

County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, March 10, 1970

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

Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
 Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst., Recording

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on March 3, 1970, were read, amended, and approved.

Maypole Road

Mr. Lloyd Wilson appeared to appeal to the County Commissioners for widening the right-of-way on Maypole Road and for extending it through to Parsons Mill Road. Mr. Wilson stated that he was fairly confident that he could obtain agreement from the various property owners for widening the right-of-way on Maypole Road as it now exists and that his mother was willing to deed right-of-way for the extension into Parsons Mill Road. Mr. Burch motioned and it was carried that Mr. Wilson draw up a simple agreement for signatures prior to making any contract for survey, etc. Mr. Williams mentioned that we would also need a center line survey and a description of the property. It was left that Mr. Wilson would attempt to obtain agreement from the various property owners involved and return the required information to the County Commissioners.

David M. Williams, County Attorney

Mr. Williams brought up the question of his salary payment for the month of March. Mr. Williams submitted his resignation as Assistant States Attorney on February 13, to become effective on April 1, 1970, such letter containing the indication that he would be on vacation leave from that position during the month of March. Prior to March 1, 1970, however, appointment of his successor to the position of Assistant States Attorney was made, and Mr. William O. E. Sterling went on the payroll. Mr. Williams requested that he be paid for the month of March, 1970, since he had worked continuously in that office from date of appointment to date of resignation without any

vacation time. The County Commissioners agreed that Mr. Williams should be paid for the month of March, 1970, and the Office of Finance was requested to effect the payment.

Board of Education - Management Information System

Dr. John Mills of the Tri-County Council arranged for the County Commissioners to be briefed on an Information Program Evaluation System which has been developed by the State Department of Education. The intent of the system is for budgeting oriented toward refinement of the information contained in a budget, with clear indications of amounts allocated to specific projects. Such refinement of information provides management with a clear picture of the purpose for expenditures which have heretofore been lost in lump sum appropriations and/or allocations. A documentary film was narrated by Mr. Allen Gattis, Assistant Director, Office of Administrative Services, Department of Education. Mr. Ogden and Mrs. Des Jardins were present from the Board of Education; Mr. John J. McCormick, Jr., Director of the Management Information Program, Governor's Office; and Messrs. Sterling and Donaldson from the Office of Finance. All were agreed that the system, as it was presented, was very worthwhile and desirable and should be taken under serious consideration for use in St. Mary's County.

Roads Meeting

Notification having been received of a closed hearing on Route 235 on April 9 and an open hearing on April 14, Mr. Bowles moved that documentation for protest of a closed four-lane highway be assembled for the Commissioners' use at both hearings. Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Raley will coordinate this activity with the assistance of the County Engineer.

Mr. Burch requested that Mr. Williams look into the matter of custodial responsibility for maintenance of the railroad, particularly the County's responsibility at crossings, etc.

Mr. August H. Wagener reported that he had received an estimated cost of \$100,000 for improvement and extension of the Hermanville Road. Mr. Aud motioned that Jr. Raley of the SRC look into the matter and give us his cost estimate, since \$100,000 seems to be prohibitive. The County Commissioners agreed that it would be appropriate for them to visit the site with Messrs. Wilkerson and Wagener in order to see if an alternate path would prove less costly.

Mr. Aud inquired about the progress made in obtaining the additional 20-foot strip on Pegg Road. Mr. Raley will determine the status quo.

Bushwood Wharf

Mr. Wagener reported that he had inspected the public wharf at Bushwood and all that remained to be done was to back-fill one section. Since it was determined that Mark Pratt's contract did not require back-filling, Mr. Raley was asked to contact Mr. Jr. Raley of the SRC to request back-fill. Mr. Wagener mentioned that a couple of loads of gravel would be sufficient.

Tall Timbers Wharf and Jetties

Mr. Paul R. Raley was requested to follow-up on this project to determine the status of State aid, prior to requesting Mr. Mark Pratt to commence work on the project.

Trial Magistrate's Courtroom

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that the cost of improving the Trial Magistrate's Courtroom to include a private hearing room had been raised from \$258.77 to \$544.50. This increase was occasioned by the addition of a raised platform for the Judge's Bench, and painting. \$258.77 was approved.

Public Trash Disposal Areas

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that the metal signs were being torn down or damaged and stolen. Heavy cardboard signs were exhibited and approved as replacements for the metal signs since it was the consensus that these would prove to be more economical and easier to replace.

Courthouse Telephone System

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported on his findings concerning the installation of an up-dated telephone system in the Courthouse. The additional cost involved, however, proved to be prohibitive at this time and the County Commissioners elected to retain the present system.

Scholarships

Second-semester scholarships to St. Mary's College of Maryland were awarded to Donald Ray Bryan of Ridge, Maryland and Donald Edward Garner, Box 106, Star Route, Leonardtown, Maryland. Upon successful completion of the second semester, the students will be considered for further scholarship award.

St. Mary's County Educational Secretaries' Association

The County Commissioners elected to advise Mrs. Margaret J. Yoder, President of the St. Mary's County Educational Secretaries' Association that their proposal for increased Holiday and Leave Policy and Proposed Secretarial Salary Scale for 1970-71 should be referred to the Board of Education since the County Commissioners have no authority to intercede or arbitrate with employee groups employed by the Board of Education.

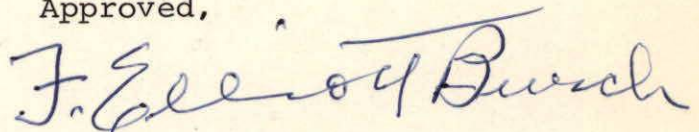
Payments Approved

Vouchers Numbers 36479 through 36606 were signed by Mr. Burch.

The balance due Mark Pratt, in the amount of \$1,542.80, for completion of the work at Bushwood Wharf, was approved for payment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President