

February 11, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Patuxent Water Company

Mr. T. Waring, Mr. F. Gabrelcik, and Mr. J. Weiner, requested that a correction be made to the Resolution (63-8, dated July 30, 1963) granting this firm permission to extend its lines two miles to cover Carver Heights. When the Resolution was drafted, the term "water lines" was used, and sewerage lines were not mentioned. Evidently the Resolution was copied from the first contract written in which sewerage lines was not included. Mr. Weiner explained that when the original contract was drafted, there was no jurisdiction over sewerage lines, only water lines, but now both are included under the State. Literally, according to the Resolution granting the extension, they have been operating illegally. However, when they requested the extension it was their intent to cover both water and sewage lines, as both are now covered by law. The Public Services Commission has informed them that this matter should be corrected immediately, so that the Resolution will read "water and sewerage lines."

Mr. Gabrelcik stated that they have also asked the Public Services Commission to arbitrate the rates to be charged for service in Lexington Park, and the Metropolitan Commission has said they will abide with the decision handed down by said Commission. Mr. Waring said that his company will consider the PSC decision binding and will not appeal it or try to pursue the matter any further. He stated that he feels the rates presently set by the Metropolitan Commission are unfair. At the present time, the Navy is handling 40 million gallons per month through their sewage station, and of this figure, 30 million gallons originate aboard the station and ten million from the outside. Charges for the Navy will be \$87,000 for Patuxent Water Co., \$85,000, and \$70,000 for Center Gardens, and Mr. Waring does not feel they are equitable, as they will necessitate increasing charges to the general public.

Mr. Weiner suggested that Mr. Waring have the PSC write to the Commissioners regarding the matter of the Resolution and to clarify the position of the commission. In order for the PSC to act as arbitrator in setting the rates, it must do so under the Patuxent Water Co. franchise and will not do so until this matter is settled.

Mr. Burch informed the gentlemen that the Commissioners will take this matter under advisement and seek legal advice, as well as advice from the Health Department and the Public Services Commission before any action is taken.

Architect - White

Mr. Edward C. White, from the firm of Lucius R. White, Jr. and Edward

C. White, Baltimore, Maryland offered his services to the county, and presented a brochure of projects completed. He mentioned that his firm is doing the pathology laboratories at the St. Mary's Hospital at the present time.

Roads

Mr. D. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Bond presented proposed oiling schedule (copy in files) and the Commissioners authorized \$110,000 for the schedule as presented.

Reviewed letter regarding roads in Sunlight Subdivision and Mr. Pantaleo will pursue this to determine status so far as County's responsibility is concerned, if at all.

Mr. Pantaleo discussed road behind Col. Peak's property at Patuxent Beach, 8th District, Re: request to place this road in the County System. The road is presently 20 feet wide and in order for the County to get credit for the road it must be 30 feet wide. Mr. Pantaleo was instructed to talk with Col. Peak about the right-of-way needed, and Mr. Aud said he would like to accompany Mr. Pantaleo.

General discussion regarding street name signs for subdivisions, and Mr. Pantaleo said that posts, brackets, etc., could be listed in the requirements for signposting streets. It was agreed that the Commissioners office would order the signs if the subdivider would tender a check in the amount of the cost.

Airport

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$540 to Hugh W. Wilkerson and Asscts., Surveyors, for checking land records to clear title on Dean and Waldschmidt property, preparation of contract drawings for access road, and for survey work on this facility, as approved by Mr. Pantaleo.

Airport Access Road Bid Opening

Mr. R. Beavers, Mr. R. Troutman and gentlemen from Arundel Asphalt, Inc., Mr. Pantaleo. Bids submitted as follows: 1) Dean & Beavers (certified check for \$200) Total bid - \$48,817; contingent bid items - \$4,550. 2) Maquire and Rolfe (bid bond \$200) total bid - \$75,274; contingent items - \$13,300. 3) Arundel Asphalt Products, Inc. (bid bond \$200) total bid \$78,000; contingent items - \$10,050. Bids will be reviewed and contract will be awarded.

Communications Maintenance Bid Opening

Mr. O. Wood, Mr. M. Bennett, Mr. J. Hollister, Mr. Pantaleo. Bids opened as follows: 1) Radiation Services - \$1,110.87 per month for normal Monday through Friday services. Other charges would be \$15 per hour plus 12 cents per mile, with charges beginning from the time they start to answer the call, for one way. Contract will be for one year and will automatically renew for another year unless written notice is served terminating same. The amount of the bid includes parts. 2) Communications Services Co. - \$6,000 per year, abiding by all terms and conditions in bid specifications. 3) Potomac Marine Electronics Co. - \$457 per month including parts and labor.

4) J & H Electronics - \$1,000 per month.

Mr. Wood stated that the Fire Board has requested permission to review the qualifications of the low bidders before the contract is awarded, and the Commissioners agreed to this.

Health Department

Dr. A. Houser, Mr. W. Raum, Mr. Pantaleo. Dr. Houser presented a letter from the State Health Department relative to pollution in the air from sanitary fill burnings and listing of various activities to indicate what has been happening so far as environmental health programs are concerned. He mentioned that in 1967 they had four men working in these programs and they now have only three, and asked permission to add one position to Mr. Raum's department, a high school graduate who would be classified as a sanitarian's aide. He also feels they will be able to fill the vacancy that now exists which is already included in the budget. Dr. Houser said the aide could do many jobs that are taking up so much of Mr. Raum's time, freeing the latter for more important tasks. Both of the employees mentioned would be hired after July 1, 1969.

Mr. Raum informed the Commissioners that he had located the plat for the proposed Hills-Pomerantz Trailer Park addition; it is with the Fire Board for review and approval. There was some discussion concerning the manner in which such plats are handled, and Mr. Burch said he would like to see a central point where applications of this type would be delivered and a standard set of procedures followed to expedite getting the required approvals. Mr. Pantaleo stated that he is presently working on just such procedures and will show these to Dr. Houser and Mr. Raum. Dr. Houser pointed out that plans should actually go to Planning and Zoning first, because if they are not in accordance with regulations of that department, his agency would not approve them.

Nursing Scholarship-Sanger

The Commissioners agreed that a nursing scholarship would be awarded to Miss Judith L. Sanger, Leonardtown, in the amount of \$500. Miss Sanger will be notified and forwarded a scholarship bond for execution, as required by law.

County Health Officer

The cc agreed to the reappointment of Dr. Alan Houser as County Health Officer and the State Health Department will be so notified.

Jones Wharf Road

Mr. W. Sterling informed the Commissioners that Judge Bowen has ruled that this is not a public road and the former was not aware that this ruling had been handed down. He does not agree with it and asked if the Commissioners want to appeal the decision. Mr. Sterling will contact Mr. Wigginton and ask how his clients feel about the decision and the former will report back to the Commissioners next week.

Dog Damage Claim - Wills

The Commissioners approved payment of claim submitted by James L. Wills, Oakville, Md., for \$16 for 16 chickens killed by dogs. The form was signed by Deputy Sheriff J. Robinson and 2 appraisers, and Mrs. B. E. Boyd, Justice of the Peace.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved,

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The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the
 smell of fresh air. It was a relief after being stuck in traffic
 for so long. I looked around and saw a few people walking
 towards the building. The architecture was modern and sleek.
 I followed the crowd and entered the lobby. The receptionist
 smiled warmly at me and directed me to the conference room.
 The room was large and well-lit. There were several people
 already seated around the table. I took a seat and waited
 for the meeting to begin. The discussion was focused on
 the new project and the challenges we would face. I listened
 intently and took notes. The meeting ended with a clear
 plan of action and a deadline. I felt a sense of purpose
 and excitement. I knew this was a chance to make a real
 impact. I walked out of the building and took a deep breath.
 The day was just beginning.