

May 8, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 3:00 P.M.

County Roads System

Delegate J. H. Briscoe, Delegate H. J. Fowler, Senator P. J. Bailey, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. H. Sterling, Mr. D. Williams. Mr. Burch stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of the County taking over the roads. Mr. Donaldson presented a breakdown of how much it would cost to maintain the roads. Mr. Burch stated that the sanitary fills as well as the roads could be maintained by the County. Recreation parks could also be under this system. He informed them of the fires recently at the fills and that the State Health Department wants the County to construct landfills.

Mr. Burch said the SRC could turn some of their equipment over to the County, and outlined the type of equipment needed. There are 100 men presently working for the SRC from the County. Delegate Briscoe asked about utilizing the SRC garage, but it was brought out that the County has land available for this purpose near the Technical Center site. Mr. Williams commented about the possibility of duplicating some of the SRC equipment because of maintaining the fills. Mr. Burch stated the fill at Mechanicsville fills up each week and has to be pushed back. The Commissioners also get many complaints about smoke and burning near the Half-Way House.

The Commissioners are given 90 days to make their decision and are to let the SRC know their intentions by May 15. Mr. Donaldson outlined some of the reasons why the Commissioners are in favor of having the County Road System. This proposed system will save the County money. Senator Bailey asked how many SRC men would be moved because of this transition. The County plans to utilize 37 men from the SRC force.

There was some question of how we could get ready for this transition by July 1. Mr. Tate has been working with the Commissioners and seems to be 100% in favor of going along with them. Senator Bailey stated he feels it is the Commissioners prerogative to make the decision. Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners would like to have the legislators support. A list of men who could work for the County was presented. Senator Bailey stated he would like to give the matter some further thought. Delegate Briscoe felt this to be a substantial saving for the County, but didn't want people to lose their jobs because of the switchover. The County will also need additional men to maintain the fills. It was brought up that Charles County is considering taking over its roads. Delegate Briscoe said they should give the Commissioners all the assistance possible. The three legislators are to have a decision for the Commissioners on Monday.

Dog Warden

The position of Dog Warden was discussed and applications reviewed. Mr. Dick Hamilton is resigning as of May 9, but Mr. Raley is to talk with him to see if

he will reconsider. If not, then another applicant will be considered for the position.

St. Mary's River Watershed

Mr. John Hall discussed the application for a permit to construct five dams in the St. Mary's River Watershed. A public hearing will be held June 5, and advertised in the papers for two weeks. The Commissioners were in agreement for advertising for a public hearing and payment was approved.

Mr. Hall also brought to the Commissioners attention funds for employment of a part-time secretary which was included in the Extension Service budget. The Commissioners will inform Mr. Hall of a decision to supplement \$1,000 for this purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President

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