

June 10, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

McKay's Beach Project

Reviewed letter from Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs requesting the Commissioners to contribute \$18,187.50 for this project. The Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs will contribute \$6,062.50.

Oiling Schedule

Mr. Burch presented a letter he received from Mr. M. M. Brodsky, Comptroller, SRC, Baltimore, in which the latter states that the county may expend up to \$50,000 in June against this year's budget. The balance of \$60,000 may be charged against the 1970 maintenance budget.

Patuxent Water Company

Reviewed copy of a letter from the Metropolitan^{Commission} to the Patuxent Water Company, advising that the annual sewerage service treatment charge for this company amounted to \$84,802. The letter also advises that the Metropolitan Commission is ready to serve Patuxent Water Company starting June 30. Further, if the Patuxent Water Company would like to sell, a purchase agreement must be consummated prior to June 30.

Speed Zone Signs

Mr. Bowles received a letter from Corp. Miedzinski requesting that 40 mph speed zones be placed on McKay's Beach Road and Larredore Road. In Potomac Shores, the main entrance is to be posted 30 mph for approximately 25 to 50 yards. Also erect "children at play" signs. On Sunset Drive and Smith Drive, request posting 25 mph and "stop" signs where these streets intersect Larredore Road. Mr. Bowles has asked that Corp. Miedzinski check this out since Mr. Pantaleo is ill. It was decided that a letter be written to Mr. Tate, with copies to Mr. Bond and Mr. Robert Holden, saying that the state police have made these recommendations.

Patuxent Development Company Assessments

The Commissioners discussed a petition of appeal before them from the Patuxent Development Company, Inc. It was decided that the Commissioners cannot act on this because it is not within the 30 day limit, and a letter be written to the company explaining that the Commissioners have no jurisdiction over this.

Bennett Sanitary Fill

Mr. Aud reported that he has talked with Mr. Rollins Bennett and the latter would like to proceed with the fill and be paid. Mr. Bennett stopped in, and was informed that the survey is completed and he will be paid \$400. He will receive

the balance of \$200 near the end of July. This includes payments starting with last August 1.

Oakville Sanitary Fill

Mr. Burch reported that he will meet with Mr. McCoy, Mr. Raum and Mr. John Hall, at the subject fill on Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. to inspect it.

Speed Zone for Mechanicsville

Mr. Burch suggested that a speed limit be placed on the southbound lane, near Hill's Club in Mechanicsville. Mr. Aud suggested that that the speed zone be moved up from 30 mph to 40 mph on Seven Gables Road. Mr. Bond is to take care of this. Mr. Raley is to get recommendations from the State Police regarding the road in Mechanicsville near Hill's Club.

School Bus Contract

Mr. Burch stated that work must be done on a new contract for the bus drivers. Mr. P. Raley stated he will obtain a copy of the one used by the Boards of Education of St. Mary's and Charles Counties and proceed from there.

Maintenance Men for County

Mr. Bowles stated we should go ahead and get personnel for the maintenance of county fills. Mr. Burch asked how this would be supervised. The Commissioners will ask Mr. Francis Abell to come in and talk with them about possible employment with the county.

Mr. Burch stated that there should be some plan for commercial people who dump at the fills, and also set a schedule of hours for doing this.

Watershed Resolution

Mr. Burch signed the agreement for the watershed work plan and stated a resolution would go along with this. The resolution is not a fund obligating document.

A letter was written to Mr. Shields at the Dept. of Game and Inland Fish, regarding Site 1, St. Mary's River Watershed, which contains the construction costs, and also states estimates of land surveys to be \$10,000, and legal fees estimated at \$2,500, which gives a total of \$12,500. The Commissioners will contribute the \$12,500, provided it can come out of the \$100,000 that the county agreed to provide for land acquisition.

Horsehead Road

Mr. Aud reported that Mr. Joe Bean would like to have ditches cleaned out on this road. This will be taken care of by Mr. Bond.

Airport

The Commissioners discussed a letter to be sent to Mr. C. S. Clayton regarding the acquisition of the airport site and the prices involved for the acquired

property. Mr. Burch reported that land near the airport property was purchased by Forests and Parks which also sold for \$500 per acre. This will help justify the prices paid for the airport property.

Medical Examiners Bill

The Commissioners reviewed a statement from Dr. Boyd for medical examiners cases for May 1969. Mr. Donaldson did not feel that the Commissioners should approve payment of \$35.00 for bones found in the Half Pone Point area. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed that this should be paid and the total amount of the bill approved was \$315.00.

Nursing Home

Reviewed letter from Mr. Raymond Czarra, President, Board of Directors, stating that the Nursing Home Board had decided to request \$30,000 allotted the Home for the fiscal year 1969-70. They state that this money will be used for their revised payroll increase. Mr. Burch does not feel that this amount of money should be released at this time. It was decided that a letter would be written to the Board of Directors requesting that a copy of their June 30 audit be sent to the Commissioners, and quarterly or monthly statements of expenditures, whichever applies.

Youth Commission

Reviewed a letter from A. Barthelme stating that he has obtained a bus from S. Bailey for \$800. He states Mr. Bailey will accept \$400 in July and the balance in August. He also asked that Mr. P. Raley assist him in obtaining tags and title for the bus. The Commissioners feel this should be approved by the Youth Commission before coming to them for approval. It was suggested that a letter be written to Father Veith regarding this, and also enclose a copy of this letter to him. Mr. Bowles stated he feels that all of the Youth Commission expenditures should come through the Youth Commission office for approval.

David M. Gruber Company

Approved payment of \$6,967.00 to David M. Gruber Company for 1969 Tax Levy - preparation of assessment rolls, tax rolls, class report, treasurer's cards, and tax bills.

Approved Voucher Nos. 35061-35119 for the period of May 19 through May 26, 1969. Also approved Voucher Nos. 35026 - 35060 for period of May 14 through May 19.

Clergy Association

Rev. R. C. Daugherty and Rev. Daniel Stone stated they would like the Commissioners to consider hiring a person to work with young people in Lexington Park in activities in a teen center. They have a place for this, rent is reasonable, in a building behind the A&P. They can have a room that is 2,000 or 3,000 feet, renting for \$2,000 and \$3,000 per year. They stated they will have no problem meeting the rent and that other organizations have offered to help with the project. Rev. Stone stated his church has a center called "It" in the church hall

and approximately 100 teenagers come there. They have an afternoon program from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. They need support and a person who can direct and coordinate the programs and eventually can have centers throughout the county. A sing-in was discussed and pictures were presented regarding this. Mr. Burch asked how much money would be involved in hiring such a person. Rev. Daugherty feels the salary should be \$10,000 and can be raised by campaign for the first year, but after that they would like to have the county's support. Mr. Burch stated that the Commissioners will take this under advisement and see what can be done.

Metropolitan Commission

Mr. James Kenney, Mr. T. McKee, Mr. Francis Taylor, Mr. Walter Miles, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, and Mr. Sterling. Mr. Taylor reported that the Patuxent Water Company is asking for \$900,000 for water and sewerage. He reported the engineer's figure, (Beavin & Co.), is \$586,000 for what is presently in the ground. Estimated repairs will be \$600,000 and use less 50% depreciation because of additional work required on this. The accountant's figure, Mr. D. Gruber, is \$325,000 - \$350,000. The Metropolitan Commission talked about \$400,000 for this as a start and would like to know if the Commissioners feel this is too much. They stated Mr. Gruber has estimated this as a regular business and can be paid off in 20 years. He has not assigned a figure for growth. Mr. Kenney stated the interest rate would be limited to 6% on this amount of money. Mr. Taylor pointed out that more housing developments are being planned in the park.

Mr. Kenney feels that they may want some cash down on this, approximately \$50,000, because they will have to wait a year for their first interest payment. Mr. Kenney stated that the Commission has power to borrow on bond. He also stated that revenues that would come from customers of Patuxent Water Company has been included in the projected revenues. Mr. McKee reported that water charge in Patuxent Park is \$4.52 a month and sewerage \$4.00 a month, per home. Mr. Miles asked if the Commissioners would back them up, but Mr. Donaldson stated that the Commissioners have no authority to do this. The Commission must stay within 25% of assessment basis; they presently are within 13%. Mr. Burch stated they should not wait until next year to start this and feels they should go ahead and negotiate with them.

Mrs. J. B. Knight Building Lot

The Commissioners/^{reviewed} with Mr. Walter Raum a letter received from Senator Joseph Tydings regarding a Mrs. Josephine B. Knight who states that she is not being allowed to build a home on her lot in Patuxent Beach because of sanitary reasons. Mr. Raum reported that first it was one lot, then she divided it in half so that her brother could build a home. She presently has a trailer on the lot and Mr. Raum feels there is no plumbing in the trailer. Mr. Aud and Mr. Raum will investigate the situation tomorrow and see what can be done. Mr. Burch suggested that a letter be written to Senator Tydings and inform him that Mr. Aud and Mr. Raum are working on the matter.

Board of Education

Mr. Donaldson prepared a letter to be sent to the Board of Education (dating it May 14 as the law states they must be advised within 15 days after approval of the budget) notifying them of the areas that were cut in the budget of the Board of Education. Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles reviewed the letter and had

several questions regarding it, so it will be checked further with Mr. Donaldson.

Metropolitan Commission

The Commissioners instructed Mr. Donaldson to go ahead and release money to the Metropolitan Commission on the Piney Point Sanitary District. It was decided that, at the present time, only \$2,000 of the \$5,000 would be released.

Treasurer's Absence

Mr. Bowles stated someone should be appointed to sign checks in the treasurer's absence.

Parks and Recreation

Mr. Donaldson stated that Mr. C. Maddox could be hired on a year's contractual basis without getting involved with the Merit System.

Airport Right-of-Way

Mr. Floyd Chesser, REA, wanted to know if he should proceed with laying of poles on the 50' right-of-way on the county side. The Commissioners advised him to stay as close to the edge of the 50' right-of-way as possible.

Roads

Mr. D. Bond was requested to have bushes cut on Stevens Road and Far Cry Road, located below Hermanville.

Mr. Bond reported that a weight limit has been put on St. John's Road Bridge. He stated he is planning to take up the bridge and replace it with pipe which will cost approximately \$727.81.

Mr. Aud reported that water is coming on the property of a Mr. Frank Watermolen from a ditch located on Indian Bridge Road, off St. Andrews Road. Mr. Aud and Mr. Bond will look into this.

Mr. Aud reported that there is a road off Clarke's Landing Road to be taken into the system. A Stone and Baseford family reside on the road. This will be checked out by Mr. Aud to determine the name of the road.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Bond that the Commissioners have received a letter from Mr. Brodsky about oiling schedule funds coming out of maintenance budget. Mr. Bond was furnished copies of the letter.

Mr. P. Raley reported that the seawall at Tall Timbers, on the property of Mrs. Richard Everett, is presently leaning. This is located three doors down on River Road South. Mr. Burch stated we will have to get in touch with Mr. E. Mohl of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs regarding this matter.

Mr. P. Raley reported that Deputy J. W. Robinson, who owns property on the Leonardtown-Hollywood Road, reports that water is running on his property, and that a Mr. Price does not have a pipe under his road. If a pipe is installed,

it will keep the water from flowing onto his property. He would also like to have a ditch cleaned. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

Mr. Bond is to have Quincy Terrace sign and "no thru street" sign replaced in Town Creek. This was reported by Mr. Aud.

Reviewed letter from R. E. Thompson regarding water standing in three pools adjacent to Spruce Drive in Town Creek. Mr. Bond stated that the landowner should fill in the area with dirt and bring it up to the height of the pipe. It would take three or four truck loads of dirt to do the job.

Mr. Bond reported he has talked with Mr. J. Dobry regarding roads in Greenview Knolls.

Reviewed letter from Mr. G. H. Chappelle in which he requests that a few loads of gravel be placed on the road on the river side at Breton Beach, which is approximately 1,000 feet long. This road is in the county system and Mr. Burch stated it should be graveled.

Mr. P. Raley reported that a Mr. R. White would like to have a yield sign placed at the end of Spruce Drive and Gunston Drive. Also, Spruce and Chestnut Drives need speed zones.

Mr. Bond reported on the road adjoining his home. There are four homes on the road and they would like to have this in the county system for maintenance. Mr. Briscoe is presently having a deed drafted for a 40' strip, and getting it recorded.

Restoration of Old Jail

Mr. J. Frank Raley and Mr. Charles E. Fenwick. Mr. Raley reported that the Historical Society has studied the old jail and have formulated a plan that may be an advantage to the county from an economic standpoint and also have use of the building. Their plan is have the county make the old jail available to the Economic Development Committee, have a secretary, and use the facility as an information center for tourists. Could also use the building for an office for the St. Mary's Historical Society, with the remaining building to be used as a museum. They would like areas to be used decorated and furniture made available. The problem will be acquiring a secretary to work in the center, as they do not have funds available for this. Mr. Raley asked if the Commissioners would be interested in hiring such a person. If not, then her salary would have to come out of the Economic Development Committee's budget, but their budget is limited to \$10,000. Mr. Donaldson came into the meeting and was asked to express an opinion. He feels the entire operation should be investigated. Mr. Burch stated the Commissioners will talk with them about this at a later time.

Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. J. Frank Raley and Mr. Donaldson. Mr. Donaldson reported that he has talked with Mr. Jerry McVay at the State Merit System Office, and the latter stated the Commissioners can get rid of a person by not appropriating money for the position and have the job abolished in the next fiscal year, if they desire to do this.

Senator Raley state a committee has been studying the realignment of the positions

of Parks and Recreation and the Youth Commission. They said that the Youth Commission is dealing with youth and has no jurisdiction over the parks. They feel the Youth Commission can act in an advisory capacity. Senator Raley feels that Mr. Barthelme's position can be abolished by legislation.

Mr. Burch made a motion that the county employ Mr. Chris Maddox as soon as he can arrive in the county. Mr. Bowles asked if the Commissioners are in agreement with the abolishment of the other position. Mr. Burch said yes.

James R. Guy

It was decided that the Commissioners would write a letter to Lt. Col. Kruger requesting that James R. Guy be released from the Air Force due to the serious illness of his father, Mr. Malcolm Guy, who operates a large Foodway store in Ridge. James is stationed at Charleston, South Carolina.

County Planner

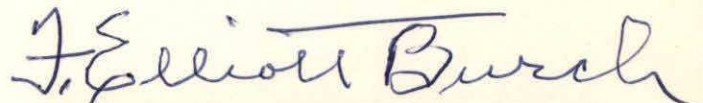
Mr. Burch reported he has talked with Mr. John Mills of Tri-County Council, about employment of a person to fill in for Mr. Pantaleo. He feels a person should be hired as a planner for all three counties.

Railroad

Reviewed a letter from Mr. L. A. Shephard, GSA, regarding a check in the amount of \$11,250, for purchase of a portion of the Brandywine to Cedar Point Railroad. Mr. Shephard is having the appraisal of this property updated and expects to receive reports by August 31.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President

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