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County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 1970

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

Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
Recording: Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Secretary

The meeting convened at 11:20 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on December 30, 1969 were read, amended, and approved.

Payments Approved:

The Board of County Commissioners agreed to subscribe, at an annual fee of \$25.00, to "The Potomac Newsletter", a public service of the Potomac Basin Center, in appreciation for receipt of the Newsletter and other publications.

Messrs. Burch and Aud approved payment of \$25.00 to Charles G. Hayden for repairing the underground cable at St. Mary's County Airport.

Unanimously approved payment of \$75.00 to David M. Williams, Attorney, for filing three adoption proceedings for St. Mary's Department of Social Services.

Unanimously approved Counsel Fees of \$100.00 for Charles A. Norris, appointed by the Court, to defend Paul Lawrence Dyson, who was charged with a capital offense.

Unanimously approved payment of \$50.00 to Clarke Raley, Attorney, appointed by the Circuit Court, to defend James Alvin Joy, a juvenile.

Unanimously approved payment of \$50.00 to Clarke Raley, Attorney, appointed by the Circuit Court, to defend George Wallace Lathroum, Jr., a juvenile.

Radiological Training for Otis F. Wood

The County Commissioners unanimously approved the request of Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director, Office of Civil Defense of St. Mary's County, to attend two courses at the University of Maryland during the period January 19-23 and February 16-20, 1970. Successful completion of these courses will qualify Mr. Wood as a Radiological Monitoring Instructor, and a Radiological Defense Officer.

Great Mills High School Recreation Center - Development #2

The County Commissioners approved, and Mr. Burch signed, three copies of the State Project Agreement, FP 77 BOR; three copies of the State Maintenance Agreement FP 78 BOR; and three copies of the Assurance of Compliance with the Civil Rights Act, DO Form 1350 concerning the Great Mills High School Recreation Center - Development #2. These documents were required by the Department of Forests and Parks prior to project approval.

Appointment of James Wallace Downs as Caretaker of Half-Way House Public Trash Disposal Area

Unanimously approved the appointment of James Wallace Downs, of Mechanicsville, as Caretaker of the Half-Way House Public Trash Disposal Area, at an hourly rate of pay of \$1.60 -- not to exceed a 40-hour workweek.

Joseph P. Mokry Mobile Home Park

Unanimously disapproved the proposal of Joseph P. Mokry to develop a Mobile Home Park in the northwest sector of the County. (See minutes of meeting held on December 16, 1969 for details of the proposal).

Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland

Dr. John H. Mills and Sen. John Thomas Parran, Jr., of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland outlined a comprehensive proposal for the three counties which they serve to promote more cohesive planning, research, and engineering and which would be designed to avoid duplication of effort and expenditures by each County. Special emphasis was put on the possibility for effecting substantial savings as well as the necessity for mutual long-range planning among the Counties. Dr. Mills pointed out that there is an increasing interest on the part of the Federal Government in ways to best allocate Federal

monies to the political sub-divisions of the United States. The Federal and State Governments are interested in how funds are being used on the local level of Government. It is anticipated that the Governor of Maryland will soon designate Regional Sub-Sections as Regional Clearing Houses to coordinate activities partially funded by the State of Maryland. The Tri-County Council aspires to such a designation. While it is not the function of the Tri-County Council to supplant activities of the Counties, they are interested in acting for the three Counties in the interests of coordination and cooperation, and by providing tripartite planning, engineering and research services, for their mutual advantage. In order to do this, and provide the professional staffing necessary for the accomplishment of the duties required, the Tri-County Council would require additional funding. At the present time, they receive \$25,000 per year from the three counties. It is anticipated that their requirement for the future would be an additional \$50,000 per year. The additional \$50,000 investment would be shared among the three counties concerned.

Dr. Mills and Sen. Parran summed up by saying that they would like to have the County Commissioners think this over, decide the types of services they are interested in acquiring, as well as the types of programs they would like the Council to collaborate on for the future. Dr. Mills said that if the Commissioners' reaction is favorable to such a plan, the County would realize considerable savings by having their planning, research and engineering done on a Tri-County basis, rather than on an individual basis.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burroughs and Chief Deputy Lancaster stated that there were four vehicles in need of replacement. The vehicles in question are all 1967 Mercury make: Car No. 1806 has 74,154 miles; 1809 has 92,736 miles; 1803 has 93,941 miles; and 1810 has 73,886 miles on it. Mr. Sterling stated that there were sufficient and authorized funds in the operating budget of the Sheriff's Department to cover the cost of replacing the vehicles. The County Commissioners unanimously approved the request for trading in the four vehicles and authorized advertisement for bids.

The County Commissioners unanimously approved an expenditure not to exceed \$50.00 for the construction of a narcotics case for the Sheriff's Department. The case will be used to display narcotics paraphernalia. The Sheriff stated that he is devoting considerable time to giving lectures on the subject of narcotics use in the schools.

The Sheriff described his need for a Petty Cash Fund, which would be used to cover expenses of a "ministerial" nature. The County Commissioners postponed action on this request and placed the matter under advisement.

Estimates from Pratt Marine Construction

Mr. Mark Pratt of Pratt Marine Construction submitted the following estimates for reconstruction work:

Tall Timbers, Maryland: \$5,831.20 -- held in abeyance pending advice from Chesapeake Bay Affairs on availability of funds.

Tanner Creek, Scotland Beach: \$17,530.00 -- held in abeyance pending advice from Chesapeake Bay Affairs on availability of funds.

Bushwood Wharf: Payment of \$1,232.20 for material only supplied by the Southern Maryland Woodtreating Association, was approved unanimously. The check was made payable to the Southern Maryland Woodtreating Co., Inc. and the Pratt Marine Construction Company.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION - Mr. Douglas Bond

Old Rolling Road - Mr. Bond stated that this road had been accepted into the County System and that it had been fixed up to make it passable. The road has not been widened as yet.

Hermanville Road - Mr. Bond stated that he was pretty sure that it was now passable. Work has been done on it recently.

Cherry Cove and Cove Lane - Mr. Bond stated that the official papers for accepting the road into the system had been transmitted to the Regional Office.

Waterview Drive and Parkview Drive in Bluestone Estates - Mr. Bond stated that he had not transmitted the official papers as yet.

Lakeland Drive and Hollywood Heights - Mr. Bond stated the official papers were transmitted on December 1, 1969.

Cherri Lane and Emma Lane, Red Hill Sub-Division -
The County Commissioners requested that the official request for acceptance into the system be VOIDED since the roads were not acceptable until such time as there is sufficient housing to warrant acceptance.

Mr. Burch called Mr. Bond's attention to several projects for which official papers had been delayed in his office and not transmitted within a reasonable length of time. Mr. Bond admitted that it was through his fault that the papers had not been forwarded and promised to bring things up-to-date the following morning. Mr. Bond stated that the delay was occasioned by his having been on vacation over the Christmas and New Year's Holidays; however, Mr. Burch reminded him that there were papers in the SRC Leonardtown Office which should have been transmitted to Mr. Tate at Prince Frederick as far back as early November and that the County Commissioners were being embarrassed and could not continue to countenance such delays.

Attorney Fees for Indigent Defendants

The County Commissioners conferred with Judges Philip H. Dorsey and John H. T. Briscoe concerning Attorney Fees which must be paid by the County when representation is appointed by the Courts. Both Judges expressed their concern for expenses which must be paid by the tax-payers for deeds committed against them. However, under the Judicial System, the Court is required to appoint a defense counselor when the defendant is unable to take care of this expense himself. It was agreed that the present system of appointing defense is probably much less expensive than engaging a Public Defendor -- which course would require staff and office space. Judges Dorsey and Briscoe are both trying to hold such expenses down, and will continue to attempt recovery of costs whenever possible.

Attorney for the County Commissioners

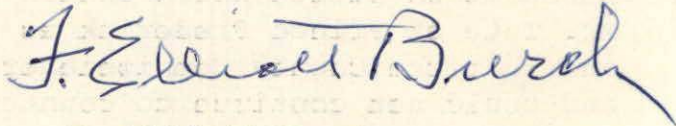
Mr. Burch asked Mr. David M. Williams, County Attorney, to arrange his schedule so that the County Commissioners could depend on his presence without interruption on each Tuesday when the Commissioners meet. Mr. Burch stated that Mr. Williams presence is mandatory due to the increasing number of legal aspects which affect the work of the Commissioners. Mr. Williams agreed, and stated that he would comply with this request.

Court House Vending Machines

The County Commissioners discussed the possibility of recovering the County's share of revenues received from the vending machines which are placed in the Court House. After deliberation, Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant, was requested to make the appropriate arrangements with the several vendors servicing the machines for collecting the profit-sharing revenues from the machines, and directing the monies into the General Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President