

July 15, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.

Clergy Association

Received a telephone call from Rev. Daugherty, and he requests that a decision be made by the Commissioners relative to hiring a Director for a Teen Center in Lexington Park, at a salary of \$10,000. This was discussed at length and it was decided that there is no supplemental budget for this purpose and the Commissioners have no authority regarding the allocation of this money. Mr. Burch asked if the Commissioners are in a position to commit funds for this next year. All of this will eventually come under Parks and Recreation. Mr. Bowles does not feel that a commitment should be made on a permanent basis, but rather try it on an experimental basis to see how it works out and then decide if it will be a permanent arrangement. Mr. Burch informed Rev. Daugherty, by phone, that there is an item in the Parks and Recreation Commission budget that could be used with our concurrence. This money could be funded through the Youth Commission and this commission would become an advisory and study group, while Parks and Recreation does work regarding parks, etc. The person hired could also act as Director of Parks and Recreation.

McKay's Beach

Mr. P. Raley reported that the 21 people involved have no objection to the bank loan, but some feel it should go through CBA, some would like to pay in a lump sum, and some wanted it to be included in their tax bill. Whatever the decision, all would have to do the same. On a three year basis, their payments would be \$30 per month; in two years their payments would be \$40 per month, according to the bank. The Commissioners feel each person should pay their own note and pay off when they wanted to. It was reported that none of the people involved wanted to be the collector. Mr. Burch talked with Mr. Jack Koegel relative to the feelings of these people and that they must reach some decision before anything can be done.

Municipal Bonds

Mr. Bowles reported that the National Association of Counties has learned of a tax being placed on subject bonds, but no rate has been set yet. They urge the Commissioners to get in touch with Congressman Morton and request him to use his influence against the taxation.

It was agreed by the Commissioners that a letter be written to Congressman Morton thanking him for meeting with them and touring the county.

Great Mills Park Center

Reviewed letter of July 9, in which the Department of Forests and Parks requests

that the Commissioners send in three copies of Amendment #1 for the subject park center. This is for a one-year extension period and this office will be notified of the Bureau's action concerning this request.

Leon Etzler

Mr. Etzler stated he spends half day on a regular basis in Charles County. The Commissioners explained some of the areas in which Mr. Etzler will be helping, and it was decided he would come down on Tuesday afternoons to start with to go over correspondence, etc., in the Planning and Zoning Office.

Mr. Burch informed Mr. Etzler that Mr. J. D. Raley is planning to come to work for the county if something can be worked out with the State Merit System. Also, Mr. Raley does not have an engineer's license. It is possible, with the county, he could start with a salary of \$10,300. Mr. Burch also informed him that someone is needed to check out roads. Mr. Etzler stated that a state inspector could be called upon to do this work, namely, Mr. D. Bond.

Special Election re School Bonds

Reviewed letter from the Board of Education in which Dr. King requests that the Commissioners make arrangements for a special election so that the Bond Issue may go on referendum. He suggests that November 4 is an appropriate date. The Commissioners do not feel that they have the authority to sponsor this, but will check into the matter.

Airport

Reviewed letter of July 14, from L. J. DeAngelis, President, Professional Flight Service, Inc., Washington, D. C., in which he proposed to base rent on the amount of business that is done at the Airport, plus a fixed fee. Total proposal is \$1,930 per month.

Mr. Burch signed Change Order No. 1 to Dean and Beavers in reference to work on the Airport Project.

Nursing Home

Received reply that Mrs. Elberta Hayden and Dr. John Fenwick will accept appointment to the Board of Directors of the Nursing Home.

Ralph M. Grant

Mr. R. Grant, Mr. Leon Etzler, Mr. P. Raley. Mr. Grant presented maps showing his parcel of land, approximately 227 acres, located off the Bethel Church Road, between Mechanicsville and Chaptico. Mr. Grant explained that the only entrance to his property is through a road going north off Bethel Church Road, through a cornfield and through a wooded area. He is concerned about this road because he fears that he will lose his right-of-way into his property and the property will become landlocked. Mr. Burch explained to Mr. Grant that there must be at least four houses on a road before a road can be taken into the system. Mr. Burch recommended that he get in touch with Mr. Alec Loker and establish the right-of-way and get a deed for the road. Mr. Etzler said if there is a right-of-way granted and stated in the the deed, then no one could take this away from him.

Watershed

Capt. J. Henderson, Mr. Leon Etzler, Mr. P. Raley. Discussed and reviewed copies of Waterway Obstruction Permits Nos. 1-5 for all five dams to be constructed. The Commissioners approved and Mr. Burch signed said forms agreeing to conditions of permit and granting permission for Department of Water Resources to conduct inspections on the premises.

Reviewed letter dated July 14, 1969, from Stephen J. Wurn, U. S. Department of Agriculture, relative to watershed project in which he states that the deferred repayments would be in order. The annual installment would become due at the end of the year and the source of repayments would come from revenues from this facility.

Reviewed letter of July 14, 1969, from Mr. Guy S. Rogers, Department of Game and Inland Fish, relative to Site #1, in which he states he will send our breakdown to the Board of Public Works. He does not feel the project will have any problem receiving approval. It was decided by the Commissioners to write to Mr. Rogers requesting that they have their attorney write the agreement and also that they confirm our letter of June 6, that legal fees will be included in the county contribution of \$100,000 for land acquisition.

Nicolet Park

Capt. Henderson stated he will talk with Mr. E. Curley about hiring someone to cut grass when necessary at this park. It was noted that \$1,200 is the amount allowed for maintenance in the Parks and Recreation budget. The Commissioners feel maintenance should be taken care of by persons using park area.

Mr. Burch stated he could possibly obtain the two drums for this park as requested of the Parks and Recreation Commission by Mr. A. Barthelme.

Capt. Henderson stated that Dr. King has requested the State Department of Education to grant approval for granting 20 acres at Great Mills High School to the Parks and Recreation Commission. He feels this will tend to slow up progress on this project.

Valley Lee Fill and Sanitary Fill Maintenance

Messrs. Ned Bean, Leon Etzler, P. Raley. Mr. Bean presented to the Commissioners pictures of the fill and how it has been flowing out into the road. The Commissioners informed Mr. Bean that Mr. W. Wise would be contacted to have something done. Mr. H. V. McLeod has been informed not to use this fill until something can be done to clean it up. Also, the Seafarer's Union will be asked to stop dumping in this fill.

It was unanimously agreed that we will go ahead and employ the two men and start cleaning up landfills with equipment purchased by the county. The equipment will be delivered and the two men will begin work Monday on a temporary basis as Operator II. Mr. Walter Wise was called into the meeting and advised of the Commissioners plans to take over the maintenance of landfills and dumps in St. Mary's County as of July 20, 1969. It was unanimously agreed between Mr. Wise and the Commissioners that his contract for the maintenance of landfills

and dumps in the county would terminate as of July 31. Mr. Wise was also informed about decision not to allow any commercial businesses to use the Valley Lee fill. The Commissioners have received a complaint from a Mrs. Glenn, who lives near the fill, and is having difficulty getting in and out of her property because of trash piled up around her home.

John Embler and Associates

Mr. Larry Day and Mr. John Embler reported they have opened an office in the Harry Leonard Building in Great Mills, and are ready to serve in a surveying capacity. Mr. Day stated they can start surveying the 17 acres of land at Bennett's.

Zoning

Mr. L. Etzler stated that he could obtain a set of tax maps from the State Tax Department and get information from zoning map and place on these maps. From this he could get started working on the proposed county zoning ordinance. The Commissioners will meet with Mr. Etzler on Friday evening to begin work on this.

Historical Society

Mr. Bowles stated that Mr. J. Frank Raley and Mr. C. Fenwick should be the people to select the secretary for the EDC office to be located in the old jail. It was agreed that the \$5,000 requested for the secretary's salary would come out of EDC's budget. Mr. Aud did not agree with this. It was suggested that this should be discussed further with Mr. Arthur "Buck" Briscoe.

Invoices Approved

Approved payment of \$1,033 to Maryland Association of Counties for dues and assessments for St. Mary's County for 1969-1970.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$2,250 to David M. Gruber and Company for 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved payment of \$52.00 to Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill, relative to the Airport Access Road from St. Andrews Road.

School Bus

Mr. P. Raley reported that Mrs. Kitty Swann would like to take over Mr. W. Slenzdak's bus. Mr. Raley also is to obtain a copy of the bus contract from the Board of Education.

Airport Proposals

Mr. Burch signed a letter to go to the following regarding proposals for the airport: Greenwood Flying Service, George Saslow, Prof. Airflyte Co., Ernest Reece, Mr. Wm. T. Hughes, Mr. Larry DeAngelis, CDR. Otis and Richard Bradley, relative to a meeting that perspective lessees may attend and ask questions about the airport. Meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 25, 1969, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch