

County Commissioners' Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 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 9:00 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which was held on June 9, 1970 were read, amended and approved.

Payments Approved

\$50.00 Counselor Fees, Juvenile Case No. 1286 in the Circuit Court, to Clarke Raley to represent Larry Vernon Dyson.

\$50.00 Counselor Fees, Juvenile Case No. 1339 in the Circuit Court, to Clarke Raley to represent John Paul Echeverio.

Voucher Nos. 36824 through 37092 were signed by the President, F. Elliott Burch.

Keep Maryland Beautiful Litter Bags

The Board of County Commissioners regretted that they could not justify or approve expenditure of \$800.00 for 10,000 litter bags distributed by the Maryland Environmental Trust (Keep Maryland Beautiful).

Library Budget (1969-1970)

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to forward the balance of the unexpended appropriated Budget for fiscal 1969-1970 for the Library -- \$8,464.00.

County Inspector

Mr. Otis F. Wood, Acting Director of the Office of Civil Defense was requested to produce statistics pertaining to radio use by the County Inspector. It developed that the daily logs maintained by the Emergency Operations Center revealed a total of two radio calls from the County Inspector in five months and that the County Inspector, Mr. Thomas L. Cryer, did not report when he came into service or went out of service.

The Board of County Commissioners agreed that Mr. Cryer should appear before them at 4:00 p.m. this date for the purpose of discussing this matter.

Sheriff Burroughs and Chief Deputy Lancaster

Miss P. J. Chymsak (WPTX) and Mr. Jack Kershaw (Enterprise) were present.

Sheriff Burroughs and Chief Deputy Lancaster requested that permanent signs be erected on the fence outside the Jail which read "No Trespassing within 100 feet of the Jail".

Bids for Sheriff's automobiles -- The Sheriff inquired into the status of the bids for the three automobiles which will be required on July 1 for the new Deputies. In answer to Mr. Burch's query, Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that he had not advertised for bids because it was too late in the year to obtain bids on delivery for 1970 models. The Sheriff inquired into the possibility of renting vehicles until such time as bids for the 1971 models could be advertised, let, and obtained. No decision was made in this matter since it appears that the vehicle assigned to Deputy Somerville may be available for use, and the possibility of renting one or two vehicles was taken under advisement.

Jail -- The Sheriff outlined in detail the problems which exist at the County Jail. Mr. William C. Gatton, the Jailer, is on 24-hour duty. He is responsible for all of the prisoners in the Jail which average about fifteen at all times, and more over week-ends, such prisoners include persons incarcerated for narcotics violations, murder, rape and the like. In the Sheriff's opinion, Mr. Gatton has more to do than one person can handle. The situation is such that it is almost impossible for Mr. Gatton to take even a couple of hours off to run a personal errand. In answer to Mr. Burch's inquiry, the Sheriff responded that it would take two more people to man the jail on a 24-hour basis. Mr. Burch stated that we definitely need to make some improvements in managing the jail.

Jail - Visiting Hours and Restrictions

The Sheriff also stated that we need to make other arrangements concerning visiting hours and to restrict those persons allowed to visit the prisoners. The Sheriff recommended that visitors be restricted to husbands, wives, Mothers, and Fathers.

Fencing of Jail and Courthouse Property

The Sheriff brought up the possibility of fencing the property around the Jail as a safety and precautionary measure. Deputy Sheriff Joe Lee Somerville was injured on June 15, 1970 while escorting a juvenile to the Jail. In attempting to apprehend the prisoner, Deputy Somerville and the prisoner rolled down the steep banking into Tudor Hall Road, causing serious injury to his knee and leg.

It was unanimously agreed that a thorough investigation be made into the matter, that estimates be obtained for constructing a fence around the property.

Miss P. J. Chymsak of WPTX left the meeting.

Mr. Paul R. Raley was requested to contact Mr. Joe Crumbling and arrange for obtaining his services with regard to rearrangement of the Sheriff's Offices, the Jail, and fencing off the Jail and Courthouse properties.

Mobile Radios for Deputy Sheriff's Cars

The Board of County Commissioners requested that Mr. Paul R. Raley initiate purchase orders for three mobile radios for the three new Deputy Sheriff's cars without further delay.

Loud Speaker Systems for Sheriff's Department

Mr. Paul R. Raley was requested to determine the cost of a loud speaker system for the Sheriff's Department. Such loud speaker systems would be intended for mounting on one or more of the patrol cars.

Roads Meeting

Present: Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer
Mr. Douglas Bond, State Roads Commission

Commissioner George R. Aud requested that Mr. Bond place a 25 MPH zone sign at the entrance to St. Andrews Estates.

Commissioner George R. Aud requested that Mr. Bond place stop signs on each side of Gunston Drive, going into Spruce Road.

Commissioner George R. Aud reported that there is a pipe stopped up in Town Creek in front of the Asbury residence and requested that Mr. Bond take remedial action.

In response to Mr. Burch's inquiry, Mr. Wagener stated that he would arrange for a meeting on June 17 with Messrs. Jim Dobry and Douglas Bond to inspect conditions at Chancellor's Run Road. Commissioner George R. Aud indicated that he would also be present.

Commissioner F. Elliott Burch requested that Mr. Bond check out the Camp Winslow Road.

Oiling Schedule -- The Board of County Commissioners requested that Mr. Douglas Bond submit his recommendations for a firm oiling schedule at the meeting on June 30, 1970.

Sediment Control Program -- The Board of County Commissioners requested that Mr. August H. Wagener prepare a memorandum setting forth his recommendations for the membership of a Task Force to develop a Sediment Control Program for St. Mary's County.

Commissioner J. Wilmer Bowles reported that he had received a request from Mrs. Sarah Guy to have the bushes near her property on Pincushion Road cut. Mr. Bond was asked to comply.

Mr. Irving Knott re Sanitary Landfill in Valley Lee

Mr. Irving Knott appeared to protest the Board of County Commissioners' plan for making a landfill which will abutt his property in Valley Lee. Mr. Knott stated that he had been developing some of this land for a park area and that he was in the process of building an expensive residence which will, as he understands it, overlook the dumping area; that he was not made aware of the County's intentions until after the Landfill property had been purchased for that purpose from Mr. Herman W. Hewitt, Jr.; that he would like to have 1,000 feet of open space between his land and the landfill, which land he would be willing to purchase. The County Engineer, Mr. August H. Wagener, mentioned that 500 feet of open space is required by law. Mr. Burch said that he thought the Board of County Commissioners could do something about declaring a certain portion of the County

land as Open Space in order to assure Mr. Knott that the Landfill operations would not encroach too near his property line. Commissioner Aud stated that he would like to meet Mr. Knott and go over the property with him. It was left that Commissioner Aud would survey the situation in company with Mr. Knott and report back to the Board.

Mr. Robert Stevens re Hermanville Road

Mr. Robert Stevens appeared to outline his plans for making a small pond on his property and to advise the Commissioners that he planned on putting the dam between the new road and his house. Mr. Wagener stated that the pond would be below the road level, that there would be no drainage problem, and all that was needed was a pipe under the road.

Board of Education, Federally-funded projects for Technical Center

The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert E. King, Jr., appeared with Mr. Wilbur Dohrman to apprise the Board of County Commissioners of two projects underway at the Technical Center, which are Federally funded: (1) A mobile evaluation unit to provide handicapped and disadvantaged students with an opportunity to be vocationally tested and evaluated so they will be better able to prepare for a realistic entry into the work world; and (2) a closed circuit television system for broadcasting to students in the Technical Center and for taping workshops in progress at the Technical Center for rebroadcast to other schools, or for use at a later date as instruction material. Both projects receive 100% funding from the Federal level.

Nursing Program

Mr. Dohrman explained that the nursing instruction program now under way at the Technical Center will be allowed by the State Board of Education until the facilities are finally evaluated next month. Final approval for the program, however, will not be granted until after the first class is graduated. For logistic arrangements, the hospital at the Naval Air Station, St. Mary's Hospital, and the Nursing Home will provide a training base. Students will enter the program at the 12th grade level and continue on for an additional year -- being graduated after successful completion of the 13th year of schooling. A diploma in Practical Nursing will be awarded.

County Inspector - Mr. Thomas L. Cryer

Mr. Cryer, County Inspector, concurred with the opinion expressed by the President of the Board, that there was very little need for him to retain a mobile radio in his car. Mr. Paul R. Raley was requested to make appropriate arrangements with the Maryland State Police for removal of the radio.

Mr. Earl Gatton's request to substitute Station Wagon for School Bus

Mr. Paul R. Raley reported that Mr. Earl Gatton had requested permission to substitute a new Station Wagon in lieu of a new school bus in order to cover his route at the next school session. It is Mr. Gatton's intention to make three trips with the station wagon, which he would normally cover in one trip with a school bus. Mr. Aud cautioned Mr. Raley to have a clear understanding with Mr. Gatton regarding the mileage adjustment. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to allow Mr. Gatton to purchase and use a new station wagon, rather than a school bus.

Priorities for County Road Construction or Repair

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted for reconstruction of the following roads:

Hermanville Road
 Richneck Road
 Maypole Road
 Hewitt Road - 8th District
 Strickland Road/Pegg Road connection
 Franklin Delano Road
 St. Andrews Church Road

The Board requested that the County Engineer, Mr. August H. Wagener, run a center line survey on the proposed connection between Strickland Road and Pegg Road.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Approved,

J. E. Elliott Burch