

County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 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 9:25 a.m.

The Minutes of the previous meeting which was held on February 3, 1970, were read, amended and approved.

Payments Approved

Authorized payment of \$6,722.88 to the State Roads Commission to cover \$1,722.88 deficit on work which has already been performed on County Roads, and to provide \$5,000.00 for future expenditures.

Metropolitan Commission Legislation

Mr. Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant, reported that Mr. James A. Kenney had telephoned in answer to the Recording Secretary's request (per instructions from the County Commissioners on February 3, 1970) that he draft legislation to increase allowable interest paid out of bond money; to provide the right of prior entry and condemnation; and the establishment of a revolving fund so that the Metropolitan Commission could proceed on projects without requiring separate bond issues for each small project. Mr. Raley reported that Mr. Kenney stated he would comply for a fee of \$35.00 per hour, since the Metropolitan Commission could not pay him while he was doing this work for the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners unanimously determined that they would forget this approach for solving the problem, and delegated responsibility for drafting the suggested legislation to Mr. David M. Williams, Attorney.

Sheriff Burroughs

The Sheriff appeared, accompanied by his Chief Deputy, Harry Lancaster, Mr. Zuno and Mr. Ralph Anderson of the National Association of Chiefs of Police to discuss in detail the installation of the new records management system in the

Sheriff's Department, which proposal was previously reported in the minutes of February 3, 1970. Mr. Zuno mentioned that the system, as designed for the Sheriff's Department, is essentially the same system which is in operation in the FBI and that the system is designed in such a way as to report crime on a factual and geographical basis, which satisfies both the requirements of the FBI as well as the local law enforcement agencies, and requires a minimum of effort and clerical assistance. The system also provides for an in-put into the card indices maintained in the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Zuno categorically stated that the installation of the system would reduce work rather than create it; and that the present staff in the Sheriff's Department could handle the transition and the perpetuation of the system. Further, Mr. Zuno commended the Sheriff on his ability to recognize a problem in records management and to ask for assistance in order to correct it. Since the initial requirement concerning the quantity of forms to be printed has been reduced, it was left that the Sheriff and Mr. Paul R. Raley would meet and finalize arrangements for printing, so that the system can go into effect at the earliest possible date.

Library Budget 1970-71

Mesdames Katharine C. Hurrey and Mary Jansson appeared to present their 1970-71 budget for the St. Mary's County Memorial Library. The budget request totals \$102,136.00, and reflects an increase of \$7,958.00 over the previous fiscal budget. \$7,121.20 of the requested increase represents salaries including annual salary increments, as well as a request for a new position, Stenographer, at \$4,320.00 per annum.

During the verbal recapitulation of expenses, it was revealed that insurance coverage for the libraries needs to be investigated and that the possibility of duplicate payment of premiums to J. Frank Raley Insurance Co. on the part of the Library Staff, and to James A. Waring and Co. by the Office of Finance. The County Commissioners requested that Mr. Harris Sterling go into the matter in detail with Mrs. Hurrey, so that coverage can be solidified into one insurance package, thereby reducing the expense and eliminating duplication, if it in fact exists. Mr. Sterling and Mrs. Hurrey will report back on their findings.

Recreation and Parks Department

Messrs. Baggett and Henderson appeared to (1) request \$3,500 be transferred into a Leadership Fund so that leadership for the organization of athletic activities for the Spring season may be accomplished; and (2) to discuss the Second Phase of the development at Great Mills High School. Discussion ensued regarding the funding of Phase Two. Mr. Burch motioned, and it was carried, that the budget for each project should be submitted as an individual line item, rather than confusing the issue by representing the cost of a project which is eventually supported by matching funds as the final adjusted cost after receipt of the matching funds. Mr. Burch further stated that if there is money available in a budget, he saw no objection to using it. However, he did not feel we should advance funds from some other source, or some other budget, in order to accommodate a project which will eventually be supported by matching funds. Mr. Henderson reported that they have received approval in the amount of \$13,722 for this project from the State and that they would like to receive a like amount from the County Commissioners to proceed with the project. Mr. Henderson stated that to get right down to it, the main thing they were asking for was not the money -- but, rather, permission to proceed based on the assumption that when the project was approved by the State, they would have the authority and the money to go ahead and do it.

Mr. Bowles stated that he shared their enthusiasm to complete the project at the earliest possible date; but so far as the anticipated revenues from the Federal Government were concerned, we would have to advance money to Recreation and Parks which was not budgeted for them, but would come from another budget. Mr. Henderson agreed that they were basing their request on an additional grant of \$12,825.00 from the Government. Messrs. Burch and Bowles reminded Messrs. Baggett and Henderson that if they were asking for money for the project before their next budget, that they were in effect asking for approximately \$25,000 from some other area of the total County budget, half of which would probably not be matched by the Federal until after July 1, 1970. The County Commissioners reiterated that they would prefer to have the request for funds reflected on an actual cost outlay basis, rather than reducing the total outlay by an amount of anticipated revenue from the State and/or Federal.

The request for transferring \$3,500 into a Leadership Fund was approved. The matter of proceeding with Phase Two of the Great Mills High School development was taken under advisement.

Roads Meeting

Mr. Douglas Bond of the State Roads Commission announced that he had received word that his oiling schedule for fiscal 70-71 would approximate one-half of the allowance he was given for 69-70. His priorities for 70-71 include: Route 489 to Park Hall; Route 5 at St. Mary's City; Route 860 (old section of 395); Route 712 to South Gate of NATC; Route 498 into Piney Point; nine miles of Route 244; Route 238, Chaptico to Helen; 3.5 miles of Route 247 from Loveville to Murphy's; Route 235 from Chicken House to Budd's Creek. He can use only 6% of his entire budget for oiling. Mr. Bond said that he was not able to do any work on Route 235 -- just keep on patching it up. Mr. Bond stated that he would do some more work on his schedule and bring it in on Tuesday, February 17. Mr. Aud requested that some gravel be put on Pegg's Lane and stated that it had already been staked out. Mr. Bond mentioned that he had done a taped broadcast for WPTX for their show called "Conversation". Mr. Bowles mentioned that Cedar Lane needs grading. Other roads mentioned as needing attention were: Dave Bailey Road at Colton's Point; St. Joseph's Project Road; the road from Charlotte Hall to Golden Beach; the road to St. Jerome's Landing; Booth Road at Drayden; Old County Road off Langley Road; Hickory Hill Road. Mr. Bond stated that he would give top priority to black-topping Route 245.

Sewer Lines into Greenview Knolls Area

Messrs. Oliver Guyther and Clarke Raley appeared to request assistance from the County Commissioners regarding an answer from the Metropolitan Commission on their time schedule for putting sewer lines into the Greenview Knolls area. They stated that they were unable to get an answer from the Metropolitan Commission, even after the request had been put in writing on June 26, 1969. Mr. Clarke Raley said that at a meeting on May 6, 1968, Adm. Clark stated that upon submission of a plat by Mr. Dobry, the area would be sewered and accomplished within a year to eighteen months. Messrs. Guyther and Raley simply would like to get the Metropolitan Commission to give them an answer as to their intentions in the matter. Their client, Mr. Dobry, is willing to do everything necessary to get his project going, even if it means that he himself puts in package treatment plants. He will do that, or put in a lagoon system. Mr. Dobry does not consider that the Metropolitan Commission is giving him any consideration or cooperation and states further that every time he contacts them, all he gets is the run-around.

Mr. Guyther stated that Mr. Dobry is willing to spend substantial money to build a package treatment system. If he installs his own plant, it would be done with a system that could be incorporated later into the Metropolitan Commission system. Problems in the future could be prevented if they would come up with a plan -- say, a five-year plan. By formulating a plan, they could stop land speculation and enable the man to do some planning. As it is now, the individual developers are more or less at the mercy of the Metropolitan Commission. Mr. David M. Williams said that the only thing the Commissioners can do is to ask the Metropolitan Commission to comply with the request and answer the letter of June 26, 1969. Mr. Guyther stated that he thought an administrative section should be written into the statute covering the Metropolitan Commission which would require action on applications and setting up procedures for appeal. Right now, however, Mr. Guyther would like to ask for a tactfully-worded letter from the Board of County Commissioners to the Metropolitan Commission inquiring about this particular application and asking for their plans concerning it. The County Commissioners requested their attorney, Mr. David M. Williams, to prepare such a letter to the Metropolitan Commission.

Mr. Guyther brought up the fact that in the near future, he would send the County Commissioners a plat and proposal for the County Commissioners to acquire some land which he is willing to release near the Court Square building. He stated that there would be some advantage to him in making some concession on price because he will put in a restriction on the deed that the land will have to be used for Governmental use. The County Commissioners can expect to receive this offer for sale and the plat in the near future.

Oakville Sanitary Landfill

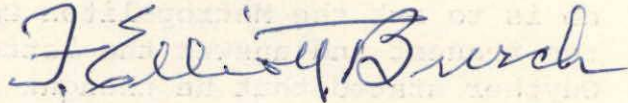
Messrs. Jr. Raley of the State Roads Commission and August H. Wagener, County Engineer, were present to assist in the delineation of a set of regulations to be adopted in resolution form for the administration of the Oakville Sanitary Landfill. The regulations were discussed in detail.

Bennett Road

The County Commissioners authorized Jr. Raley of the State Roads Commission to go ahead with the construction of Bennett Road for the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President