July 8, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch

J. Wilmer Bowles George R. Aud

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Watershed Loan

The Commissioners approved and Mr. Burch signed letter to Mr. Chester Tyson, State Director of FHA, regarding application for watershed loan. The letter stated that SCS does not have funds for an advance and requested that the loan be based on the deferment of repayment.

Scholarship Award

Miss Nancy Lee Taylor has been awarded the scholarship to St. Mary's College, declined by Stephen Raley, who will be attending a teachers' college and has received a scholarship for same. Letters to Angeline M. Choporis, Wayne Mark Davis, and Joseph Scott Ridgell, have been sent and replies are awaited.

Environmental Trust Committee

Mr. Aud discussed briefly with the Commissioners goals of the subject organization and requests that the Commissioners approve \$500 to this organization to help them get started. He feels this organization could be of much benefit to the county and would like to obtain some large drums for their use in cleaning up the county. Mr. Burch does not feel that this money can be appropriated, but will check into the possibility.

Nursing Home

It was decided that a letter be sent to Mrs. Julius Johnson thanking her for serving on the Nursing Home Board of Directors, and expressing regret that she could not accept reappointment because of illness.

It was decided that Dr. John Fenwick would be requested to serve on the Board for a three-year term to expire 1972 as of June 30. A letter of appointment has been sent to him.

Snow Fence

The Commissioners approved and signed letter to Mr. A. W. Tate requesting that the county purchase 10,000 feet of snow fence for county use.

Airport

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$2,000 for engineering services for June 1969 on the Airport Project, to Rader and Associates.

Beavin and Company

Approved for payment by the State Health Department \$1,440 to said company for engineering services on the Master Water and Sewerage Plan.

Taxation Resolution

The Commissioners approved and signed resolution for uncollectable taxes for years 1957 through 1961. Copies are to be made for Mr. Sterling and Mr. Herbert.

Potomac Estuary

Mrs. E. L. Tillman reported to the Commissioners on the information she has compiled on the Potomac Estuary study requested by the Department of the Interior. She has also prepared a letter to be sent to that agency explaining what information is being presented and forwarded to it. Additional information will be sent upon request.

Camper Trailers

Mrs. Leila Rogers, Planning and Zoning Office, stated that the county has no laws regarding camper trailer parks. Mr. Stanton Guy and Mr. Bud Mattingly are requesting the Commissioners approval to establish this type park on St. Patrick's Creek. Since the county has no laws governing this, something will have to be done. Charles County requires that these parks meet Health Department regulations. It was decided to have Dr. Houser come in and help answer cuestions and give advice. He stated that since we have regulations for trailer parks, they could also be established for camper parks. The lots are 20' wide and 25' long, as shown on the plat. Mr. Bowles suggested that Dr. Houser prepare some regulations that would be required by the State Health Department, submit them to the Commissioners, and then the final regulations could be formulated. It was pointed out that the Commissioners could waive this as it applies to campers for 15 days or less and then a resolution could be adopted. (These last remarks were made by Mr. Williams.) Dr. Houser agreed with this, and Mr. Williams prepared a resolution which was adopted and enacted today and signed by the Commissioners. The resolution limits size of campers and camper trailers to prevent large trailers from coming in and also includes a fee for parking.

Mr. Aud requested that Dr. Houser send the Commissioners a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Josephine Knight of Patuxent Beach by the Health Department, and Dr. Houser will see that this is done.

Sheriff Cars

The Commissioners approved payment of \$10,799.80 for four new cars for the Sheriff's Department, purchased from Suburban Chrysler, Plymouth, Inc.

Dean and Beavers

The Commissioners approved payment of \$6,097.14 to this company for Contract No. SM-599-518, St. Andrews Church Road.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$9,035.55 to this company in reference to the Airport Road.

Leonard Steuart

Mr. Leonard Steuart has compiled a set of advertisements on St. Mary's County, as requested by Mr. Buck Briscoe. He presented pictures of the advertisements to all three Commissioners, stating they will run in magazines and newspapers and there are six in a series to run through July and August.

Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill

Mr. Robert Dodds, Mr. Red Focer, Mr. D. Bond. Mr. Dodds reported to the Commissioners on the progress they have been making on county road projects. He stated they are now also in the marina consulting business and most of their business would probably be in the county area so far as recreation and development are concerned. He stated that Mr. Red Focer will be the county's contact man.

Mr. Dodds reported on the progress of several projects. The Bennett Road is completed, but they need to send the Commissioners four more copies of the plat so that plans may be made to take the road into the system. He reported that he has two men working on the Yates Road and has additional field work to do on the Tippett Road. Mr. Bond stated that four copies of plats should be sent to the SRC.

Roads

Mr. Bond reported that bushes have been cut on the Frank Latham Road, and will also cut the bushes on Seven Gables Road.

Camp Saysf Road

Reviewed letter from Congressman Morton relative to a letter he had received from Mrs. J. T. Vallee in reference to repair work on said road.

Drumcliffs Association

Reviewed letter from H. C. Bugbee which states that this association is planning to construct an open gateway on the Drumcliffs Road. The SRC has approved this provided that the gateway is placed beyond the 20 foot limit on each side and would not block traffic vision. Construction is to start in August. It was decided by the Commissioners that this letter would be adknowledged thanking them for passing along the information.

Scotland Beach

Messrs. J. W. Eastwood, John Wilkerson, Charles Monroe, D. Bond. Mr. Eastwood stated that Tanner Creek closes up so often that water left there becomes stagnant. He thanked the Commissioners for helping with the problem, but they want to have something permanent done so they will not have this continuous problem. They propose to install a permanent sluceway further away from the old one, which has partly fallen down. By putting in the new sluceway and closing the old one, it will prevent having to open up the creek from time to time. He stated that salt water has eaten away at the abutments of the bridge and has caused the bridge to become dangerous. Some jetty work would have to be done.

Mr. Burch stated this can be taken up with Chesapeake Bay Affairs which has engineers who could give advice and money to help fix the sluiceway. Mr. Bond said the only way the old bridge could be removed was to have it demolished by dynamite. Mr. Eastwood stated that Mr. Marshall Cook, of CBA, had been down there about the shore erosion problem. Mr. Burch said Mr. Cook could possibly be the contact man from CBA for this project.

St. Andrews Church Road

Mr. John Ridgell. The Commissioners inspected Mr. Ridgell's property on St. Andrews Church Road where Dean and Beavers are doing construction work. Mr. Ridgell stated they were to take only 25 feet from the center of the road to his property, but have taken 50 feet instead, causing him to be very much concerned since his home is on the hill from the road. There is 21 feet from his doorstep to the edge of the bank. Mr. A. W. Tate will meet with the Commissioners on Thursday and they will look over the situation and find out who the supervisor is and what can be done. Mr. Ridgell's name was on the contract, but he stated he had not signed it.

Purchase of Excess Land

Reviewed letter from Mr. Robert Bennett, Chief, Property Management Section, SRC, in which they are giving the county the option to purchase 1.75 acres of land on Rt. 235 and Rt. 5, southerly to Laurel Grove, for \$800.00. The SRC must be notified by July 31, 1969, of the county's decision and also what is the proposed use of the property. The Commissioners decided that the letter would be acknowledged thanking them for informing us of the opportunity, and the county is in a position to purchase this tract of land at this time.

Mosquito Control

The Commissioners approved and signed the Mosquito Control Budget for 1969-70. County appropriation is \$17,107.70.

White Marsh Elementary School

The Commissioners approved \$7,340.98 for additions and alterations to this facility from the School Construction Fund.

Resident Physician's Salary

The Commissioners approved \$7,500 for resident physician's salary to St. Mary's Hospital for FY 1969-70.

Library

Approved payment of \$80 to Mervell M. Dean, Inc., for two locks installed on the County Library; approved \$5.30 for screws to Lamb Seal and Stencil Company; approved \$60 to Robert Shaw Controls Company for installing s/w manual in central control panel.

Forests and Parks

Reviewed bills submitted by Forests and Parks for a fire in the county. Dean and Beavers, Inc., \$30 for 3 bulldozer operators, \$51.80 to Burch Oil, Inc., for 178 gallons of gas. This was an emergency request. It was decided that Mr. P. Raley check records to see what has been the previous policy regarding this.

Nursing Home

Reviewed letter from Mr. Raymond Czarra, President, Board of Directors, requesting \$30,000 from the current budget to cover current operating expenses and necessary repairs to the building. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the Board asking what amount of money is needed for repairs, and that they so advise the Commissioners.

County Code Supplement 1969

Reviewed letter from Dr. Carl Everstine, Director, Department of Legislative Reference, in which he states that they will print 150 copies of the supplement at \$8.50 per page. He is planning to have all pages filled in solid in this year's supplement.

Maypole Road

It was decided to pay the SRC \$7,800 for proposed improvements to subject road.

Chesapeake Corporation

The Commissioners reviewed and received copies of a letter from Mr. T. G. Harris, in which the Commissioners requested 50 to 75 acres of land for use as a sanitary landfill in the 2nd District. Mr. Harris is requesting his area engineer to visit our area within the next week or ten days to determine what the Commissioners have in mind.

Revenues Received

Received \$1,119.69 for share of the Franchise Tax on net earnings of saving banks, building, savings and loan associations, collected by the Comptroller. Also received \$87,668.65 as local income tax revenue for 1968.

Received \$15,785 from Police Protection Grant, 4th payment. Of this amount, \$3,204.59 is for the town of Leonardtown, and the Commissioners agreed that this should be forwarded to the Leonardtown Commissioners.

Camp Merryelande Project

Received \$1,800 from Sister Rose Michael as their share of the contribution for this project.

Beavin Company

Reviewed letter from this company confirming meeting with the Commissioners on August 28 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the Master Water and Sewerage Plan for the county.

Airport

Reviewed letter from the FAA in which they state that Dean and Beavers will exceed contract time on the airport project. A change order must be issued relative to this.

Municipal Bonds

The Commissioners approved and signed letter of opposition to Senator Tydings, Senator Mathias and Congressman Morton regarding interest on municipal bonds becoming taxable.

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