

September 16, 1969

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

Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

#### School Bond Issue

Dr. R. E. King, Mr. E. H. Ocker, Mr. B. K. Abell. Dr. King presented a letter prepared by the Board of Education which outlined reasons why they feel the referendum should be held this fall. He also presented an enrollment list of 10,523 and gave a breakdown for each grade. Kindergarten has 529, elementary 5,364, middle 6-7-8 2,098, senior high 2,532. As of June 30, their enrollment figure was 9,504 with the following breakdown: kindergarten 497, elementary 4,921, middle 1,873, senior high 2,213. Mr. Abell joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. Ocker stated they had talked with Senator Bailey about the Bond Issue and that he felt it had a better chance of passing if it were on the ballot alone. He stated Walter Dorsey felt the same way, but said he would take a passive stand and not do anything against it. The election will cost between \$9,000 and \$11,000, and would have to be held at all polling places in the county. Mr. Ocker stated that Senator Bailey thought he could get special legislation for 6% on the bonds. Mr. Ocker expects more federal aid from P.L. 815 for impaction on the base. Their last entitlement is being used for Margaret Brent. The Commissioners will discuss this further and advise them of a decision.

Later in the day, Mr. Donaldson spoke with Mr. Ed Clarke about selling of bonds. He stated Baltimore County sold bonds at 5.89% and Baltimore City sold them at 6.397%. Three weeks later, Frederick and Cecil Counties did not expect to even get a bid. Mr. Burch is of the opinion that we should go ahead with the referendum and take a chance on it. It is possible that if the referendum did pass, we may not be able to sell necessary bonds. If, according to the law, the interest rate changed after the referendum was passed, we would have to have a new referendum. Mr. Burch voted for the referendum, and Mr. Bowles and Mr. Aud were opposed. The Board of Education was notified.

#### Water Drainage Problem at Nursing Home

Mr. Aleck Loker, Mr. James W. Mattingly, Mr. Wayne Mattingly, Mr. R. Moore, and Mr. D. Williams. Discussion was had relative to a drainage problem between the Nursing Home property and Mr. James W. Mattingly. Mr. Mattingly has installed 130 feet of 18 inch pipe to carry water from his property but his problem is with the runoff of 26.3 acres of land, of which 5 acres is blacktop. Also, some water is being pumped from the basement of the Nursing Home into the drain, which used to be a natural drainage. Mr. Mattingly has gotten Walter Wise to remove decayed soil from the ditch for \$250 and he feels that the county should participate in paying for this. There was some question as to whether the 18 inch pipe would be sufficient to handle the water flow. Mr. Moore stated the pipe is adequate to handle average rainfall. There is also a catch basin that would handle the runoff water along with the pipe. It was agreed that the Commissioners would have their 6 inch pipe extended and connected into the 18 inch pipe put in by Mr. Mattingly and also agreed to pay \$250 for removing decayed soil. Mr. Williams was instructed to draw up an agreement to this effect to be signed by Mr. Burch and Mr. and Mrs. Mattingly.



Yates and Tippett Roads

Mr. Red Focer, Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill, discussed with the Commissioners two bills for surveys, plats and descriptions on the subject roads. Mr. Focer presented an itemized list of all expenditures involved. The bill for the Yates Road was \$1,150, and for the Tippett Road, \$1,115. After general discussion of work completed, it was decided the bill for each road would be adjusted to \$800. The Finance Office was instructed to prepare a check for \$1,600 for Mr. Focer.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burroughs presented two coats for the Commissioners approval to be purchased for the deputies. One cost \$29.00, the other \$34.75. It was decided that the \$34.75 garment was the better coat and eleven would be purchased.

Trailer - Mrs. Josephine Knight

Mrs. Knight came in to discuss her lot and trailer. Mr. Burch stated that Mr. Raum was supposed to have contacted her for a written statement as to her decision about the trailer. She stated she had not seen Mr. Raum and that the builder said she could relocate the well. She stated there is a sewage disposal system where the trailer is now. She wants to put a new trailer on the lot. Mr. Burch stated he would talk with Mr. Raum about moving a new trailer on the lot and having the same sewage system, then the Commissioners would make a variance and be in touch with her.

Roads

Rev. Daniel Stone and Rev. Alfonso Herrod. Rev. Stone requested that the road off Beachville Road, leading to the Mt. Zion Church, be surface treated. He stated that, with bad weather coming on, it will be difficult for cars to get to the church and children getting in and out of the road to board school buses. Mr. James Bush had previously spoken with Mr. Burch about this. The Commissioners were in agreement that the road should be surface treated as soon as feasible.

Mr. Aud stated that Chestnut Road in Town Creek needs sides graded and gravel replaced where sides have washed out. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Bond to keep them informed as to what projects and completion date for projects he is doing.

Mrs. Joseph P. Jones requests that the Rich Neck Road be widened, ditches be cleaned out, bushes cut and the road scraped. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

Mr. Aud requested that weeds be cut between the dual lanes on Route 235 below the base.

Reviewed letter from Mr. James Dobry regarding undersized culverts under the Chancellor's Run Road, which have resulted in flooding of houses. He states he is willing to provide an 18 inch by 32 feet long culvert to be placed along the side of the existing culvert under Belvoir Road. Mr. Bond was given a copy of the letter and he will be in contact with Mr. Dobry.



Mr. Bond stated he and Mr. Pantaleo had checked out Cherri Lane and Emma Lane in the Red Hill Subdivision, and found the roads to be in good condition and ready to be taken into the system. Mr. Burch signed and approved plats.

Discussion was had relative to By The Mill Road to be taken into the system. Mr. Aud stated he knew the people who live on the road and that they are willing to give a 40 foot right-of-way and the road is in good condition. Mr. Aud and Mr. Bond will look into this.

Reviewed letter from Mr. W. A. Chapman in which he requested that Lynn Drive and Essex South be taken into the system and maintained. They have been completed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by Planning and Zoning. It was decided that Mr. Chapman would be sent a letter requesting him to submit plats and deed for the roads.

Discussed drainage problem on property of Deputy Robinson. Pictures were viewed and Mr. Bond stated the shoulder of the road going down the hill could possibly be surface treated.

Mr. Bowles requested that hidden entrance sign be posted on Clark's Landing Road on the hill before John Cameron's home entrance.

#### Invoices Approved

Approved Voucher Nos. 35600 - 35634 and 35635 - 35678.

Approved payment of \$377.40 to The Enterprise for letterheads and envelopes and also \$21.25 to Mrs. Barbara Raley, Treasurer, for envelopes and booklets for the Maryland Environmental Trust.

Approved \$45.00 to David Williams for three adoption proceedings connected with the Department of Social Services.

Approved \$44.00 to J. R. McCrone, Inc., for miscellaneous prints of roads.

Approved \$2,250 to David M. Gruber, Inc., for 1st Quarter Fiscal Year.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud approved \$2,000 to Rader & Asscts. for engineering services during August in connection with the Airport.

Mr. Aud made a motion that Mrs. Jean Gatton's salary of \$1.50 per hour, be increased to \$2.00 per hour for operating the switchboard during lunch hours. This is to become effective September 22, 1969.

It was agreed that a check be drawn for \$6,468 for work to be done on the Maypole Road. Mr. D. Raley, Jr., will pick up said check.

The Commissioners approved \$1,000 to supplement the Extension Office budget for the hiring of a part-time secretary for Mr. John Hall.

The Commissioners signed a Proclamation in reference to the Third Annual Oyster Festival to be held on October 4, 1969.



State Aid for Police Protection

Mr. Burch and Sheriff Burroughs signed State Aid for Police Protection for 1969-70 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$130,683.19, and 1970-71 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$146,516.29. These are estimated expenditures.

General Local Health Services

Reviewed request from Department of Health in which the Commissioners are requested to forward in invoice for \$7,606.00 so that the county can be reimbursed for financing General Local Health Services from July 1, 1968 - June 30, 1969.

Nicolet Park

Mr. Burch signed three copies of the State Amendment to Project Agreement regarding Nicolet Park.

Mental Health Advisory Committee

Reviewed letter from Dr. Robert E. King, in which he accepted a three year reappointment to subject committee.

Grand Jury

Reviewed a court order from Judge Dorsey in which the Grand Jury has requested, and the Circuit Court has approved, that their term be extended 30 days to complete their investigation and filing of a final report.

Commendation to Civil Defense

The Commissioners agreed to write to Mr. Otis Wood and Major Ellison, complimenting them on the fine way in which they handled the flash flood in the Great Mills area.

Mental Health Advisory Committee

It was agreed to request Rev. R. C. Daugherty to accept appointment for a three year term to subject committee. Another name will be presented by Fr. Veith for appointment.

Nursing Home Board of Directors

Mr. Aud motioned to appoint Mrs. Anna Hodges of Town Creek to serve on the subject board. Approved by the Commissioners.

Airport

Mr. Burch and Mr. Aud decided to advertise for bids for clearing of 10 acres of land at the airport. Said notice will be advertised two weeks and bids opened on September 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Manpower Study

Mr. Leon Etzler and Mr. Andrew A. Boesel, Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies. Mr. Boesell stated that the State Department of Planning has decided to



make a manpower study in the counties of the state and certain cities. This would include government employees working in the field of community development. A questionnaire has been developed to distribute to employees to find out the different job experiences and type of work done on the job. The State of Maryland is paying them to conduct the study. They are now soliciting Commissioners' approval in all counties and after they obtain this approval, interviews will be scheduled for some of the heads of different agencies.

Mr. Burch stated that the county does have a manpower problem and maybe some good would come out of the study. The other Commissioners were in agreement with this, also.

#### Watershed

It was brought to the Commissioners attention that Mr. John Hall, SCS, would like to have a question and answer session regarding the watershed project at the Great Mills High School at 7:30 p.m. on October 2. This was approved.

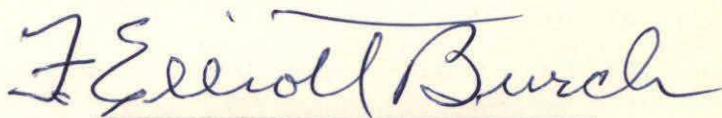
#### Parks and Recreation

Capt. James Henderson, Mrs. Irva Davis and Mr. John V. Baggett. Capt. Henderson introduced Mr. Baggett to the Commissioners as a possible candidate for Director of Parks and Recreation. Discussion followed as to the grade and step he would be placed in if hired. The Merit System people said he could be placed at Grade 14, Step 1, at \$13,099, but this was not acceptable to Mr. Baggett. He stated he would accept \$13,885, provided he could move up to \$14,000 next July. Also discussed Grade 15 and possibility of being placed on this scale. Mr. Donaldson will check further with Mr. Robin Zee, Commissioner of Personnel, to see what can be worked out.

Capt. Henderson stated he had a proposal of \$9,044 for landscaping at Great Mills Park. He said he will work this out so that we can get matching funds. He also would like to get St. Clements Shores ballfield started this fall. He stated there is money in the budget for these two projects.

Meeting adjourned at 5.20 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President