to Mr. Tate, this will be advertised by the Commissioners after the plans are approved. This will save the county some administrative expense if it is handled this way. Mr. Bond mentioned that the matter of moving the utility poles will have to be resolved and this will have to be considered in the cost of the total project.

Mr. Bond said that the Commissioners can work the matter of cleaning up the roads through his office or through Mr. Tate, whatever they choose to do. Actually, it will be Mr. Tate who will give the order. Mr. Bond said all he has to do is call Mr. D. Raley and request men to do the job. The prison labor will cost approximately \$95 total per day, and we will be billed directly for this cost, by the officials of the penitentiary. Mr. Bond said he felt that a driver could handle this, and a foreman would not be needed. He will proceed to get this arranged for approximately the first of next week.

Mr. Pantaleo presented a plat of new alignment of the bad curve on the St. Andrews Road, 8th District. Mr. Williams said he feels that a title search should be made, and the Commissioners agreed, if he feels it necessary. Mr. Bond will speak with Mr. D. Raley about the Wise-St. Andrews Road, as the money was appropriated for this but nothing has been done. Mr. Pantaleo will also finish the survey of the Hewitt Road near Happyland in Valley Lee.

Bushwood Waterway Improvement

Mr. Pantaleo said that Mr. Pratt is asking for an advance on this work. He has completed about one third of the work, and Mr. Pantaleo would recommend that he be paid \$1200. The Commissioners agreed, contingent upon receipt of a letter from Mr. Pantaleo recommending this action to them, but that Mr. Pratt be paid \$1,000.

Hancock Property

Mr. Pantaleo reported that Mr. N. Hancock has a new proposition concerning a small piece of property he owns, as discussed previously. The Health Department has approved a privy and Mr. Hancock wants to put up a building to store furniture. Mr. Pantaleo said he cannot approve this as there is not sufficient land, but the Commissioners can grant an acceptance if they so desire.

Sanitary Fills

General discussion concerning asking for an extension of the contract with Mr. Wise, and if this cannot be done, this service will have to be rebid. Mr. Wise will be asked if he is willing to extend the contract for a one month period, until July 30, 1968 to allow time for new specifications to be drafted for this service.

Car and Truck Bid Opening

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Bond, Mr. P. Raley, Mr. C. Fenwick. Bids opened and Bell and McKay did not bid on the cars. Bell, Patuxent Motors, McKay and Fenwick Ford bid on the $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pickups, with Fenwick submitting the low bid of \$3,630.26. There was some discussion about delivery date of the cars, with Fenwick low bidder at \$8,633.74. However, this firm cannot meet the delivery date specified, and cannot meet some of the specifications. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Fenwick will be asked for a letter stating that his company cannot deliver the cars as specified. Mr. Williams stated that if the company cannot deliver the cars when specified, that firm does not conform to the specifications, and does not have to be awarded the contract as low bidder. He further advised that Mr. Raley can write to Mr. Fenwick asking for something in writing stating that his firm cannot guarantee delivery within the time specified. If he does not comply, he has stopped the privilege of bidding. There was some further discussion, and it was agreed that the cars bid would go to Patuxent Motors and the truck bids to Fenwick. The Commissioners also agreed that the additional ply tires should be gotten for the $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck.

Board of Education

Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Dr. R. E. King, Miss Reeder, Mr. D. Adams, and Mr. H. Dodson. Dr. King stated that the Commissioners had asked for information on enrollment and how the building program would affect this. They have this, and have also looked at priorities on construction that have been given to the Commissioners some time ago, and they have made some changes in these, because of the delay in the Park Hall Middle School, and they have been able to determine where the needs will be for the more rapidly growing areas. Dr. King presented a list of priorities, but said he will furnish a revised list next week, as Mr. Kanowicz is out of town and will have firm figures when he comes back.

Mr. Adams presented a brochure of projected enrollments and classroom requirements for 1968-69 to 1975-76. Dr. King said that the county will be eligible to borrow \$193,000 from the State School Loan Pool in 1970, and Mr. Donaldson affirmed this fact. The latter mentioned that the reports coming down from Baltimore, concerning pupils housed, are incorrect and these should be reviewed. Dr. King said he would like to have Mr. Donaldson go with him sometime to talk to the people in Baltimore about this. He is attending a meeting tomorrow and will find out about funds that will be available from the State School Loan Pool and if there will be another one started.

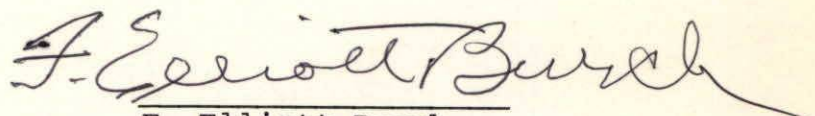
To the question of two story buildings, Mr. Dodson stated that he did not feel this was any saving, as the floors must be constructed to carry the load, stairwells are needed, etc. Mr. Burch suggested that it might be interesting to figure out comparative costs for a one and a two story building so far as construction cost, heating costs, etc., are concerned.

Dr. King presented a plat of site of the Park Hall School. They would like to have approximately 7-8 acres, but will get along with 5 or 6 if the Commissioners want this. Mr. M. Nixon said his \$1,000 per acre figure is firm, but he will donate a small parcel if the Board of Education can get some land from Mr. Osmondson, as the small parcel adjoins this land. Dr. King said that they can stay within the budget if they get the 8 or 9 acres, and go ahead with the grubbing and clearing. They have bids on clearing the land and Mr. Dodson estimated that this would be \$15,000. The low bid is from a firm in Prince Frederick, approximately \$7,000. However, there was no indication that a performance bond would be provided, and the firm has been asked to do this, but to date have had no reply. They have also had some information that this firm is in financial trouble, and the contractors who do this type work, state that it would cost approximately \$700 per acre to do the work. The next bidder is E. Baroniak, at \$12,000. Dr. King said that they can get the desired amount of land if the Commissioners approve, and go ahead and have approximately 16 acres cleared. The Commissioners agreed that the 9 acres should be purchased for the school site, and that the Board of Education should proceed with the clearing and grubbing of the site.

Dr. King said he wants to inquire of Mr. Osmondson about him selling his property to provide another entrance for the present Park Hall School, and he will let the Commissioners know the results of his findings.

Meeting ajourned at 5:25 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President