March 24, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch

J. Wilmer Bowles George R. Aud

David Williams, Attorney

Meeting convened at 1:45 P.M.

#### Sheriff's Cars

Sheriff Burroughs asked the Commissioners to advertise for bids for new cars now so that they would be available May 1st. He requested four cars immediately, and two later in the year. The sheriff was asked to furnish the Commissioners with a listing of the mileage on each of the cars now being used, and he agreed to do so.

#### Golden Beach Road

Sheriff Burroughs asked if the Commissioners would enter into an agreement to the effect that, at such time as the right-of-way for the realignment of this road is taken by the County, any property remaining between lots sold and the road, would revert back to the property owners. Mr. Williams advised that the Commissioners do not have the authority to give the land away, but can trade or sell it, and it would be legal for them to trade the land for the right-of-way granted.

## Sheriff's Budget

Sheriff Burroughs reviewed his proposed budget, requesting another secretary, and that consideration be given to granting regular increments in salary to his deputies. He further stated that if his department is to continue working for the Liquor Board, he should have more men, and asked the Commissioners to consider this, also. He reported that they have had some success in making arrests for service of alcoholic beverages to minors.

### Management Analysis

Mr. E. Lore, Systems Analysts. These gentlemen are engaged in research to determine where Federal monies are going and if they are accomplishing the purposes for which they are intended. All of the information they gather will be entered on cards, computerized, and will be an aid in the future as all of it will be organized. Mr. Hooper will be speaking with various people within the County Government structure and has met with Mr. Donaldson this morning in this respect. Mr. Hooper said they hope to produce a program for the County from the research, so that when the Commissioners ask a question regarding any specific matter, the answer will be readily available. They will probably interview the agencies spending the largest amounts of money, and would like to begin immediately. Mr. Donaldson will notify the various department heads to expect these people and to furnish the information they request. Mr. Hooper mentioned that the actual program is being carried on in three county area.

## Baha'i Faith

The Commissioners discussed the request made by Mr. Guffey and Mrs. Groves last week regarding issuance of a proclamation declaring a Baha'i Week. As advised by their attorney, the Commissioners decided that they should not issue such a proclamation nor be involved in any publicity regarding any particular religion.

# Board of Education - White Marsh School

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. H. Kanowicz, Mr. W. S. Donaldson and Mr. H. Sterling present. Dr. King stated that it will be thirty (30) days (on Thursday) since the ids were opened for the addition to the White Marsh School, and they must make a decision to accept or reject the bids. They are asking for a decision from the Commissioners regarding their request for approximately \$108,000 to be used for this project.

Mr. Donaldson reviewed the school construction accounts, stating that we have received a check in the amount of \$94,641.30 for the Technical Center, which is 100% of all that we will receive under the State grant. However, he stated that the Chopticon account is overdrawn \$67,231 at the present time. Mr. Kanowicz said he has applied for additional funds and is going to Baltimore on Thursday to find out when they will be available, and to see if he can get the adjustments to be made on Chopticon and Great Mills in the 5th bi-monthly payment, as these should be taken care of in this fiscal year.

Dr. King said that everything is completed on Chopticon and Great Mills Schools, and there is \$1,500 to be paid on the Technical Center. Mr. Donaldson expressed concern because we have not been receiving the funds when we are supposed to. Mr. Kanowicz stated that, on the Technical Center, all of the funds allocated for this project which were actually spent, were over and above what was originally estimated for the project. They have tried to apply for additional aid through Federal sources, and may get an additional \$90,000 for construction funds for the Technical Center. He may take three or four months to get the money, but from what he has been told, feels this will be approved.

Mr. Kanowicz reviewed anticipated funds of \$20,446 and application for \$90,000 for the Technical Center; \$29,230 adjustment for Great Mills; and \$47,000 adjustment for Chopticon. However, he has submitted additional application for applicable funds for Chopticon, making a total of approximately \$64,000, if he gets the funds. Dr. King said that if the anticipated funds will cover it, they would like to go ahead and get the White Marsh project underway. The school would be ready for occupancy by October or November and the teachers needed are included in the budget. He stated that this is their first priority as it will relieve several other schools.

Regarding the Piney Point School, Dr. King stated that all bids have been rejected and the low bidder, Chris Brown, has suggested items that might reduce the costs. They hope to be able to rebid within a month, and hope the bids will come in under the amount budgeted for this project.

Dr. King and Mr. Kanowicz left the meeting to allow the Commissioners to discuss these matters. After discussion, Mr. Bowles made motion that the Commissioners hold to their original decision to deny the request for \$108,000 for the White Marsh addition, as expressed in a letter to Dr. King. Motion seconded by Mr. Aud

and passed. Mr. Burch voted in favor of granting the money recuested. Dr. King and Mr. Kanowicz were recalled to the meeting and informed of the Commissioners decision to hold to their original ruling in view of the fact that there was no certainity that the federal money is going to be forthcoming.

Dr. King asked, if they could negotiate with the low bidder to eliminate parts of the addition, what would be the maximum amount of help they could expect in addition to the money to be received from the adjustments. Mr. Burch stated that at this point the Commissioners are not in a position to grant any additional funds. He advised that it is the Commissioners feeling that this project should be rebid, to allow for a cushion fund for additional costs, and not use all the available money. He further asked if the fittings were stock items, and Dr. King said that the specifications are open, and specify and/or or equal, however, he will check with Mr. Dodson to make certain. He does know that the specifications are open right down the line otherwise.

After further discussion, Dr. King said he will speak with his Board regarding the matter, and he will ask Mr. Loffler, the low bidder, if any deletions can be made to reduce the cost, and if Mr. R. Wigginton, their attorney, approves, this will be done. Dr. King said he would contact Mr. Wigginton about requesting an extension of time for awarding the bid from Mr. Loffler, another week or two, and then see what changes or deletions can be made, and report back to the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed with this plan.

#### Buchart Associates

The Commissioners reviewed contract forwarded by this firm for the proposed addition to the Courthouse and the study to be made of existing facilities. The contract, as rewritten, incorporates all of the items requested at last week's meeting with Messrs. Casavant, Crumbling and Bittner, of this firm. After review and discussion, the Commissioners approved the contract and signed it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch, President

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