

October 15, 1968

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. H. Kanowicz, Mr. H. Dodson, Mr. S. Schrader. Dr. King reported that in their lawsuit with Mitchell Equipment Co., regarding the typewriters purchased by the Board of Education, the Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Board of Education, so this matter is settled.

Dr. King stated they wanted to inform the Commissioners that Congressman R. Morton has gotten release of the 815 funds, and they will receive \$494,400, which is approximately \$23,000 more than they anticipated. They now want to revise their construction program, and Dr. King presented written listing to this effect. They have managed the funds for all of their construction except for the Margaret Brent School, and for this project there is a deficit of \$58,674.75, which they are asking the Commissioners to consider appropriating. Dr. King stated that when the estimates for the projects were made, the architects were requested to take into consideration cost increases and estimate accordingly. Completion dates for the projects are: Piney Point - Sept. 1969; Dynard - same date; and Margaret Brent - Sept. 1970.

Mr. Dodson said they have work drawings on Piney Point, and these are 50% complete, and it will be about four weeks before the project can be advertised for bids. The preliminary plans on Dynard have been approved, and it will be about six weeks before they are ready. They will advertise this project in January 1969. Preliminary plans for White Marsh have been reviewed and will be ready in about six weeks, and will be advertised for bids in December. Plans for Margaret Brent will take another 3 or 4 months at least, and it will be March or April before this can be advertised for bids. Mr. Dodson said the Commissioners will be furnished information on this project as it materializes.

Mr. Burch mentioned that he had heard that the college was using #2 fuel oil in their buildings, and asked Mr. Dodson about this. The latter said the state had changed over from using #5 oil to #2 about ten years ago, and he will inquire about why this was done and let the Commissioners know.

Dr. King said that in the event that costs do increase, they would ask the Commissioners for help, and try to work matters out. He stated that the list presented is in the order of priority. If the bids come in above estimates, one possibility would be to cut White Marsh back to a two room addition and use the difference in funds for the top priority project on the list. Their first hope would be that the Commissioners would come to their aid so that the cutback would not be necessary. However, Dr. King said it would be best to wait until the bids come in and then a decision can be made in this respect.

Concerning the enrollment at Piney Point, Dr. King said there will be no problem, as there are children attending the Park Hall School who should be going to Piney Point. There are projections being drafted now and these will be presented to the Commissioners as soon as they are ready.

Dr. King said they are asking that the Commissioners approve the revised program as they have presented it today. After further discussion, Mr. Aud made motion that the revised program be approved, seconded by Mr. Bowles, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Schrader mentioned matter of the Great Mills Day Care Center transportation, and presented letter from this organization requesting assistance from the Commissioners in obtaining another bus. The bus and driver they had were discontinued as the funds for this service were discontinued by the state. Dr. King said the Board of Education could handle this if funds were provided from some other source, but they cannot use their funds for it.

Roads

Mr. Charles Workman, Mr. P. Raley, Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. Williams. Bid opening for the hydraulic highway cutter, and one bid was submitted by McClung-Logan Equipment Co., 4601 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland, in the amount of \$8,500, with certified check in the amount of \$100 attached. Mr. Workman, representing this firm, said that this bid price includes installation. Mr. Workman will be advised as to the Commissioners decision in this matter. He then left the meeting. The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Pantaleo would contact State Roads Commission about mounting this equipment on their caterpillar, and what the rental rate would be, as well as what rate the state would pay the county for use of the cutter on state maintained roads, before awarding the contract.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Pantaleo, Mrs. D. Davis, Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. H. Noe, Mr. J. Guy, Mr. S. Schrader, Mr. Williams. Capt. Henderson stated that this board has been working approximately four years planning, getting some things approved, and have requested some things recently, and they are here today to see if they can get some answers so they will know how to proceed. They have been without a director since June and are stymied on some of the projects due to lack of funds. Mr. Burch stated that it is his understanding that the director's position will have to be advertised and an examination held, as this person will be a full-time director and Capt. Henderson agreed.

Capt. Henderson said it was recommended by the Allen Organization in their report, that Charles and St. Mary's counties could employ one director with two assistants. This might be done, or we could hire our own director and put this in the next budget. If the Parks and Recreation Board knew this was going to be done they could proceed to try to find a qualified person. Mr. Schrader said it was his recommendation that St. Mary's Co. have its own director, rather than one who would be working in two counties.

Capt. Henderson said that the Parks and Rec. Board has adopted the Allan plan, and they have written to the Commissioners recommending that they do likewise. The entire plan consists of recommendations made by the Allen Organization and the Commissioners can accept them or not. If the Commissioners are going to adopt the plan, and the Parks and Rec. Board is told to follow the planner's recommendations, they want to know this as soon as possible.

There was further discussion about a director, and Mr. Burch asked if a full-time director could handle the recreation program set up by the Youth Commission. Mr. Schrader said he felt this was so, and this person could handle both the Parks and Recreation programs. Capt. Henderson mentioned matter of salary and how this would be handled. Will there be two agencies or will they be merged into one? He said they have discussed this with the Youth Commission but nothing has ever come of the discussions.

General discussion concerning the functions of the Youth Commission. Under the law establishing the commission, they are supposed to act in an advisory capacity, but took over the recreational facilities because there was no one else to do so. Actually, the Parks and Rec. Board should control the recreational programs in the county.

Regarding funds, Capt. Henderson said we are now entitled to \$72,000 this year, and it would cost the county about 25% in matching funds. Percentage for development is 50-50, and land acquisition is 25-25-50. Funds can also be obtained from Chesapeake Bay Affairs for waterfront sites.

On the Great Mills project, Mr. Burch said he did not believe there was any money in the budget to cover the cost in the amount of approximately \$14,000. Mr. Schrader explained that they cut the bid back, and these figures are based on the approved budget. The bid came in at more than the estimate, and in order to keep the project active, they have asked the Commissioners for an extra \$12,000 but the money was in the budget last year.

Mr. Donaldson was called into the meeting and asked what the Parks and Rec. Board requested and what was approved in the budget. He stated that there was \$9,000 approved for land acquisition but he did not know how this was to be allocated.

Mr. Schrader said that a request was to have been made to reallocate the money for the secretary, in the amount of \$6,000, as they do not have a secretary, over to the acquisition fund. Mr. Donaldson informed Mr. Schrader there was only \$600 for the secretary, not \$6,000.

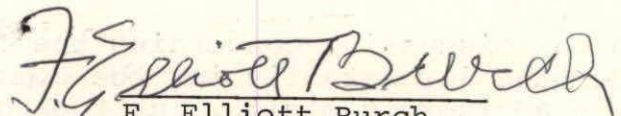
The members of the Parks and Rec. Board agreed that the Great Mills project is their first priority, and Capt. Henderson said they are asking for \$8,000 for this project, in addition to the \$12,000 they requested for the Lexington Park site, and also \$1,250 for the St. Georges Park site, a total of \$21,250. Mr. Donaldson said there is \$24,889.23 remaining in this budget, and \$12,000 of this is committed for the Great Mills project, so there is actually approximately \$11,000 left.

General discussion followed, and it was decided that the Great Mills and Nicolet Park projects would be completed and other projects would be considered later. Mr. Donaldson said we can advance funds if they will be reimbursed within a few days, and the Commissioners agreed unanimously that the \$8,000 would be granted for the Great Mills project.

Mr. Pantaleo will check the parking lot at Nicolet Park for erosion and possibility of installing a guardrail.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President