

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 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 was called to order at 9:20 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on January 6, 1970 were read, amended, and approved.

Leonardtown Commissioners

Messrs. Harris Sterling and W. S. Donaldson appeared before the Commissioners to brief them concerning a radio broadcast made from WKIK, this date, and which is quoted for the record: "The Leonardtown Commissioners have asked their attorney to look into why money due the Town has not been forwarded by the County. Apparently \$11,000 due the Town from the State, as the Town's share of taxes collected, has been held up by the County. Town Commission President, R. Bascom Broun III, says it's his understanding that funds for the Board of Education are currently short and that the Town money is being used for that purpose. Town money is supposed to be reimbursed immediately to the Town upon receipt by the County."

Messrs. Sterling and Donaldson informed the Commissioners that \$2,791.36 which represents the Town of Leonardtown's share of the local income tax revenue for the quarter ending September 30, 1969 was received on November 28, 1969 and could be paid out this date. It was agreed that in the future the Town of Leonardtown could expect to receive quarterly payments, after they have been received from the State of Maryland, and duly processed, within thirty days of their receipt by the County, in order to accommodate the budgetary needs of the Town of Leonardtown. It was pointed out, however, that while it is mandatory to pay the Town these monies, the law does not spell out the due date of payment.

Mr. Burch expressed the desirability of holding periodic meetings with the Commissioners of Leonardtown to discuss mutual problems and interests.

The administrative procedures for the handling and validating of incoming revenues came under discussion. Mr. Bowles wondered if it were advisable to channel the money through the County Commissioners Office at all in preference to having it channeled directly to the Office of Finance. The general consensus was to continue with the present system since it does provide a three-way check on receipts.

#### Payments Approved

Voucher Numbers 36240 through 36309 were approved and signed by Mr. Burch.

Payment of \$195.36 to Dean and Beavers for St. Andrews Church Road Force account work was approved.

#### STATE ROADS COMMISSION

Received word on January 7, 1970 from SRC that Cherry Cove and Cove Lane in the 3rd Election District were accepted by the SRC into the road system for maintenance in the St. Mary's County Road System. Cherry Cove is 2248 in length and Cove Lane is 870 feet in length, both having a width of 40 feet.

Lynn Drive and Essex South - Mr. Aud brought in the deed and plats which Mr. Chapman had transmitted to him. The deed was examined by Mr. David M. Williams, County Attorney, and with one minor revision, Mr. Williams stated that it would be satisfactory. Every effort is to be made to expedite the paper work on this project so that the roads can be accepted into the system.

#### Parcels of Land - Herman W. Hewitt, Jr. (Sanitary Landfill)

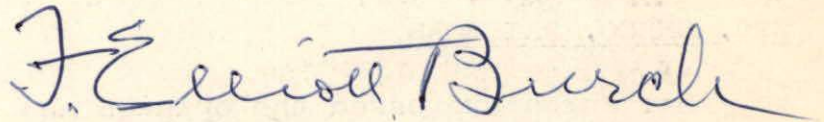
Mr. Burch reported on the results of his conversation with Mr. Herman W. Hewitt, Jr., concerning two parcels of land which the County is contemplating for use as a Sanitary Landfill. Mr. Hewitt's asking price was \$250 per acre for a total of \$39,500 for 158 acres -- one parcel containing 111 acres and the other parcel containing 47 acres. Both parcels are on Happy Land Road and adjoin. After negotiation, Mr. Hewitt agreed to accept \$37,500. The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to purchase an option on the land. Mr. Williams was requested to draw up an option to buy and to handle the transaction.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Messrs. Aud and Bowles prepared to depart for Baltimore where they will be attending the Maryland Association of Counties meetings commencing this date through Thursday, January 15, 1970.

Mr. Burch planned to remain in the County to attend a Tri-County Council meeting this evening and to depart for Baltimore in company with Mr. W. S. Donaldson on Wednesday morning, January 14, 1970.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch  
President