

County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 1970

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

The meeting convened at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on August 11, 1970, were read, amended and approved.

Payments Approved

Southern Maryland Wood Treating Corp., hardware for Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project (Delahay the contractor), in amount \$56.10.

Hugh W. Wilkerson and Associates, survey work on St. Andrews Church Road through June, 1970, \$630.00; property work and some topographic on Sanitary Landfill site at Valley Lee, \$1,280.00.

Bussells and Company, for office engineering and survey party days, Hewitt Road improvements, \$3,500.00.

Delahay's Pile Driving Service, Tall Timbers Shore Erosion Project -- week of July 27 to July 31, \$3,145.00; week of August 10 - August 14, 1970, \$3,145.00.

Loker and Wigginton, legal services for July, 1970, \$240.00.

Jean S. Jager for Notary Fees, petitions for support, \$20.00.

Pegg's Lane

Mr. Focer of Lorenzi Dodds and Gunnill, Consulting Engineers, discussed the alignment of new construction on Pegg's Lane, in company with the County Engineer, August H. Wagener. The Board of County Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the alignment as drawn, but requested Mr. Focer to approach Mrs. Strickland with a view toward obtaining her approval for constructing the road through her property so as to reduce the sharpness of a curve. Messrs. Focer and Wagener will report back on this subject.

Bennett Sanitary Landfill Property

The status of acquisition of the Bennett property, for use as a Sanitary Landfill, was discussed with Messrs. Focer and Wagener. The property is under lease to the County. Mr. Burch suggested that an effort should be made to purchase the property if we intend to use it as a Sanitary Landfill and that this should be done before the access road to the property is improved. Mr. Wigginton, County Attorney, joined the meeting and the Board requested that Mr. Wigginton look into the lease conditions, search the deed, and the access road right-of-way.

Board of Education -- Mobile Classroom Units for George Washington Carver Middle School

Present: Dr. Robert E. King, Jr.; Mr. Henry Kanowicz; Mr. Edward F. Fitzgerald, Principal of George Washington Carver Middle School; Lt. M. C. Turley, President of PTA; and Mr. Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney

The Board of Education made an appeal to the Board of County Commissioners for \$30,000 to be used for the purchase of four mobile units to be used at the George Washington Carver Middle School in lieu of putting the 7th grade on split shifts. The registration at the school was fixed at 464 as of this date and has space for an enrollment of 345 students. The total enrollment last year was 416. The Board of Education stated that the mobile units would be needed for at least the next ten years -- even if relief were provided for the George Washington Carver Middle School by the construction of the Park Hall School -- the latter being dependent upon acceptance of a \$4.5 million bond issue.

The Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to grant \$30,000.00 to the Board of Education for the purpose of purchasing four mobile classroom units -- such funds to come from the St. Mary's County Contingency Fund.

It was also agreed that a new pay-scale would be computed based on the formula which is currently in use by the Board of Education. This new formula would not go into effect until after school enrollments and routes were firmed up, but would be retroactive to the beginning of the school year. When the question of insurance came up, it was confirmed that the Board of Education pays for all insurance except comprehensive coverage. The Association requests that the County also pay for all insurance, except comprehensive, which would include all liability insurance, medical payments, and medical examination. It was agreed that when the payments, under the new formula, have been computed, that they will be passed on to Mr. Weiner for examination prior to final agreement. It was also agreed that new contracts will be negotiated with each of the parochial school bus contractors.

Public Landing, St. Georges Island

Mr. Joseph D. Weiner requested that some loads of gravel be put in near the public landing at St. Georges. The question of ownership of the property came up and Mr. Robert E. Wigginton was requested to resolve it. Mr. Aud suggested that the best thing to do was to get in touch with Webster Poe, who owns the property next to it, to seek his consent. It was agreed that if Mr. Poe has no objection, the County will proceed to fill in with gravel.

Irving Knott Property

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton was requested to visit the site of the Irving Knott property in Valley Lee which abutts the Hewitt property, recently purchased for the purpose of a sanitary landfill. Mr. Wagener will accompany Mr. Wigginton and the purpose of their visit will be to resolve the problem of establishing free space between the two properties.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch