

County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, July 21, 1970

Present: F. Elliott Burch, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 George R. Aud, Commissioner
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
 Elinor Mattingly (Mrs.), Secretary, (Recording)

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Payments Approved

Invoices 37275 through 37301 were signed by Mr. Burch.

The following payments were approved:

Marvin S. Kaminetz for Counsel Fees.....	\$25.00
Delahay's Pile Driving Service for work on Tall Timbers Shore Erosion project.....	375.00
Southern Maryland Woodtreating Corp for supplies Tall Timbers Shore Erosion project.....	267.90
J. Moakley Mattingly for work on Tall Timbers Shore Erosion project.....	589.00
Marvin S. Kaminetz for counsel fees.....	50.00
Bussells & Co. for survey Richneck Road.....	2,566.00
Bussells & Co. for survey Larredore Road.....	1,535.00
Bussells & Co. for survey Hewett Road.....	1,940.00
St. Mary's County Library Appropriation.....	25,796.00
Southern Maryland Woodtreating Corp. for supplies...	182.60
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill for survey Pegg's Lane.....	681.00
Lorenzi, Dodds & Gunnill for inspection Bennett's Landfill.....	39.00
David M. Gruber & Company for services, fourth Quarter, Fiscal 1969-70.....	2,250.00

Board of Election Supervisors, Registration

Mr. Paul R. Raley was asked to call Mr. James Bean, Board of Election Supervisors. Mr. Bean had submitted that the Board of Election Supervisors had decided not to have registration one day in each Election District. However, they will have registration here in the Courthouse August 10th through 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners concurred with this decision.

Horse Landing Bridge

Mr. Burch asked that we advertise for bids in the County papers this week for materials to be used in the construction of the Horse Landing Bridge. We have received from Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. a list of the materials needed.

Fuel Oil Bids

Mr. Burch asked Mr. Raley to check to see when the fuel oil bids will be due again. Mr. Raley was also asked to check the size tanks used and the different locations of same.

Sheriff's Patrol Cars

The subject of the three Sheriff's cars to be put on bid was brought up. Mr. Paul R. Raley was asked to send out a letter to each of the car dealers in the area asking when they can deliver the 1971 cars. (We would like to have delivery by October 1, 1970).

Painting of Jail

All of the Commissioners agreed that the Jail should be painted. A suggestion was made that the color of the walls be changed; to either blue or green. The floor should be painted a medium gray. Also, four windows need to be replaced. Mr. Raley was asked to advertise bids.

Colony Development Corporation

Mr. August H. Wagener, the County Engineer, brought in a suggested letter to the Colony. It was ready by the Commissioners and a few changes were made. Mr. Wagener's secretary was asked to insert the changes in the letter and have it sent out.

Sheriff re Speakers and Sirens

Sheriff Burroughs appeared to request speaker and siren combinations for five of his cars. He estimated it would cost approximately \$1,800 for the five cars. This public address system is to be mounted on top of the cars. Sheriff Burroughs also asked if the County Commissioners would agree to renting two cars for the Sheriff's Department to use for three months. They

have a Walkie-Talkie which can be put in one car and the other car can be used for transporting patients. Commissioner Aud requested that Sheriff Burroughs determine the total expense for renting these cars.

State Roads Meeting

Mr. Allen W. Tate, District Engineer and Mr. Jerry Day from the Prince Frederick State Roads Commission office joined Mr. Douglas Bond, Resident Engineer, for the meeting. Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, was also present. Mr. Stanley Donaldson and Mr. Harris Sterling represented the Office of Finance.

The subject of State Route 235 was brought up. Mr. Tate stated that SR 235 is in the re-design stage now. Our road expenses were discussed. Mr. Bowles requested that two inches of bituminous asphalt concrete be put on SR 235 from Laurel Grove to Lexington Park.

It was stated that the oiling came out of the Maintenance Fund last year (69-70). Most of this occurred during the last three months of fiscal 70. There was a balance of \$13,784.00 coming into 1969. Overlooking the \$95,000 spent for surface treatment, the maintenance averaged \$30,000 per month. Mr. Day stated that there are two reasons for being in the "red" now. (1) the July flood disaster which cost the County approximately \$19,175.19 in maintenance and (2) we had a bad winter last year. There was constant freezing and thawing of the roads which contributed to the roads breaking up. \$22,623.99 was spent for snow, ice and sand treatment last winter.

When the figures are all in, St. Mary's County will be approximately \$50,000 in the "red" at the end of the Fiscal Year. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Tate if he had any objections to this. Mr. Tate stated he had none, but that operations on County Roads will have to be curtailed to prevent us from being even further in the "red" next year. Mr. Tate suggested we postpone the oiling of some of the roads for one year if they are not too bad. He said the best way to economize is to use as little material as possible. Mr. Bond was asked to send the County Commissioners a copy of each month's expenditures.

Essex South

Mr. Joseph Dressler and Mrs. William Wilson, residents of Essex South, presented a petition to the County Commissioners recommending that "Stop" signs and speed restrictions "Not to Exceed 15 mph" be placed in the Essex South Sub-division in Lexington Park, Maryland. Mrs. Wilson noted that there were no "Stop" signs or "Children at Play" signs in Essex South. Mr. Burch said that we would make recommendations to the State Roads Commission and the Maryland State Police concerning stop signs and speed signs for Essex South.

Dukehart Creek

Mr. Paul R. Raley read a letter from Mr. Alfred Lawrence Toombs in which Mr. Toombs stated he was a part-owner in Lot 4 in Dukehart Creek and he had not been contacted for permission to dredge the Creek. Mr. Bowles dictated a letter which was to be sent to Mr. Toombs concerning the background data on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch