

July 30, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Sanitary Fill - 7th District

Mr. A. Thompson, representing Mr. M. Mattingly, discussed fill on the latter's property in the 7th District. The lease expired June 30th, and Mr. Mattingly is willing to renew it, but feels he should receive an increase in rental fees. He now receives \$150 per year, and is requesting an additional \$100 per year. Mr. Thompson also stated that there is additional land available on the site if the county is interested in utilizing it.

Later in the day Mr. Thompson telephoned to state that Mr. Mattingly is agreeable to using the land up to the end of his property, and \$250 per year rental fee is satisfactory. Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Wise will inspect this property before the lease is rewritten, as this would be for approximately 3 additional acres.

Potomac River Association

T. S. Ashe, Edward E. Lanskey, Neal D. O'Donnell, G. Edward Thomas, Jr., Bjorn J. Egeli, P. W. O'Donnell, Rose Tolson, Mary Jansson, Joseph Boothe, Lucy Boothe, Walter R. Thomas, Golden Clarke. Presented letter from Mr. J. Koegel to the Commissioners regarding appointment of the committee to study the Steuart project and expressing appreciation for staying of the application re same.

Mrs. Jansson said they have been circulating petitions against this installation, and presented several containing, according to her, over 1,000 names. They also have signatures of protest from 187 people living in Westmoreland, Virginia across the river. They are polling meetings being held in the county, and are also holding meetings in an effort to get the feeling of the people regarding the project. They are going to see Senators Tydings and Brewster on Thursday and a group is going to Delaware City tomorrow to inspect such an installation to find out what impact this had on the city after it was in operation. They want to get their findings documented and present them to the Commissioners.

Greenview Knolls

Mr. J. Dobry and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Dobry presented letter to the Commissioners regarding the intersection of Route 235 and Chancellors Run Road, in which he is requesting that something be done as this is a very dangerous intersection. He is also concerned about the shoulders and road resurfacing on the Belvoir Road, and stated that this was to

be resurfaced this year, but Mr. Pantaleo told him the road is not scheduled to be done this year. Mr. Dobry said he has blacktopped Military Road himself as this serves the school. Concerning the Chancellors Run Road intersection, Mr. Aud mentioned that the state police have checked this one, as well as other ones, and have stated that traffic controls are not needed. Mr. Dobry said he feels that the intersection will have to be reconstructed to correct the problem, and asked about the dualization of Route 235 and how this would effect the intersection. It is his opinion that the intersection should be redesigned to correct the hazardous condition now existing.

Mr. Dobry also mentioned that he feels something should be done about the trailer taxes, especially in the parks, as only \$24.00 per year taxes is collected on each of these trailers.

Library

Mrs. Barber, Gen. Hogaboom, Adm. T. Clark, Mr. Pantaleo. Gen. Hogaboom presented plan for landscaping at the new library, submitted by the architect. They advertised for bids and received none, and then discussed this with the Commissioners, and went out and got proposals for the work, as follows: T. Melvin Jarboe - excavating and placing concrete curbs, etc. - \$1,240. M. Capper - \$3,465. Smith has not bid on this nor have they sent in an estimate. Total for the entire project is \$4,705.00. Mr. Aud suggested that Mr. L. Aldriedge also be contacted about the shrubbery as they may be able to get it at less cost, and Gen. Hogaboom said he will look into this.

After discussion, it was decided that the Board of Education would be approached about deeding the parking lot property to the county, or sign a lease to this effect. Mr. Donaldson came into the meeting.

There was further discussion about the landscaping costs, and Gen. Hogaboom said it was his understanding that these funds had been allocated. Records were checked and according to the initial estimate of funds available, there was approximately \$7,000 for the landscaping, etc. The Commissioners agreed that the landscaping should proceed as the funds are available.

Roads

Mr. Donaldson, Mr. A. Tate, District Engineer, discussed charges that are sent up to the Baltimore office and possibility of sending copies of all such papers to the Commissioners that Mr. Tate sends to this office. Mr. Tate said it would be possible for him to send the Commissioners copies of the monthly cost reports that he sends to the Baltimore office, and he will begin doing this immediately. He gave Mr. Donaldson copies of previous monthly reports and Mr. Donaldson will check these figures against the figures that are in the reports that the Commissioners receive from Baltimore. Mr. Tate mentioned that there are 420 employees in the entire district.

State Roads Commission Meeting

Jerome Wolff, Chairman-Director, William C. Krieger, Hugh Downs, N. B.

Friese, Thomas Neukam, Frank Thorpe, David Fisher, Addison from the State Roads Commission; Senator Paul Bailey, Delegates Fowler and Briscoe; W. S. Donaldson, David Williams, E. Thompson, Central Committee Member, Alan Tate, District Engineer, and D. Bond, Resident Maintenance Engineer, SRC, Mr. Pantaleo. This meeting was called to discuss the secondary and primary road construction program for St. Mary's County. Mr. J. Wolff presented list of expectations for fiscal year 1969, which began a month ago, and fiscal 1970, which the Commissioners will act on formally in the course of the legislative session. Also presented map showing the expected work areas of the State Roads Commission for the next two years, stating that this is the last year of the 6 year program. Our program should be completed, and they are trying to get enough money to complete it as soon as possible.

Completion of Route 5 is strictly a matter of money now, and they cannot accumulate money fast enough to complete this in a one year part, and will do it in two years. The cost will be 1.3 million dollars, and they are taking \$210,000 out of the critical funds for this. Under new legislation, Senate Bill 220, which repeals 211H of the 89B article, they can now take critical funds and spend them during the current year. They are taking all the critical funds they can get to finish the program, and it should be completed by the end of fiscal 1970. Mr. Wolff said that Route 5 will be started as soon as right of way is resolved and it is advertised, and this should be underway by the end of the year. Next month or the following should see this started. The job can be done in two phases and the second phase would not be started until after July 1, 1969. The bid can be let in two sections or in a single section, and Mr. Wolff feels this should be left up to the State Roads Commission to decide the best way to handle it. There was general discussion concerning which end of the road to begin first. The critical end is coming out of Leonardtown, and the program can be reversed from present plans and begin at the southern end, and Mr. Wolff will see that this is done.

Under the authority of Senate Bill 220 and 221, they are going to buy some available right of way. There is some \$350,000 involved, and all of the engineering funds have already been committed. On Route 235 they are going ahead and continue with the right of way acquisition. They are taking funds that the state is now obtaining as a result of bond sales in August. They are going to get bonds sold at 5 million dollars per year for 5 years and will get the money when they need it. They expect to move ahead with the right of way if they know where to buy it.

Mr. Wolff presented map of Route 235, mentioning dual highway proposed by the Commissioners that would run parallel to the present 235. Such a road would cost about 13.5 million dollars, and this would take a great deal of time so far as getting the money is concerned. We must also consider the dualization that is already completed, and the fact that maintenance on two roads would be more costly. For these reasons, Mr. Wolff stated that his staff does not find this proposal satisfactory at this stage. It is possible that they could find some diversion from the original plan, but do not feel the plan is reasonable. They

would rather keep the dualization between the present two points, and find a new road later. Their concern now is that they are hung up with the project, and feel they should be moving ahead. Right now there is no money for further dualization of 235. They are asking for a decision from the Commissioners and the legislators on 235 so this road can be completed.

On the Patuxent River Bridge, Mr. Wolff said that the portion in Calvert County is to go through property of the navy and they have agreed to this. The bridge begins at a low clearance and goes up to a 45' clearance, with about 30' clearance over Town Creek. The proposed location will disturb only 6 houses that would be taken. They will require 50-60' right of way for the road, and it will have a 30' road way, and will try to get as much right of way as they can. There is no way they can route the bridge without doing any damage at all on the St. Mary's County side. Landfill and trestles will be used where it is judged best to do this, and they hope to keep up in the air and not affect the marinas in the area at all.

The approach road to the bridge is in bad condition, and Mr. Wolff presented drawing of proposed road that will take the traffic out to 235 and would not affect anything. This road would cost \$700 - 800,000 and would be about 2½ miles long. Mr. Wolff feels this should be programmed and right of way purchased for the day when it can be built, and he would urge that the state get the right of way now. As the plans are refined they will keep the Commissioners informed on this project. Mr. Wolff mentioned that the Board of Public Works has approved the location presented today. Mr. Wolff said they are looking into fishing possibility, but this will cost money to develop parking areas, etc. Mr. Addison suggested that a light walkway could be built to the side of the bridge by the Fisheries people. Mr. Wolff said they are going to look into this, but they are against a walkway. Timewise, it will take 18 months to get ready for advertising and about 3½ years before the bridge is actually in operation. On the design of the bridge, the draw was put where it is to give a 45' clearance, and will try to locate the draw in the shallowest workable area they can. Mr. Wolff said they will make available to the legislators and the Commissioners all of the steps of the bridge and would like to have any suggestions they would care to make.

On the St. Mary's City Bypass Mr. Wolff said that they simply do not have the money. If they get the alignment settled, they can at least get the right of way and they want to do this as soon as possible. Mr. Burch suggested that if the State Roads Commission has an outline of the area they wanted, perhaps the county can help in this respect, and Senator Bailey agreed. Mr. Wolff said they do have the money to do the engineering, at least.

Sanitary Fills

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Williams, Mr. Doaldson, Mr. W. Wise. Mr. Wise said that the maintenance contract expires tomorrow, and asked if the Commissioners want to continue operation on an extension of the

contract. He stated that it takes 5 days a week now to maintain the fills and he is requesting \$2,000 per month, instead of the \$1,600 he is now being paid. After general discussion, the Commissioners agreed that with the additional work, Mr. Wise would be paid \$2,000 per month for maintaining the fills, on a monthly extension of the contract.

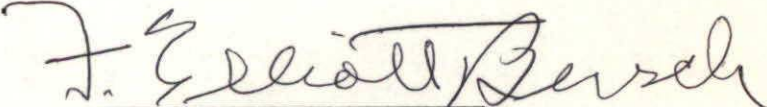
Mr. Pantaleo mentioned that Mr. McCoy (State Health Department) is very impressed with the Bennett property being used as a landfill area, and wants to make test borings on this site.

Nicolet Park (contd)

The Commissioners approved payment of \$6,182 to Mr. W. Wise for work on Nicolet Park, the contract price for this work. Mr. Wise mentioned that the cost to double surface treat the parking lot and road in this park would be \$456.00. The Commissioners will let him know their decision on this.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President