

County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, May 5, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President  
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner  
 George R. Aud, Commissioner  
 David M. Williams, County Attorney  
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant  
 Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst. (Recording)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on April 28, 1970 were read, amended, and approved.

Payments Approved

\$10,500 to Herman W. Hewitt, Jr. and Elizabeth Regina Hewitt an initial and partial payment on land purchase.

\$3,000.00 to Beavin Company -- balance on Master Water and Sewerage Plan.

\$732.73 to the State Roads Commission for extending road and clearing one acre of land at St. Mary's County Dump.

Agreement between the State Roads Commission, the County Commissioners, and Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc.

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, Attorney for the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. appeared to discuss an agreement which was drafted by the State Roads Commission pertaining to the State Roads Commission acquiring from St. Mary's County a portion of abandoned railroad right-of-way required for the dualization of part of Maryland Route 235, in St. Mary's County.

The agreement provides for the purchase, by the SRC, of such portion of the railroad right-of-way (approximately 8 miles) which has been acquired or which will be acquired by the County from the General Services Administration, an agency of the Federal Government, as, in the opinion of the Commission, is needed for highway purposes; that the Southern Maryland Electric Coop., Inc. will interpose no objection of the sale by the County to the Commission of such portion of said right-of-way

as is needed for highway purposes; and that the State Roads Commission will proceed with the dualization of said Route 235 in accordance with the Commission's Construction Program and if additional funds are made available for said purpose, the Commission will utilize such funds to accelerate the construction and affect an earlier completion date than now scheduled.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to accept the terms of the agreement as prepared by the State Roads Commission, and the document was signed, attested, and notarized. Copies of the official agreement have been placed in the files.

Herman W. Hewitt, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Hewitt, Jr. appeared to sign a deed conveying two parcels of land lying in the Second Election District of St. Mary's County, Maryland, to the Board of County Commissioners. The parcels contain a total of 157.5 acres which will be used for a Sanitary Landfill. The Board of County Commissioners signed a promissory note in the amount of \$27,000.00 agreeing to pay the Hewitts three equal installments of \$9,000.00 each on or before the fifth day of May of each succeeding year, with interest at the rate of six percent simple interest per annum, until the debt is paid in full. A check in the amount of \$10,500.00 was delivered to the Hewitts as the initial partial payment of the total purchase price, such price being \$37,500.00.

The deed to the land was duly recorded and copies of the deed and promissory note placed in the County Commissioners official files.

Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Day  
Resolution No. 70-8

Delegates from the St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire Departments, led by J. Lloyd Goddard, President of the St. Mary's County Fire Board, appeared to witness the signing of Resolution No. 70-8 proclaiming May 9, 1970 as Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Day, in recognition of today's firemen dedicating their services for the community on a volunteer basis and consideration for devoted efforts toward the improvement of our environment and community.

After signature, the Board of County Commissioners accompanied the firement to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department for presentation of copies of the resolution and for photographing.

Roads MeetingMcKay's Beach Road

Present: Mr. Douglas Bond, SRC, and  
Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer

Mr. Wagener, having been asked the status of the survey on McKay's Beach Road, stated that now is the time to get the right-of-way to do your plans, etc., and to widen the road. Easements will be needed for proper drainage. Mr. Wagener stated that he was assuming that we would want a 50-foot right-of-way. Mr. Wagener stated that the survey would show the exact position of the present road and the alignment of the new road. Mr. Burch motioned, and it was carried, that Mr. Wilkerson would be employed to perform the survey. Mr. Wagener was requested to proceed with arrangements.

Richneck Road

Mr. Bond reported that he and several of his men, as well as Commissioner Aud, had been requested to visit and inspect Richneck Road. It was the consensus that repair should be accomplished at the earliest date. Estimates as to the cost of rebuilding and/or resurfacing will be submitted in the very near future.

Hermanville Road

Mr. Hugh Wilkerson Jr. appeared and stated that the plans for the construction of the Hermanville Road had been given to the County Engineer, Mr. Wagener, and that the quantities had been worked up. Mr. Wagener stated that the plans were complete and that the center line had been staked out.

Horse Landing Road

Mr. Wilkerson stated that Horse Landing Road had been surveyed and that Mr. Leonard Copsey had agreed to pay for it. There is still a problem, however, since one of the Copsey's is claiming that the bridge is not where it used to be and that the roadway has been changed. Mr. Wilkerson said that he had the description prepared to the extent that the deed could be written and that he would deliver the description tomorrow.

Maurice Dixon Trailer Park

Mr. Hugh Wilkerson, Jr. together with D. Maurice Dixon inquired about the steps to be taken to obtain approval for the D. Maurice Dixon Trailer Park. Mr. Dixon has received a letter from the State Health Department which advised him that any proposed sewage plan construction must conform with the Comprehensive Water and Sewage Plan for St. Mary's County. Mr. Wilkerson stated that Mr. Dixon was planning on putting in a sewage plant in accordance with whatever is prescribed by the State Department of Health. Mr. Wilkerson also stated that the Metropolitan Commission had written a letter of objection to their plans.

Mr. Burch stated that since there have been letters of objection to the proposed Trailer Park, it might be proper for Messrs. Wilkerson and Dixon to go to the State Department of Health and discuss the system with them. If the State Department of Health approves their plan, Mr. Burch said there could be a public hearing on the matter, in St. Mary's County.

Messrs. Wilkerson and Dixon agreed that they would approach the State Department of Health in order to obtain their views in the matter and to see if some agreement could be made which would conform to the Master Water and Sewage Plan.

Dr. John H. Mills, Director  
Tri-County Council

Dr. Mills appeared to explain that Senate Bill 834 was signed by the Governor of Maryland this morning and that the purpose of the legislation was to combine existing legislation into one act. Also, the County Commissioners are now a part of the Tri-County Council but will still vote as a body -- one vote. Dr. Mills reviewed the regional development plan, as well as the "review and recommendation" plan. Dr. Mills said that these plans have a direct impact on the Counties and suggested that the County Commissioners start attending the Council meetings as quickly as they could, May 12 being the next meeting. Meetings are held every other month and notices will be sent out.

Dr. Mills then reviewed the "development plan" and displayed IBM print-outs covering a projection over a ten-year period. The figures showed comparative costs per budgetary item, covering the whole range of financial, real property, population, industrial and labor projections.

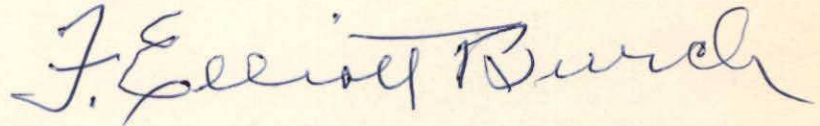
After reviewing the print-outs, Dr. Mills asked the County Commissioners to reflect on the types of information they desire to have processed through the system which has been set up to acquire data for use in St. Mary's County.

County Attorney

The Board of County Commissioners and Mr. David M. Williams, County Attorney, agreed that since Mr. Williams had moved some of his law practice to Chestertown, Maryland, and was available on a limited basis only, it would be advisable to retain Counsel who resided in St. Mary's County and who would be available on short notice. Mr. Williams' resignation was accepted to become effective on May 29, 1970.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. Elliott Burch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

F. Elliott Burch  
President