

September 2, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Point Lookout State Park

Mr. Leonard Cryer and Mr. Philip R. Wood. Mr. Wood, a Forest Warden, stated that a laborer hired at the park has placed a trailer on park property and has hooked up to water and sewage near where an old house is to be torn down. Verbal approval for this has been obtained from the state, but Mr. Wood wanted to know if the Commissioners had any jurisdiction over this. The employees of this nature are not to live on park area. Mr. Wood is to check this out with Dr. Houser. The Commissioners stated they do not have jurisdiction over this situation.

Maintenance Building

Mr. Joseph Crumbling, Buchart Associates, presented copies of letters he received from Alton Engineering and Dobry Construction Company for changes in construction to reduce the cost of construction of this building. Due to changes made by Alton Engineering, their company has become the low bidder at \$189,000, from the former bid of \$253,000. Dobry Construction Company would come down to \$218,000 from \$238,000, the former bid. Mr. Burch suggested that the total project be rebid with the approved changes incorporated. It may be possible that we could get more bidders. Mr. Crumbling feels Alton Engineering would be interested in the rebidding. The changes could possibly be presented in an addendum form with the plans and specifications. If we could get the bid under \$195,000, Mr. Crumbling feels this would be good. Mr. Burch stated the funds for the project would have to be borrowed and the Commissioners do not have the authority at this time. The Commissioners will inform Mr. Crumbling if they decide to rebid the project.

Courthouse Expansion

Mr. J. Crumbling presented revised plans for the expansion of the courthouse. Discussed with Sheriff Burroughs plans for the Sheriff's Department. After considerable discussion, changes were made and approved. Other offices were discussed and changes made. Mr. Crumbling asked if he should proceed with getting some preliminary plans for the expansion. Mr. Burch said we should see if we could obtain some of the money for this through legislation. Mr. Crumbling estimates the project to cost around \$300,000. He requested that the Commissioners obtain a survey from the courthouse to the street so that he will know how many feet the building can be expanded toward the street. It was suggested that the Commissioners meet with the two delegates and the senator to discuss financing of the project and then get in touch with Mr. Crumbling.

Hill's and Pomerantz Trailer Court

Mr. Burch signed plat for expansion of Hill's and Pomerantz Trailer Court for 33 spaces.

Maryland Historical Trust

Messrs. Charles E. Fenwick, President, Historical Society; Edward W. Beitzell, Robert E. Pogue, Mrs. Ann M. Cartier, Maryland Historical Trust; Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of Maryland Register; Arthur "Buck" Briscoe; Joseph M. Gough, Jr., Planning and Zoning. Mrs. Parish gave a history of the Trust, its accomplishments and plans for future development of historical buildings. St. Mary's City has become eligible to be registered as a historical landmark as approved by the Secretary of the Interior. The Trust has a committee in each county. Members of the committee for St. Mary's County are Mr. Edward Beitzell and Mr. Robert E. Pogue. Mrs. Parish stated if the Commissioners wanted to apply for both state and federal funds for historical buildings to make a request to Mr. Raymond Puzio, State Planners' Office, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore. Mrs. Parish suggested that Mr. Beitzell and Mr. Pogue form a group on a voluntary basis to make a study of historical landmarks in the county. Mr. Beitzell said he has located 160 sites, but these sites will have to be checked, deeds searched, etc. A copy of minutes submitted by Mrs. Parish are on file.

Oil Bid Opening

Bids for #2 fuel oil for county buildings and diesel oil were received from St. Mary's Ice and Fuel, Southern Maryland Oil Company, Besche Oil Company, Citgo and Thrift Oil. The bid was awarded to Citgo at .1280 per gallon.

Kingston and Little Kingston Creeks

Mr. Aud received a letter from Mr. R. M. Hutchins, CBA, relative to funds for dredging of said creeks. He states that funds for this project were approved by the last legislature and included in the 1970 budget. He also stated feasibility of dredging six feet should be determined. The Commissioners agreed to have the creeks dredged six feet, and the Department provide funds for this.

Comprehensive Plan

Messrs. John Hall, SCS; William Groome, FHA; and Dan Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly stated there were a number of questions asked by the Technical Action Panel relative to a comprehensive plan for the county. He asked if there was any need for action on the Commissioner's part for the approval of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Burch stated that the Land Use Plan has been approved, but the zoning ordinance needs more work done. There is to be one public hearing when the Commissioners are ready to make presentation to the public. These gentlemen expressed a desire to help in any way possible with the zoning project and would make recommendations after further study. The Commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea and that any recommendations be received as soon as possible.

Erosion Projects

Mr. Burch signed Applications for State Aid Shore Erosion Control for Mr. Edward P. Monahan, Mr. Ernie L. Modlin, and Mr. John L. Doniphan. These applications are to be forwarded to CBA for estimates.

Sale of Bonds

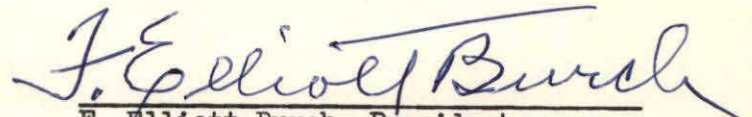
The Commissioners signed a letter to the Securities Department in Baltimore for bonds sold by the First National Bank to secure deposits of the Commissioners. By this letter the Commissioners agree to release the sold bonds and accept the new bonds.

Convention Expenses

The Commissioners approved payment of \$369.00 to the Surf and Sands Motel, Ocean City, Maryland, for accommodations during the Convention held from August 21 - 25. All Commissioners will present personal checks to cover motel expenses for wives.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President