

September 17, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Liquor Board

Gen. H. Peabody discussed matter of inspectors being used by this agency. They had figured on using two men per week at six hours each, 30 hours per week, but could use them for 5 hours at \$25 per week. They have a plan to employ two men on an information basis and let them make the rounds to see if there are violations going on around the county. Then they would have some basis for action. If they find there is not a great deal of violation, they would not have to use the full number of men and would save money in this respect.

The general stated that during the last two weeks coverage they got better results than when they worked with a full staff every weekend. There are fifteen men they are using, who have been screened and have proven to be reliable. With this number, only two would be working in a week, and would only be working about every seven weeks. Gen. Peabody said they are hoping for a \$30 per week basis. He also mentioned that the deputies have cooperated with the Liquor Board 100% any time they have been asked to help.

The Commissioners informed Gen. Peabody they would discuss his request and contact him later. The general left, and after some further discussion, the matter was tabled until it can be discussed with the sheriff.

Low Cost Housing Project

Prior to leaving the meeting as mentioned above, Gen. Peabody stated that the Jaycee's have put a low cost housing project on their active project list.

Coin Operated Machine Licenses

Mr. Williams and Mr. Donaldson came into the meeting and discussed resolution regarding such licenses. It was agreed that a public notice would be placed in the local papers notifying citizens that all coin operated machines must be licensed.

Auditor's Fees

General review of letter from Mr. D. Gruber, auditor, regarding his services to the Metropolitan Commission, over and above what had originally been contracted for in working with this agency. On motion made by Mr. Bowles, seconded by Mr. Aud and passed unanimously, that in view of the great deal of work done by Mr. Gruber as outlined, that the statement for partial billing in the amount of \$7500 should be paid.

Parks and Recreation

Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. E. Curley, D. Williams, Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Curley said that they are at the point now where the county is eligible for federal help, and there is no other county in the state in a better situation than we are at present in this respect. They have developed a plan, made the waterfront survey, and now need additional administrative assistance, as he can no longer do this on any kind of part-time basis. It is necessary to develop a parks and recreation staff and to hire a full-time director. These matters have been discussed by the entire committee, and members voted to send a letter to the Commissioners to this effect, and this was done. Mr. Curley stated they are on the verge of solving their problems with the Youth Commission, and in order to proceed, they must have full-time professional help to cause the program to materialize. There probably will not be a need for full-time secretarial help, but should have the same person assisting all the time for the sake of continuity.

Mr. Curley said the cost for professional assistance would be approximately \$10 - 15,000 per year, and most of this would be salary. Expenses would also depend on whether or not one of the county secretaries would serve as secretary. If they could operate out of the courthouse, this would also save on lights, heat, etc.

Reviewed drawing of proposed project at St. Georges Park. There is approximately three acres of land for sale and this would make an excellent site for a public landing. There are 10 lots, 40' x 150', which is only a portion of the land, and the asking price is \$5,000. Total cost to the county would be \$1250. Mr. Curley mentioned that in developing the park area and the boatramp, the county could recover half of the cost. Under the new regulations, it might be that the county will have to provide matching funds for other than the dredging but not the cost of the dredging. Capt. Henderson presented contract he has drafted for the Commissioners consideration.

Nicolet Park - Capt. Henderson reported that the baseball diamonds are finished except for the seeding, and this will be done this month. The building was completely overhauled, however, the roof has been damaged by vandals and will have to be repaired.

The Great Mills High School project is in Phila. for approval and they are waiting for this to come through. Mr. Curley mentioned letter sent to the Commissioners requesting \$8,000 to retain this project as it was bid, and that they are awaiting a decision on this, and asked about transferring \$4,000 from the St. Clements Shores project to the Great Mills project. Mr. Curley also presented application for the Lexington Park School site project for the Commissioners consideration.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Camp Saysf Road - John F. Sobola, G. M. Brown, T. W. Davidson, Dolly Davidson, Mary McIntyre, discussed condition of this road and their efforts to have something done to

improve it. After general discussion, the Commissioners agreed that something should be done to the road, and Mr. Bond, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. D. Raley, Jr., will inspect the road to determine what should be done and to estimate cost of improvement.

Mr. Pantaleo reported that the survey has been completed for the Hewitt Road (Happyland) and he is now drafting the plat. A deed will have to be written for this extension, which is approximately 1300' long and 40' wide. Mr. Bond will examine the road and report back to the Commissioners next week.

General discussion concerning the hydraulic highway cutter and need for grader if this is purchased. Mr. Bond said he will investigate possibility of the state selling the county a grader and report back next week.

General discussion concerning the old road off Route 246, running by the McConnell Apts. back to the Dement property, 8th District. Mr. Bond said if he is to maintain this road, he will want a letter from the Commissioners authorizing him to do this. Mr. Williams will check to determine if this is a county road, and will frame a letter for all of the property owners to sign agreeing to have the county maintain it.

The Commissioners reviewed letter from Club Properties, Inc., requesting that the county give them half of the old road running from Willows Road to Coral Place, between the Methodist Church property and the hotel property. The Commissioners agreed that the road would be retained by the county for possible future use, and Mr. Pantaleo will write to Mr. Chamberlain to this effect.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King and Mr. S. Schrader, Mr. Williams. Mr. Schrader reported that the driver of the Volkswagon bus has been informed that OEO has cut funds and the bus can no longer be operated. They have nothing in writing to this effect, but the bus is sitting in the parking lot. Mr. Schrader said they have 4 special education children in the upper end of the county, and these children must travel to Lexington Park to attend class. The title of the bus is in the name of the Board of Education and Dr. King said they would like to have it to trade in on a vehicle to transport the special education children. Dr. King said the Commissioners can furnish funds for this service if they so desire, but he has actually not had any formal request as yet. Mrs. Linda Decker has also informed him that she has received a letter stating that the funds have been reduced. After some further discussion, it was decided to wait another week and see if any official word is received.

Regarding the proposed driver education strip at the tech center, Dr. King said a bid of \$29,375 was received and they have deleted some items and the bid is now \$26,875, \$20,000 of which will be appropriated by the federal government. They are going to move the tower building from Chopticon School down to the strip to save in this respect.

Civil Defense

Mr. O. Wood asked the Commissioners for a decision concerning this request to reclassify Mrs. Helen Bailey. Mr. Bailey has taken the test for the position of Secretary I and qualified and the state will make the actual reclassification. Mr. Donaldson was called into the meeting, and after general discussion, the Commissioners approved this action.

Mr. Wood presented letter sent to Gen. Hogaboom by the Lexington Park Volunteer Fire Department requesting use of the 5KW generator that is not presently in use. They want to use this equipment on their ladder truck and have agreed to keep it in operating condition and that it can be recalled at any time CD requests it.

Mr. Wood stated that the federal office would like to have St. Mary's County pass a resolution designating the Dir. of CD the authority to prepare a comprehensive plan of action for emergency disaster control. After some discussion, the Commissioners approved this action.

Mr. Wood said they have gotten a bid of \$300 for the old bus, but this will have to be advertised. Anything received up to \$350 would be county money, and anything over this amount would have to be turned back to surplus. The Commissioners approved advertisement for bids. It was also agreed that bids for the old bulldozer should also be advertised, and the pickup truck will be included in the same ad.

Mr. Wood presented drawing for cover for the outside stairway to the new building, approximately 11' x 17' and made of block and brick. Mr. Tilp estimates cost at approximately \$1200. The Commissioners approved this and Mr. Wood was authorized to have Mr. Tilp proceed with the project.

Sheriff's Radios

Mr. P. Raley asked the Commissioners about two walkie talkie radios that have been loaned to the sheriff on a trial basis. They cost approximately \$1,000 each, and Mr. Raley said he was present when this equipment was tested and it was not effective. After some discussion, the Commissioners said they would not approve purchase of this equipment at this time.

Rader and Associates

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment to this firm in the amount of \$930.64 for engineering services on the airport through July 31st.

Lexington Park Library

The Commissioners approved payment of Req. #11, in the amount of \$22,445.10, final payment for this facility, approved by Mr. S. Arthur, architect.

Approved payment of \$1240 to T. Melvin Jarboe, for excavation, concrete curbs and topsoil, at this facility, approved by Gen. Hogaboom and Adm. Clark, chairman of the building committee and president of the board of trustees, respectively.

Day Care Center

The Commissioners approved payment of \$258 to E. R. Russell for painting the St. Mary's Group Day Care Center in the Carver Heights community building in Lexington Park.

Harland-Bartholomew

The Commissioners approved payment of \$10.80 to this firm for 5 zoning district maps requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

McLeod Fill

The Commissioners approved payment of \$1608 to J. O. Hills & Son for construction of access road to county sanitary fill site on St. Andrews Church Road, as approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

Porpoise Creek

Approved payment of \$1700 to Jenkins Construction Company, for additional work on this creek, approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

Parks and Recreation

Approved payment of \$402.48 to Charles County Parks and Recreation Dept. expenses for Mr. E. Curley for July, August and September. Also approved payment to this same agency in the amount of \$400 for expenses incurred for fiscal 1967; Mexico Forge, Inc. - \$696.39 for Nicolet Park equipment; Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill, \$236.50 for services on Nicolet Park Project, approved by Capt. Henderson and Mr. Pantaleo.

Scholarships

Scholarship relinquished by Lynn Owens awarded to Linda Tincher, for three years, and scholarship pending as result of Paul Ridgell being dropped academically from St. Mary's College, awarded to Stacey Arthur Bacon, for four years. Dir. of Admissions at the College will be so notified as soon as scholarship acceptance is received in Commissioners office in writing.

Waterloo Road Extension

The Commissioners agreed that .15 mile of road leading from the existing county road to the Waterloo Shores Subdivision, would be accepted into the county road system, as recommended by Mr. Pantaleo. The petitioners will be requested to furnish the county with a plat and a signed deed, conveying a 40' right of way to the county. As stated in Mr. Pantaleo's letter of recommendation, Mr. Bond concurs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

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President