February 25, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Sanitary Fills

Mr. D. Williams, Mr. P. Raley and Mr. Pantaleo. General discussion concerning these facilities and the Commissioners agreed that Mr. Pantaleo would advertise for bids for various pieces of equipment to be used for County purposes.

Work Incentive Program

Mrs. Ruby Phelps, Manager, WIN Program, reviewed objectives of the program. They aim to remove all people 16 years and over from the welfare rolls and place them in some kind of employment. The facilities available in the County will be used for training purposes, and this will eliminate the necessity of trainees going to Baltimore or Washington. Mrs. Phelps mentioned that they are funded to pay for transportation. They want to begin the program as soon as possible and will meet with the Board of Education, Department of Social Services, etc. to initiate a comprehensive program. So far as the trainees are concerned, social workers will fill out the necessary forms and the applicants will be interviewed. These people will be trained to fill local employment needs. Mrs. Phelps said that her department eventually hopes to have an office in the County.

Civil Defense

Mr. O. Wood discussed possibility of placing the communications clerks under the Merit System and suggested that the Commissioners write to the State and ask that this action be accomplished. The County is paying the full salaries to these people. Regarding Mr. C. Donaldson, if the Federal office approves, he will be under the State Merit System. However, the Federal office maintains that if Mr. Donaldson operates the console, he is not eligible. After some general discussion, the Commissioners agreed that a letter will be sent to Congressman Rogers C. B. Morton requesting his assistance in this entire matter.

Mr. Wood said he would like to have a trained man designated as Communications Clerk II, which would increase his pay approximately \$500. The Commissioners informed Mr. Wood that they will have to review the entire budget for this department before any decision is made.

Mr. Wood also asked that the Commissioners consider appropriating funds to purchase uniforms for the men. Cost would be approximately \$50 per man, and he is going to include this expenditure in his budget.

General discussion concerning the light on top of the antenna pole, which has gone out. Mr. Wood said the State Police will take care of painting the pole and maintain their own antennas, but will not replace this light. It is Mr. Wood's feeling that if the voltage was reduced, the bulbs would last longer. It was agreed that Mr. Wood should speak with the firm handling the radio maintenance and ask their advice on this problem.

The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Wood could purchase a table and eight chairs from the Long's Furniture Company for \$130 as this was the lowest bid received for these items. Raley's had submitted price of \$140 for 6 chairs and table, and Thompson's \$200 for eight chairs and table.

Social Services Appointments

The Commissioners agreed that the names of Vincent Briscoe, Ridge, and Mrs. Alfreda Talbert, Valley Lee, be submitted to the State Department for nomination to this Board.

Recreation and Parks Appointments

Mr. Bowles made motion that Mrs. Jean Dorsey and Mr. Raymond Hall be considered for appointment to this Board, as the terms of Capt. J. Henderson and Mr. V. Cherbonnier have expired. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Bowles made another motion that Mrs. Jean Dorsey be appointed and that she be granted the opportunity to present another name from the 6th District to fill the other vacancy. Motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Aud stated that he would not vote on any nominations for this Board. He feels that another person from the 8th District should be appointed to replace Capt. Henderson, if the Capt. was not going to be reappointed.

Mr. Bowles amended his motion to stated that the Commissioners appoint Mrs. Dorsey and Mr. W. Schmalgemeyer, the latter from the 6th District, seconded by Mr. Burch and passed. These people will be asked to accept appointment to this Board, for regular terms of four years to expire January 1, 1973.

Roads

Mr. Bond and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Pantaleo was asked to draft a resolution to the State Roads Commission to establish a 25 mph speed limit on the Firehouse Road, 1st District, between Route 5 and Route 235.

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed erosion problem on St. George's Island, reported by Mr. Doniphan. The former recommends that the Dept. of Chesapeake Bay Affairs make a feasibility study to determine measures to be taken to prevent further erosion of the property and the Commissioners agreed.

CATV

Mr. Williams reported that there are no laws to regulate community television. It is no more than a business venture for anyone who cares to enter into such a project, and is not subject to a franchise. Mr. Williams reviewed legal case to support his statement. As the business is not subject to franchise, the Commissioners would not have the authority to grant one. Mr. Williams advised that the Commissioners send a letter to Mr. Gotshall, who is interested in this facility, stating that they do not have the authority to grant anfranchise as this type business does not require this. Also ask Mr. Gotshall to provide any information or references that would indicate that the County is required to grant a franchise and Mr. Williams will review same. The Commissioners agreed that the letter should be sent to Mr. Gotshall as outlined.

Mental Health Training Program

Mrs. Nancy Rowe, Mr. R. C. Martin, Dr. R. E. King, Mr. W. C. Dohrman, Mr. G. M. Sullivan, Mr. K. Abell, Mrs. Saunders, Mr. W. Dixon and Mr. P. Ludwig. Mr. F. D. Combs and Mrs. M. Salisbury came in midway in the meeting. Mr. Ludwig reported that as a result of a study made, a need was established for a training program facility for our mentally retarded over and above what is available in the County. The type program has been formulated and there are guidelines to be followed, such as where the physical plant would be located, how to finance it, hiring instructors, etc.

There was general discussion about a possible location and Dr. King said that between the regular day and evening programs at the Technical Center, some training might be given at this facility. However, so far as the Center being the headquarters for the program, this would not be feasible. Mr. Sullivan agreed, stating that there isn't any space at the Technical Center to accommodate a shelteredarea for this type program. Mr. Dohrman suggested that perhaps a building could be constructed near the Technical Center for the se people in connection with their trades program.

Mr. Ludwig feels that there are enough people interested in this to make it possible to obtain building materials very reasonably, but they must find a location first. What they primarily need is someone to spend the time needed to get the plan in operation.

Mr. Combs said that his department, Rehabilitation, has quite a role in the workshop program, as he will be referring people for training. A Mr. Barker from his agency is coming down to look into the matter and try to determine ways to fund the workshop. There is some Federal money available, but the State has been channeling most of it toward construction funds for a rehabilitation center. However, there might be some money available next year for the workshop program. Mr. Combs said he will speak with Mr. Barker and get what information he can as to any funds that might be available.

Mr. Bowles suggested that perhaps a committee of three people could be appointed, to investigate location, size of building, etc., and prepare

a package for presentation. Mr. Ludwig said this would be where a person who could follow things through would be needed. He will contact the Association and try to find such a person. The Board of Education and the Department of Employment Security might be helpful in this respect. Mr. Ludwig said they will form a committee and submit a written report to the Commissioners.

Jailor

Mr. W. Gatton asked that the Commissioners consider granting him one day off each week, and mentioned Tuesday specifically. The Assistant Janitor, Mr. J. Reed, would take care of cleaning the courthouse, but someone would be needed to admit people in and out of the jail. There was a general discussion, and Mr. Aud said he will speak with Judge L. Dodge, the Committee Magistrate in Lexington Park, about the possibility of coming to the jail 8:00 a.m. Tuesday to 8:00 a.m. Wednesday of each week to relieve Mr. Gatton.

Sanitary Landfill Equipment

Mr. Pantaleo reported that he has three pieces of equipment ready for advertisement, having drafted the specifications, for the loader, bulldozer, and trailer. He was instructed to advertise for bids for these items, and also for a used pan.

Mr. Pantaleo was also instructed to draft specifications for a station wagon with standard equipment to be advertised for bids.

Health Department Parking Lot

Mr. Pantaleo reviewed plat for this facility. The area has been designed for 26 parking spaces. The Commissioners agreed that the parking lot, the sidewalk fronting the Health Department building, and sidewalk fronting the entrance to the new Civil Defense Building should be advertised for bids, and Mr. Pantaleo was directed to draft specifications for same.

Secretary

Mrs. Tillman requested permission to take a six month leave of absence to allow her to recuperate fully from a recent prolonged period of illness. Since returning to work, she feels she is not well enought to completely fulfill the responsibilities necessary. Submitted letter requesting leave of absence, and the Commissioners granted same. Mrs. Tillman said she would remain for several weeks to allow time to find a replacement, but would like to leave no later than April 11, 1969.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch