

April 29, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 10:40 A.M.

Board of Education

Dr. R. E. King, Jr., E. H. Ocker, B. K. Abell, Mrs. C. Barnes, Board members; Mr. T. Bailey, Mrs. D. Mueller, Mr. K. Money, Mrs. Elizabeth Benhon'e, Mrs. M. C. Kohut, Mr. C. Vandersip, Mr. G. Landeau, representing the Parent-Teacher Associations; Miss E. Pickrell, Mrs. B. Wilson, Mrs. V. Fox, Mr. H. W. Venetta, County Council of PTA's; Mr. F. H. Spigler, Jr., Mr. C. H. Purcell, Maryland State Teachers' Association; Mr. J. H. Fox, Mr. E. R. Fitzgerald, Mr. F. L. Dean, Education Association of St. Mary's County; Mr. J. H. Ogden, Mr. H. J. Kanowicz, Board of Education staff.

Mr. Burch welcomed the group and Mr. Ocker started the discussion. He reported that they have gone over all areas of their budget and the appropriated state mandated minimum amount would be \$550,000. The funds were limited to this amount so that the Commissioners could maintain the same tax structure that is in effect. Mr. Ocker reported that a cut like this would seriously affect the school system. He reported that the teachers base salary has been set at \$6,500. He stated that \$790,000 is needed to adequately keep the school system in good operating condition. Some of the delegation felt that a tax increase is necessary. Mr. Ocker stated that for the additional 500 pupil enrollment for next year, no additional teachers will be hired and some programs such as special education, summer vocational education, TV program, would be cut. He said no new textbooks or library books would be purchased, no new playground equipment, and no new food service equipment would be purchased for the next school year.

Mr. Burch asked what would be the Board of Education's current school year balance as of June 30. Mr. Kanowicz stated it would be \$40 - 60,000. Mr. Ocker reported that they received funds from P.L. 874 last year. It was suggested that the board have its budget on a program basis so that the Commissioners would know what areas to cut without interfering with federal and state funds. Dr. King stated they are following recommended procedures. Mr. Ogden stated some staff positions were deleted last year. They reduced material expenditures by \$350,000. Mr. Ocker reported that President Nixon is against P.L. 874 funding and at the present time they do not know how much funding will be released. Dr. King wrote a letter to the Commissioners requesting them to write congressmen supporting P.L. 874. Mr. Kanowicz and Mr. Donaldson are to get together and review figures once again.

Dr. King stated that they receive reports from their Data Processing Center which show how much money spent and the remaining balance. Dr. King is to provide the Commissioners with more copies of their annual report.

Mr. C. Vandersip, President of the Frank Knox PTA, stated that he feels taxes should be increased. It was pointed out that the county ranks 12th highest in the

state according to taxes. Mr. Donaldson stated that if taxes were increased, people may not vote for the School Bond Issue this fall. Mr. Vandersip stated there should be some way of measuring peoples' feelings toward increased taxes. Miss Pickrell stated that they have formed an ad hoc committee to study problems confronting them on projection for the next ten years, anticipated population growth, where funds can be obtained, and compare the county's situation with other communities. (Mrs. Doris Mueller left the meeting at this point). The Teachers' Association reported that \$370 was allotted per pupil. Mr. Fred Spigler reported that the state has changed the calculation to 1.09 which will mean more money for the county in state aid. He stated that the state pays more money in the county and the state has contributed 60 to 67% in state aid percentage. If staffing in the county is decreased, the county will lose state aid. He reported that the state average per pupil is \$814 for instruction in all areas. Mr. Spigler stated that a tourist tax put on boat docking would bring additional money into the county. Mr. Burch stated that the Commissioners have very little authority along this line unless legislation was passed.

Mr. Abell motioned that a break be taken at this point so that the Commissioners could consider what has been presented and meet again at a later time with the Board of Education delegation.

Bids - Sheriffs Cars

Sealed bids were received for four (4) cars. The bidders were as follows:

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Aldridge Ford	\$ 2,970.25	\$ 11,881.00
Bell Motors	2,960.98	11,843.92
Fenwick Ford	3,085.92	12,343.68
Guy Chevrolet	2,985.00	11,940.00
Patuxent Motors	2,986.79	11,947.16
Suburban Chrysler, Plymouth	2,699.95	10,799.80

The Commissioners unanimously approved the bid submitted by Suburban Chrysler, Plymouth for four (4) cars in the amount of \$10,799.80, said cars meeting all specifications.

Statement by Mr. M. Gough

Mr. M. Gough presented to the Commissioners opinions of tax structure in the county, costs of building homes, insurance, etc. He feels that a tax increase should not be put into effect.

Watershed Plan

Mr. John Hall presented a review of the Watershed Work Plan, and discussed a copy of a letter to Mr. G. Wheeler from the Beavin Company, which contained comments relative to the Watershed Work Plan for the St. Mary's River. In the plan set up, release of water to maintain a stream flow which was equivalent to 7 day - 10 year discharge rate is insufficient to maintain proper conditions in streams. They would like to have this doubled. Mr. Burch asked how much this would cost and how estimates could be obtained. These can be obtained from Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Hall stated that when the agreement is drawn up, the presently prepared plan will be followed. Mr. Burch decided not to consider plan changes

because of the expense involved.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo, Mr. D. Williams. Mr. Pantaleo reported he had received a letter from a Mr. Tom Nucomb from the State Roads Commission in which he wishes to conduct a highway study in the county. Mr. Pantaleo is to meet with him and report back to the Commissioners.

St. Andrews Road

There are some trees and bushes to be removed from the right-of-way on this road. Mr. John Woodburn has estimated a cost of \$280 for the removal of the shrubs. The individual property owners are to be contacted and see if they will accept the amount of money quoted by Mr. Woodburn, and do the work themselves involved in moving the trees.

Dukehart's Creek

Mr. Pantaleo commented on a letter received by the Commissioners from the Tri-County Council regarding a waterfront park on this creek. He has checked into this matter with the Metropolitan Sanitary Commission and has been advised that there are no immediate plans for the county to acquire the minimum 30 acre track as recommended by Mr. Beavin that could be used for a sewerage disposal plant and recreational area. The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs is preparing plans for dredging of Dukehart's Creek and a channel to connect to the Potomac River. This department has approved an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Commissioners to construct bulkheads and to dredge in the channel.

Sanitary Fills

Mr. Burch suggested that "No Burning" signs be posted at fills. Mr. Pantaleo is to check into the matter.

Chancellors Run Road

Mr. Pantaleo received a letter from Corporal Miedzinski requesting that stop signs be erected on secondary roads that intersect Chancellors Run Road. The secondary roads are: Nancy Lane, Rose Lane, Horse Head Road, Hewitt Road, and Norris Road. Mr. Pantaleo submitted a resolution designating Chancellors Run Road as a through street and the intersecting streets as stop streets. He stated that a work order has been issued to remove trees from the sides of Belvoir Road and Chancellors Run Road. The resolution was approved and signed by Mr. Burch.

Indian Bridge Road

Mr. Pantaleo submitted a resolution to be approved by the Commissioners for a 30 M.P.H. speed zone to be established on this road. The resolution was approved by the Commissioners and signed by Mr. Burch.

Speed Zone Restriction

Mr. S. Bailey, Jr., has requested that a 40 M.P.H. speed zone be established on

Route 242, 0.6 miles north and 800 feet south of its intersection with Route 239. Mr. Pantaleo presented resolution to accomplish this, it was approved by the Commissioners and signed by Mr. Burch.

Proposed Bulkhead at St. George Island

Mr. Pantaleo received a request from Mr. John L. Doniphan requesting that a bulkhead be placed on his property at St. George Island. Mr. Pantaleo advised him that before the Commissioners make application to the state, we will require from Mr. Doniphan a bond insuring that he will advance a minimum of \$10,000 for his share of the cost of the bulkhead.

Security Lights

The county has applied to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs for funds to place security lights at the following wharf and ramp sites: Bushwood, Tall Timbers, Piney Point, St. George Island. Total cost will be \$1,049.14.

Maypole Road

Mr. Pantaleo reported that heavy trucks and equipment are breaking up this road in the 3rd District. He has written to McGuire and Rolfe, but has not received a reply to date relative to this problem. Mr. Williams suggested that a weight limit can be placed on the road.

Bluestone Estates Subdivision

Mr. Pantaleo presented a deed and plats for this subdivision, and for Waterview Drive and Park Drive, located in St. Inigies, 1st District. These roads were inspected by Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond, and found to be constructed according to county specifications. Mr. Pantaleo recommended that these roads be taken into the county system, and this action was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Highway Safety Program

Mr. Burch appointed Mr. Pantaleo as County Safety Coordinator to the Highway Safety Program.

Town Creek Manor

Mr. Pantaleo presented a plat of Town Creek Manor, and requested that Overcup Drive and Holly Court be taken into the county system. There is 2,200 feet of road involved. The Commissioners unanimously approved incorporation of these roads in the system after they have been shaped up, graveled, and surface treated.

Railroad Agreement

Mr. Aud made a motion that the railroad be purchased from General Services Administration, and said action was unanimously approved by the Commissioners. Mr. Burch signed the resolution to purchase said railroad in the amount of \$225,000, with a deposit of \$11,250.00 to be sent with the application.

Buchart Associates Contract

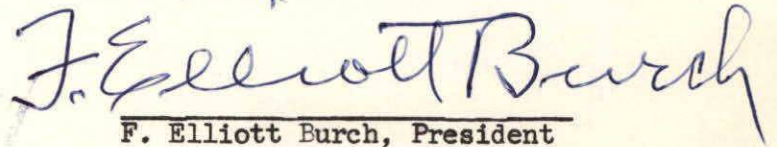
Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved and signed the agreement for the construction of the maintenance building for the County Roads Commission. Mr. Bowles voted against the agreement.

Board of Education

The Board met the same day at 5:15 P.M. with the Commissioners. Mr. Burch reported to the Board delegation that some of the programs the Commissioners had hoped to put into effect would now have to be cut out. He asked them if they came by some funds if they would return some of the appropriated money. Mr. Burch stated some money could be saved if the county took over the roads. Mr. Ocker stated they were planning to cut their budget in the areas of library and textbooks, driver education, etc. The Commissioners advised the Board that after appropriating \$550,000, they still were \$72,000 short of balancing the budget. The Commissioners agreed to grant an additional \$150,000 to make the total amount of the appropriation \$700,000. Mr. Kanowicz and Mr. Donaldson are to work together in setting up budgetary programs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President

The first part of the document is a letter from the Secretary of the State of New York to the Governor, dated January 1, 1914. The letter discusses the proposed amendments to the State Constitution, which were submitted to the people at the general election of 1913. The Secretary reports that the amendments were approved by a large majority of the voters.

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