

County Commissioners' MeetingTuesday, August 25, 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 9:40 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meetings which was held on August 18, 1970, were read, amended, and approved.

Mr. Chauncey W. Karstens, Republican Candidate for the Office of County Commissioner joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m., and remained until the noon recess.

Voucher Numbers 37464 through 37492 were signed by Mr. F. Elliott Burch, President.

Television Reception on Maypole Road

A letter dated August 17, 1970 from Louis A. Nelson, James I. Owens, and William J. Brosnan, residents of Maypole Road, complaining of the television reception on Maypole Road was read and reviewed. It was stated that SMECO should be able to repair the lines from their power station located on Maypole Road to accommodate the citizens' need for television reception. The Board of County Commissioners elected to forward a copy of the letter to the SMECO and to request their advice and assistance in the matter.

Dukehart Creek - Dredging

A letter from Alfred Lawrence Toombs, 511 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017, dated July 28, 1970, was reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners concerning CBA's proposal to place dredging materials on Lot No. 4, in which his family has a 2/3 interest -- such dredging to bisect Lot No. 4. Mr. Toombs alleges that his family was never asked to sign

a consent agreement to the proposal, and objects to surrender of total use of this property without compensation. Mr. Burch mentioned that he had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Lynn Dowell (one of the heirs of the Toombs property) whose address is #1 Castlegate Court, Towson, Maryland 21204 (Tel: 828-1436) and stated that Mrs. Dowell had indicated to him that there was lack of communication concerning the proposal. Mrs. Dowell also implied to Mr. Burch that agreement was possible, provided adequate communications were set up. Mr. Bowles requested that Mr. Paul R. Raley get all the names of the heirs to the property and that Mr. Hutchins of the Chesapeake Bay Affairs be contacted regarding this matter.

Parochial School Bus Transportation Contract Available
Mother Catherine Spalding School

Mr. Paul R. Raley advised the Board of County Commissioners that a school-bus route, involving the transportation of 39 children, 24 miles twice a day (approximate remuneration of \$224.00 per month) was available and that he has no prospects of an interested contractor. Mr. Burch suggested that perhaps Alton Bailey would be interested. Mr. Raley was requested to thoroughly investigate all possibilities and to report back to the Board. thoroughly

Discount on Early-Payment of Real Estate Taxes

Commissioner George R. Aud asked if there was any interest present in discounting real estate taxes to induce early payment of same. Mr. Wigginton stated that collections, even if discounted, were slow and that the additional work which would be created for the Treasurer's Office might not warrant such a procedure.

Proposed Percolation Ordinance
Department of Health

Mr. Walter A. Raum, Chief Sanitarian for the Department of Health, Mr. Dick Hall of the Soil Conservation Service, and Mr. James Hannerwald of the Soil Conservation Service appeared to review a proposed Percolation Ordinance with the Board of County Commissioners. Such an ordinance must be published for three successive weeks prior to public hearing; enactment of such an

ordinance to come ten days thereafter. The proposed ordinance would restrict the taking of percolation tests in those areas of St. Mary's County having a high water table to the period from February 1 to March 31 of any year prior to approval and installation of septic tank and tile drainfields. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously agreed to publish the proposed ordinance on September 14, 21 and 28, 1970 and to hold a public hearing on October 7, 1970 at 8:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room. Tentative date of enactment of the percolation ordinance is set for October 22, 1970, subject to acceptance. It is to be noted that the proposed percolation ordinance was recommended, requested, and drafted by the Department of Health.

Irving Knott Property (Take-It-Easy Ranch) vis-a-vis Valley Lee Sanitary Landfill Property

Messrs. August H. Wagener and Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, reported on their survey of the Take-It-Easy Ranch development, as constructed by Mr. Irving Knott. Mr. Wigginton stated that the Ranch is a beautifully landscaped recreation area of potential economic spin-off to St. Mary's County and that the development of a Sanitary Landfill abutting this recreational area would certainly detract from its growth. In addition, Mr. Knott has started his own home on the property, which would overlook the dumping area. In view of Mr. Knott's total capital investment in this development, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to investigate the possibility of finding another suitable location for a Sanitary Landfill which would not encroach on investment property.

The Board of County Commissioners requested Messrs. Wagener and Wigginton to approach Messrs. McLeod and Bennett on the availability of some of their land for possible use as a sanitary landfill.

Maryland State Police Barrack Location

Mr. Robert E. Wigginton mentioned that the State Roads Commission and the State of Maryland were interested in a site location for use as a local Barrack complex for the Maryland State Police and suggested the possibility of

locating them near the St. Mary's County Technical Center. Mr. Wigginton had not been apprised as to whether the State was searching for a land donation, or was willing to purchase. The Board agreed that it would be highly desirable to locate such a police complex in the vicinity of the Technical Center, close to Leonardtown.

Roads Meeting

It was reported that there is a drainage problem on Ritchie Road; St. Andrews Lane (4th house down). Clarke's Mill Road needs some patching; Tippet's Road needs blading and bushing; Dick Mattingly's road (off Forest Landing Road) has some holes in it. Mrs. Pye Unkle of Horse Head Road appeared to request assistance with the problem of collecting tar on her school bus on Chancellor's Run Road and was advised by Mr. Bond that the road would be sanded; in addition, two inches of bituminous asphalt concrete would be put on Chancellor's Run Road before Fall.

Mr. Wagener reported that Mr. Bill Wilson would be able to get all right-of-way assignments for the extension of Maypole Road with the exception of one from Robert A. Miles, comprising 200 feet of frontage.

Victor Cherbonnier re Metropolitan Commission

Mr. Victor Cherbonnier, Esquire, Special Attorney for the Metropolitan Commission, appeared to ask the Board of County Commissioners to rescind an order of the Board of County Commissioners dated July 30, 1963, which extended the franchise of the Patuxent Water Company from one to two miles radius which was never submitted for approval to the Public Service Commission. In answer to Mr. Burch's query, Mr. Cherbonnier responded that the Metropolitan Commission was asking for this action in order to provoke the Public Service Commission's acceptance of the sale of the Patuxent Water Company to the Metropolitan Commission. After investigation by Robert E. Wigginton, County Attorney, it was determined that no action regarding this matter would be taken by the Board of County Commissioners.

Recreation and Parks

Messrs. John V. Baggett and James Henderson appeared to discuss the acquisition of land for St. George's Park at 4:15 p.m. Recreation and Parks now has approval from the Federal and the State to acquire ten lots of land owned by Mr. Ed Curley for \$6,000 -- at a cost of \$1,500 to St. Mary's County. The land has been appraised at \$5,500 and the deed has been written. Messrs. Burch and Bowles agreed to proceed with the purchase so long as title to the beach-front is available. Mr. Wigginton is to determine whether or not there are riparian rights to the property.

Mr. B. Harris Sterling discussed budget management with Messrs. Baggett and Henderson, giving particular emphasis to capital improvements which carried over from one fiscal year to another, and which involved Federal and State funding. Mr. Sterling stated that he could encumber Recreation and Parks funds left over from the previous year only if the funds were ear-marked for capital improvements, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Sterling cautioned Messrs. Baggett and Henderson that he would be unable to encumber or ear-mark any funds for "expense items".

Jail Attendants

Mr. Burch requested that Mr. B. Harris Sterling, Director of Finance, actively pursue the establishment of titles, grades and salaries for three attendants for the Jail.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved,

J. Elliott Burch