

June 24, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

New Market Right-of-Way

Mr. Bowles and Mr. Burch approved a letter to be sent to Mr. Joseph M. Ford regarding a road in the 5th District, off Route 236 on the southwest side of the Navy Railroad, which is parallel to old Route 5 at New Market. The letter states that if the necessary right-of-way is obtained at no cost to the county, and if the old road in front of this property is maintained or reconstructed and maintained by the county, it will be done at no cost to Mr. Ford.

Dukehart's Creek

Reviewed a letter from R. M. Hutchins, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, in which it is stated that funds are included in 1970 budget for the dredging of the channel into Dukehart's Creek, and dredging an anchorage basin approximately 100 yards by 200 yards. They estimate 62,000 cubic yards of material would be removed. Mr. P. Raley stated that Mr. Pantaleo had been making up drawings on this project. The Commissioners also reviewed a letter from Senator Bailey in which he urged that this project be moved ahead.

Bushwood Bulkhead and Dredging

Reviewed letter from Mr. A. Sandusky, Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, informing the Commissioners that the Commission of CBA has granted the request for construction of 175 feet of bulkhead and dredging at Bushwood in the amount of \$5,000 or less. This request was made by the Commissioners. The project must be completed within 6 months. Mr. Sandusky also listed terms and conditions of the project application.

Long Neck and Tanner Creeks

It was reported by Mr. Bowles that he had received a request to open up Long Neck Creek from Judge Dorsey. Mr. Lawrence Hayden stated that the Commissioners should write to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, requesting that this be opened, dredged and made into a refuge harbor. Mr. Raley stated if this is done then it should be requested that Tanner Creek be opened, also. It was pointed out that Tanner and Long Neck Creeks are north and south of each other.

Nursing Home

Mr. Burch reported that Mrs. Elberta Hayden will replace Mrs. Julius Johnson on the Board of Directors of the Nursing Home for a three year term. Mr. Burch will endeavor to have another person from his area on the Board. It was decided that Mrs. Hayden would be sent a letter thanking her for accepting the appointment. Mr. Bowles stated he will select a person from his district to serve on the Board.



Airport

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud discussed approval of a bill in the amount of \$1,500, submitted by David Williams, Attorney, regarding title work he has done on the airport project.

St. Mary's County Maintenance Building

Mr. P. Raley read a Notice to Contractors for construction work to be done on this building. The Commissioners decided that they would go ahead and have bids submitted, then make a decision. The bids will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on July 29th, in the Commissioners office. The work will be performed under one building construction contract which includes general construction, plumbing, heating and electrical work.

Kingston Creek

Mr. Aud requested that a letter be sent to the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs regarding funds for Kingston Creek and Little Kingston Creek.

Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc.

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mr. Charles Wible would like to have some written directions for SMECO to place electric wires under county roads. Those mentioned were Golden Beach, Holly Gap, and Potomac Shores Roads. Mr. A. Tate has said that a sign must be erected noting that a cable is underground. Mr. Burch suggested this be done before electricity is turned on.

CATV

Reviewed letter from Mr. Thomas Rice regarding a CATV franchise for St. Mary's County. Mr. Rice feels that the Commissioners neglected to inform him of such a franchise. Mr. Williams was instructed to write Mr. Rice a letter similar to the one sent to Mr. Robert C. Gotshall. This letter states that the Commissioners do not have authority to grant a franchise for this project, as it does not require a franchise.

County Road Maintenance

The Commissioners reviewed a letter date June 16, from Mr. A. Tate, regarding maintenance of county roads. Mr. Tate feels it is not practical to set up a separate maintenance section in the county budget and would like to meet with the Commissioners and inspect the county roads. Mr. Burch stated that the Commissioners will advise Mr. Tate of a date to inspect the roads.

Damaged Snow Fence

Reviewed letter from Mr. A. Tate in which he states that the SRC has a limited amount of damaged snow fence for the county to purchase. It was decided that the Commissioners would request 10,000 feet of this fence.

Local Income Tax Rate

Reviewed a letter from the Comptroller of the Treasury requesting that the county



submit local income tax rate on or before July 1. Also required is number of emergency vehicles and fire trucks in the county. Mr. P. Raley said he could get most of this information from Mr. Otis Wood and from the Commissioners records.

#### Franchise Tax Receipts

Received \$1,032.50 from the State of Maryland for share of the franchise tax for the month of May 1969.

#### Airport Aid

Received \$22,831.49 from the State Aviation Commission as sixth payment on the Federal Airport Aid Program.

#### Leonardtwn Assessments

Reviewed copy of a letter to the Assessor's Office from the Leonardtown Commissioners relative to assessment of properties in Leonardtown. They indicate some properties increased and others decreased in their assessment.

#### Speed Zone Recommendations

The Commissioners reviewed speed zone recommendations for Town Creek area, from Corp. Miedzinski. It was decided that a resolution be made on these recommendations and submitted to Mr. Tate. In Town Creek, 30 mph for Spruce and Chestnut Roads, stop sign placed on Chestnut, stop sign placed at intersection of Gunston and Spruce Roads, sign placed on Gunston. Corp. Miedzinski also recommended lowering posted limit to 45 mph for the southbound lane in Mechanicsville.

#### Invoices Approved

The Commissioners approved Project SEC-11-69, Camp Merryelande, and asked CBA to proceed with the project. Mr. Bowles reported that Sister Rose Michael is sending the Commissioners \$1,800, which represents their share for the project.

Approved payment of \$1,800 to Beavin Company for period of May for engineering and other services on the Master Water and Sewerage Plan.

Approved Voucher Nos. 35178 - 35228.

Approved payment of \$5,250 to Buehart & Associates for plans for the maintenance building.

Approved payment of \$36.71 to the Charles County Commissioners for the county's share for the luncheon held on May 28, 1969, sponsored by the Tri-County Council.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved requisition of \$43,200.36 to Dean & Beavers for work on the airport property.

Approved payment of \$2,279.69 to the SRC for construction, inspection, and material testing on Project SM 599-512, St. Andrews Church Road, for month of April.



Approved payment of \$100 to Briscoe & Kenney, in case of Richard DeCarlo, approved by Judge Briscoe.

St. Andrews Road Estimate

Reviewed an estimate of \$1,200 on St. Andrews Road, for clearing of Norris property, submitted by Dean and Beavers. This was not approved.

Justice of the Peace Bond - Hayden

The Commissioners approved and signed a Justice of the Peace Bond for James Roland Hayden.

Department of Employment Security

Mr. Oliver Guyther has requested that rent payment of \$1,200 be released for Department of Employment Security Office for period of July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970. This was unanimously agreed to by the Commissioners.

St. Andrews Church Road Case

Reviewed letter from Mr. Herbert Murray, Attorney for Smith, Somerville and Case, regarding the case on St. Andrews Church Road. Mr. Donaldson was instructed to answer various questions asked of him that were not answered during the deposition on advice of counsel.

Tax Abatement

Mr. H. Sterling stated that the State Auditors want the Commissioners to pass a resolution setting 1957-1961 for abating taxes that are beyond limitations. Mr. Sterling requested that the resolution state that uncollectable taxes will be abated for the years 1957-1961. The amount for each of the years is as follows:

1957 - \$ 4.10	County and State	1960 - \$ 12.11
1958 - 4.10		1961 - 95.52
1959 - 18.37		

Certification of Tax Levy

As of May 1, the total levy for Fiscal Year 1969-70 was \$2,363,838.31. Census dated July 1, 1969, is 42,400. The amount of tax per capita is \$55.86. Approved by the Commissioners and signed by Mr. Burch.

County Roads System Employees

Mr. Sterling reported on the road positions for the county. He stated that first the position must be advertised, applicants fill out applications, and be graded on experience. They will not be required to take a test and the two men who have applied qualify for Operator II. Mr. Sterling stated he has explained this to the men and they go along with it. They can be put on as Operator II on a temporary basis until paperwork is completed.



### Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Burch reported that Adm. Clarke has asked if the Commissioners had checked with Mr. L. A. Shepherd regarding their request for right-of-way easement on the railroad, for water and sewerage.

### County Maintenance Building

Mr. Bob Chesney, Buchart & Associates, Mr. P. Raley. Mr. Chesney presented plans showing changes that were recommended at the last meeting with the Commissioners. General discussion followed relative to the areas provided for carrying off water around the proposed building. Also, showed drawings of lavatory setup and recommended that spaces be provided for installing of fire extinguishers throughout the building. The county can provide for these. A canopy over the pump will cost \$800. Mr. Chesney stated that the septic system and dry well have been approved as shown by percolation test. Will put flood lights on outside of the building, will have plans (17 sets) brought down on the 30th, and will have specifications brought along with them. The project will be bid on July 29, and these bids will be bound by 60 days. Mr. Chesney will try to get other builders in Baltimore to bid the project.

### Roads

Mr. Aud requested that three pipes, from the river to the creek at Patuxent Beach, be fixed. Mr. Bond feels that the Commissioners should write a letter to Mr. Tate regarding this and get instructions from him as what is to be done about it. Mr. Aud said a hole could be dug four or five feet below the pipes with a dragline and this would take care of it.

Mr. Bond asked about the oiling situation. According to the letter from Mr. M. Brodsky, Mr. Bond feels he will charge 20% overhead instead of 10%. Mr. Burch telephone Mr. Brodsky relative to this and he stated that overhead would be 10% of total cost. Mr. Burch explained to Mr. Brodsky that there have been problems getting this work done since Mr. Pantaleo has been ill.

Mr. Bond reported that he has sent up resolution to Mr. Tate regarding speed zones in Esperanza. Mr. Bond stated he will see that speed zone signs on Seven Gables Road are changed. Mr. Aud reported that the bushes need cutting on this same road.

Reported to Mr. Bond that we have received a complaint that a Mr. Albert Talbert of Piney Point has ditches flooding and has filled them in with dirt. Mr. Bond is to check into this.

Mr. Bond reported that road from Half-Way House to New Market will soon be blacktopped. He also reported that Dean and Beavers were low bidder on constructing Route 5 from McKay's to Loveville.

Mr. Bowles received a request from Mrs. Raymond Baden, who lives on Old Dan Dixon Road, to have calcium chloride put on the road to help settle the dust. Mr. Bond will take care of this request.

The Commissioners decided to purchase a new chainsaw for the SRC. Mr. Bond



said it would cost \$165 to repair the old one and would get \$150 trade-in, so it was decided to purchase an additional saw.

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Bond if he was aware of a concrete wall that has been built on Sandgates Road in Hollywood. Mr. Burch said we need to go over there and establish right-of-way on the road. Mr. Bond said that the plat must be checked, the markers found, and someone must be hired to do this.

#### Tri-County Council

The Commissioners informed Mr. John Mills, Director, that our county is in need of someone to fill an engineer's position on a borrowed basis. Mr. Mills asked if the county is in a position to hire someone for this. Mr. Burch stated, at this time, the Commissioners do not know Mr. Pantaleo's condition and now need someone to take over in his absence. Mr. Williams suggested perhaps a person could be recruited from one of the larger counties. Mr. Bowles suggested getting someone under 40 years of age. Mr. Aud feels it would be a good idea to have Leon Etzler come down on a part-time basis. After discussion, it was decided that possibly Leon Etzler could report to work in the county for one day a week and he could help with the zoning ordinance, also.

#### Camp Saysf Road

Mr. Aud reported that on a Mrs. Cutchember's property on this road, the SRC is planning to cut down three oak trees on her side of the road. She does not want to give up the trees. It was brought up that the right-of-way was granted before Mrs. Cutchember bought the property. If the road could be shifted 10 feet, this would save the trees. Mr. Aud said he will see if Mrs. Thomas will give 10 feet on the other side of the road.

#### Economic Development Committee

It was decided that a secretary would be hired to work in the old jail and act as a tourist guide, giving out information on the county. The salary of \$5,000 will be paid out of the EDC budget.

#### Maypole Road

Mr. J. D. Raley is to present estimates for improvements to this road, located in the 3rd District.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved,

*F. Elliott Burch*

F. Elliott Burch, President