

March 18, 1969

Present: Mr. J. Wilmer Bowles  
Mr. George R. Aud  
Mr. F. Elliott Burch was out of town

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

#### Nursing Home

The Commissioners approved payment of the \$7,500 remaining in the budget for this agency for the purchase of equipment as outlined in letter from Mrs. V. Thomas, Administrator.

#### Board of Education

Dr. King and Mr. Dodson, Mr. Williams. Dr. King presented report on "White Marsh Addition, Low Bid and Cost Analysis." He stated that the State Health Department is requiring that the sewage system be expanded if an addition is put on the school. He asked if the Commissioners had made a decision on their request for funds for this project.

Mr. Bowles informed Dr. King that a decision had been made. The Commissioners had reviewed the matter very carefully and our financial officers advised there were no funds to be allocated to the project, and the Commissioners could not approve it. A letter will be sent to Dr. King to this effect.

Dr. King stated that they will be eligible for an adjustment on the Technical Center of \$90,000, Great Mills - \$29,230, and Chopticon - \$25 to \$27,000, a minimum total of \$144,230, using the low figure for Chopticon. These funds will be turned over to Mr. Donaldson to be drawn on for the building program. They plan to enlarge the library and add two counselling rooms at Esperanza, and this will cost \$38,000. This amount would be taken from the total mentioned above. They feel there would be enough to cover the difference for the White Marsh addition, however, they had hoped that Mr. Donaldson might find some other possibility so that they could use the adjustment money on Esperanza if the bids came in high.

Dr. King said they have an emergency here, as this project will relieve 4 or 5 other schools from overcrowding, and entails more than just one project. Mr. Bowles informed Dr. King that the Commissioners will discuss this further with Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Burch when the latter returns at the end of the week.

#### Buchart Associates

Mr. R. Casavant, Mr. J. Crumbling and Mr. R. Bittner of this firm, and Mr. D. Williams, County Attorney. Mr. Bowles informed these gentlemen that the Commissioners want the study made of the present office space in the courthouse as outlined in the contract forwarded



to us by Buchart and the addition to the courthouse to be planned as if we were going to construct it. However, as we do not know how much the addition is going to cost if for some reason the county could not construct it, the Commissioners would like to be able to break off the contract and pay Buchart for their services to that point and would want this protection stipulated in the contract. Mr. Casavant stated that this could be done. If the Commissioners wanted to sever relations, all it would take would be a letter, and all they would expect would be the amount of money for the work done up to that point. This could be done at any stage of the work being done.

Mr. Casavant said they must receive authorization from the Commissioners to proceed and approval to go ahead with the drawings, and the same procedure applies to each stage of the project up to the construction. If the bids are not in line with what the Commissioners want, it can be rebid. There are alternatives that can be made.

There was a discussion regarding cost and Mr. Crumbling said that at the end of the study, this would be \$1,500. If they go into a preliminary stage and design a building, the county would pay 25% of the total fee, based on the established estimate. For finished drawings ready for bids, cost would be 50% of the total fee. Mr. Williams requested that these gentlemen prepare an addendum outlining their discussion today and this can be attached to the contract we have received.

Regarding the building for the county roads system, a combination garage and office building, Mr. Bowles asked if Buchart could use the plans drawn for the building in Calvert County. Mr. Pantaleo was called into the meeting and these plans were reviewed. Mr. Casavant said they would make a physical inspection of the building to gain further information regarding this facility. Mr. Bowles asked if these plans could be examined and an estimate made of the cost to construct the building and Mr. Casavant said that this can be done. Mr. Crumbling said that if they use any portion of these plans, they would make an adjustment in the fee they would charge for drawing the plans.

Mr. Williams mentioned that he would like the portion of the contract binding him to it, ~~deleted~~, and Mr. Casavant said that the portion regarding the legal representatives can be stricken and this will be done. Mr. Crumbling said that if the 50% fee is paid for the plans, and specifications, and the building is not constructed, the plans and specifications for the building in Calvert County.

### Roads

Mr. D. Bond, Mr. J. H. T. Briscoe, Judge. Judge Briscoe discussed Noland Road and the right of way he has granted to the County for roads in this area in the 6th District. There are 9 permanent residents on the straight portion of Noland Road and 7 on the other prong. He is also interested in the road going into his farm, which he dedicated to the county sometime ago. There are approximately 8 permanent residents on this road in addition to the summer residents. Judge Briscoe is requesting that these roads be surface treated as they are in the



county system. He further stated he will deed whatever land is necessary to make Noland Road a 40 foot road. The road running into his farm, Liston Road, is already a 40 foot road. Mr. Bond suggested that all of these roads should be surface treated and this would eliminate the expense of constantly sending in a grader to maintain them, and would cost the county less money for maintenance. Mr. Bond was directed to inspect the roads and present an estimate to the Commissioners of what it would cost to do the work.

#### Bid Opening for Roads Equipment

Mr. T. T. Pantaleo, Mr. D. Bond, Mr. Williams, Mr. P. Raley, Mr. J. Horton (Horton Dodge), Charles G. Workman (McClung-Logan Equip. Co.), J. S. Guy, Jr., (Guy Chev. Sales, Inc.), C. Claypool (Alban Tractor Co.), George Sanger (Fenwick Ford, Inc.). Bids opened as follows:

McKay- Truck - \$7,555. Horton - Truck - \$7,691.29 135 days del.  
Fenwick - truck - \$7,921.58 - 45-90 days del. Guy - truck \$8,250 - 120 days delivery.

McClung - bulldozer - \$39,386, repurchase \$22,927, adjusted bid - \$16,459.00. Alban Tractor - crawler - \$28,220, II - \$16,320, III - \$11,900, 45 days del. Bulldozer - \$36,942, II - \$20,886, III - \$16,056, 40 days del. Trailer - \$4,228 - 20 days del.

All companies furnished \$100 certified check. Philips and International Harvester declined to bid. Bid submitted by Mr. Gardiner, Bell Motor Co., arrived late, but he requested it be given consideration.

Mr. Bond reported that Park View Drive, St. Andrews Lane and Louisdale Road are in condition to be placed in the system and the Commissioners agreed that letter should be sent to State Roads Commission to this effect. These roads are in St. Andrews Estates, 8th District.

Mr. Allan Cecil has requested that Indian Bridge Road from Route 5 to approximately 500 feet beyond the post office be posted with 30 mph speed limit. The Commissioners agreed and Mr. Pantaleo will frame the required resolution.

Mr. Bond will check breakage of blacktop reported by Mr. McLaren, at 418 Essex Drive, in Patuxent Park. Will also check Monroe Road, Golden Beach, re: request by Mr. H. C. McDowell for maintenance.

Mr. Aud reported problem of parking in front of 2 Spot Club, Route 235, Lexington Park, and asked Mr. Bond if it would be possible to surface treat the shoulder in this area. The latter said he will look into this and if there are funds available, it might possibly be done in June or July.

Letter will be sent to Leonardtown Commissioners asking that they designate which side of Greenbriar Road they would like posted for parking on one side only, re: verbal request for this action.



Mr. Pantaleo reported re traffic congestion at Town Creek intersection due to southbound cars waiting to make left turn into the subdivision during peak traffic hours. He suggested that a blacktopped traffic slot on the shoulder at this point be considered. He will write a letter to the Commissioners to this effect, asking that they concur and in turn request that the State Roads Commission do this if it is possible.

Reviewed request for 40 mph speed limit fronting Sam Bailey's property in 7th District and Mr. Pantaleo will frame resolution for Commissioners signatures.

#### Millstone Landing Road

Mr. James Bradley and Mr. Williams. Mr. Bradley asked status of this road and was informed that the Navy has requested that the road be open to facilitate use of gate 4 on the base. Mr. Bradley said he will cooperate fully in getting a road across the back of his property, but he does not want it to front his place. He would be willing to grant a 40 foot right of way across the back. Mr. Bradley also stated that another possibility would be to bring the road through property owned by Mr. A. Pomerantz and out by Mr. Franzen's property, as he is of the opinion that Mr. Pomerantz would favor this.

Mr. Bowles informed Mr. Bradley that the Commissioners had met with Navy officials but there has been no decision made so far as relocating or improving the road is concerned. Mr. Bradley asked for a quitclaim deed for the road fronting his property, and Mr. Bowles stated that it will have to be decided legally that this is or is not a public road before any such action could be considered.

#### House Bill 966 - Conditional Zoning

It was reported by telephone by Mr. Burch that Calvert County has a bill introduced by Benner, Fowler and Briscoe for conditional zoning in the county. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that if possible, St. Mary's County should be included in this bill, and our legislators will be contacted.

#### Baha'i Faith

Mr. A. Guffey and Mr. W. Groves. Mr. Guffey presented resume of this faith, stating they are working on a program to inform the county of their existance. They are asking that the Commissioners issue a proclamation declaring March 23-29 as Baha'i Week. Mr. Guffey presented a book on this faith.

The Commissioners discussed this with Mr. Williams and the latter advised that he does not feel that the Commissioners have the authority to issue such a proclamation, as their authority comes strictly from the legislature. Secondly, this would establish a precedent for any group to request a proclamation for any cause, and possibly put the Commissioners in the position of discriminating if they did not feel that this action comes within the realm of their administrative



duties. Too, the separation of church and state would preclude the Commissioners possibly expressing favoritism for any religion.

Mr. Guffey said they would like to have pictures of the presentation of the book to the Commissioners to publish in next week's papers, and if the Commissioners decide to issue the proclamation, they would want pictures of the signing for publication also. Mr. Guffey will call next Monday to find out the final decision on this.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Approved,

*F. Elliott Burch*

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