

County Commissioners MeetingTuesday, August 4, 1970

Participants: F. Elliott Burch, President
 J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner
 George R. Aud, Commissioner
 Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant
 Elinor A. Mattingly (Mrs.), Secretary
 (Recording morning session)
 Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst.
 (Recording afternoon session)

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on July 28, 1970 were read, amended, and approved.

Payments Approved

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., \$42.84 for hardware on Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project under contract to Delahay.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., project named above, for Creosoted YP Materials in amount \$951.00.

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., project named above, for Galvanized Hardware in amount \$221.05.

Sheriff of St. Mary's County for narcotic work conducted in the amount of \$220.00.

Speed Signs -- Essex South Sub-Division

Mr. Burch suggested that we write a letter to the Maryland State Police requesting their views and recommendations as to appropriate speed limit signs in the Essex South Sub-Division.

A letter was read from Mr. Alfred Toombs of New York City, New York, in which Mr. Toombs stated he does not consent to his property on Lot #4 in Dukehart's Creek being dredged without adequate compensation. Mr. Burch stated he would answer Mr. Toombs letter himself, and have a copy of the letter sent to the Office of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.

A letter was read from Mr. David Fisher, Chairman-Director of the State Roads Commission dated July 30, 1970 in reference to our request that a 40 mph speed zone be established in the southbound lane of Maryland #5 from Chaptico/Mechanicsville Road to the cross-over near the Wonder Bread Building. Mr. Fisher stated that "after observing and measuring prevailing speeds, analyzing accident data, and reviewing the existing strip development through this area, our Bureau of Traffic Safety has determined that a 40 mph zone would not be realistic." Mr. Burch requested that a reply to this letter be prepared for his signature.

A letter from James A. Kenney, III, of Briscoe and Kenney was read, outlining their proposal to do title work in connection with the acquisition of nine (9) parcels of property for the St. Mary's River Watershed Project on an hourly basis of \$25.00 an hour, with the understanding that the total figure for the nine parcels of property will not exceed \$2,500.00. Mr. Aud suggested that if we wanted to take immediate action, we should get in touch with Mr. James Henderson and have him submit a request for approval.

1971 Sheriff Vehicles

Mr. Paul R. Raley stated that he had received four replies to the letter which had been sent out to all car dealers asking when they could expect to deliver 1971 vehicles. The Commissioners decided to advertize bids to be opened on Tuesday, October 6, 1970.

Animal Shelter Truck

The subject of the animal shelter truck was brought up and Mr. Raley was asked to call the Humane Society in Washington, D. C. to inquire into the kind of trucks they use in the hope that we can get some useful information from them on specifications and source of supply.

Emergency Operations Center

Mr. Otis F. Wood reported that lightning had struck the Emergency Operations Center twice during the last week. On Wednesday night, a fuse was blown and they lost use of the telephones. On Friday night, the lightning did

considerable damage. Some of the telephone equipment burned up and also the transistors on some of the radios. These have been repaired; however, the regulator on the generator was damaged and he has been without emergency power ever since. Mr. Wood has ordered a new regulator for the generator. (Mr. Dick Myers from WKIK joined the meeting at this time.)

Commissioner Bowles suggested that we have an electrical engineer in to study the situation and to make recommendations for some type of alternate installation. Mr. Wood was asked about the vents to the outside of the building. He stated that the vents are pad-locked and also that they weigh 100 lbs. apiece. He said he thought the chimney and vents should have some sort of cover over them as a safety precaution and will investigate the matter.

Grass-Cutting at Tudor Hall

Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Norman Pilkerton would be happy to mow the grass at Tudor Hall at the same time he took care of the grass at the EOC. Mr. Pilkerton will mow the grass for \$10.00 each time and furnish his own mower.

Xerox Machine

Mr. Wood stated that his Xerox machine was not working. The EOC has need of this machine to make copies of accident reports. Mr. Wood was asked to get an estimate of how much it would cost to run a 220-volt line to the machine and if it does not seem too high, to get an electrician to do it.

Public Trash Disposal Areas

Mr. J. Dennis Raley, Jr. of the SRC stated that he had two names of persons who may be willing to sell property for use as Public Trash Disposal Areas in the Seventh District. One is Mr. George Wallis of Brandywine, Maryland; and the other is Mr. Joseph D. Weiner. Mr. Burch telephoned Mr. Wallis and it was confirmed that Mr. Wallis is considering the sale of the land to the County for a sanitary landfill. Mr. J. Raley reported that he and his men can dig the hole to bury all the trash in the Avenue dump and then cover it up, prior to closing the area.

Mr. Jr. Raley requested the Commissioners to hire another man to work with him. He reported that the County truck is idle 60 or 70% of the time. Now, they are only covering two dumps per day. With an additional man, they would be able to take care of five dumps per day. The additional man could do all of the driving and transporting of the other two men to the different areas. Eventually, he would like to have a tractor/trailer to move the equipment around. He said that Mr. Joseph Thompson was interested in coming to work for him. He can be hired as a laborer at \$2.00 per hour. Mr. Aud made a motion that we hire Mr. Thompson, it was seconded by Mr. Bowles, and carried.

Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst., (Recording):

Resolution - St. Mary's County Sanitary Landfill (Oakville)

At 1:45 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners reconvened to review a draft resolution on the St. Mary's County Sanitary Landfill at Oakville. The resolution was read, amended and annotated, with Messrs. Raley of the SRC and Mr. August H. Wagener, County Engineer, present. It was the consensus that the resolution was not in the proper format, nor framed properly, for acceptance. Messrs. Burch and Aud agreed that further investigation should be conducted and conversations held with Commercial Trash Haulers and persons in commercial or industrial businesses hauling trash in connection with their individual industry or commercial endeavor prior to coming to a decision concerning adoption of the resolution as drafted. Mr. Bowles had left the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to meet a prior commitment, and was not present when the foregoing decision was made.

Sheriff's Department - Space Management Study

Mr. Joe Crumbling of Buchart Associates appeared to present his recommendations and the plans for the rearrangement of available office space in the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff and his Chief Deputy appeared, at the request of Mr. Burch, to participate in the discussion. Suggestions concerning the utilization of the available space allocated for the two secretaries were submitted and accepted and Mr. Crumbling agreed to redraw the plans in compliance. In answer to Mr. Bowles'

query, Mr. Crumbling stated that his best "guesstimation" of the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$2,000, and that he had not prepared any bid specifications to establish the quality of the material to be used. Mr. Crumbling stated that in view of the cost, he thought it would be unwarranted to go to all that trouble and expense. He suggested that we might be able to handle the bid by a "letter of proposal". The architectural fee will probably be in the neighborhood of between \$600 and \$700.00. Decision to proceed with the renovation and rearrangement of the space in the Sheriff's Department was not taken and Mr. Crumbling was advised that he would be notified of the determination at a later date.

Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project

Messrs. Delahay (contractor) and Wagener (County Engineer) outlined a proposal for finishing the entire Shore Erosion problem at Tall Timbers:

Breakwall, Eiker property-----	\$6,000.00
Breakwall, Lynch property-----	6,000.00
Jetties-----	24,000.00
Material-----	1,100.00
Equipment-----	600.00
	<u>\$37,700.00</u>

Mr. Burch indicated that the County Commissioners should visit the site for a personal inspection prior to any commitment, and that the Administrative Assistant, Mr. Raley, should determine the amount of available funds forthcoming from the State of Maryland.

Avenue Public Trash Disposal Area

At 4:55 p.m., Messrs. Burch and Aud voted to close the Avenue Public Trash Disposal Area. Mr. Bowles was not present. The following announcement was drafted and given to the news media:

"The Public Trash Disposal Area at Avenue will be closed and no more trash deposited after August 14, 1970. All residents of the Area are requested to use the Clements Public Trash Disposal Area. This action becomes necessary in the interest of public health. When the present conditions can be rectified, another location in the area may be made available."

Shore Erosion Study at Scotland Beach, St. Jerome's Inlet, and Tanner Creek

Since the District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, Baltimore, has been requested by letter dated July 28, 1970 to cause investigations and studies to be made with a view to preventing erosion at the locations under caption, the Board of County Commissioners elected to advise the Brevard Engineering Company of Hyattsville, Maryland, that their services would not be needed in this connection. Mr. August H. Wagener was requested to inform Mr. Frank F. Lunter, an Associate of Brevard Engineering Company, in writing, of this decision.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch

33,000.00
20,000.00
10,000.00
1,100.00
400.00
317,700.00

Mr. Burch indicated that the County Commissioners should visit the site for a personal inspection prior to any commitment, and that the Administrative Assistant, Mr. Burch, should determine the amount of available funds pertaining to the grade of Maryland.

Shore Erosion Study at Scotland Beach

At 4:55 p.m., Messrs. Burch and Bowler voted to close the second public trash disposal area. Mr. Bowler was not present. The following announcement was drafted and given to the news writer:

The Public Trash Disposal Area at Scotland Beach will be closed and no trash deposited after August 14, 1970. All residents of the area are requested to use the first public trash disposal area. This action is being taken in the interest of public health. When the present trash disposal area is vacated, another location in the area will be available.