

January 9, 1951

The Board of County Commissioners held their first regular meeting this morning, with all members present.

The minutes of Dec 12 were read by the secretary and approved by the Board.

Amts. on deposit as of Dec 31, 1950 were		
1st Natl. Bank, Leonardtown	CGF#1	\$16,948.03
County Trust Co "	CGF#2	95,357.78
County Trust Co Mechanicsville	CGF#3	39,651.09
State School Loan- 1st Natl		449,582.33

The Treasurer requested the Board to purchase a "check protector" as the old one has completely disintegrated. This was agreed upon.

Oil tank at Alms House, property of Thrift Oil Co., to be purchased by the Board, since the Thrift Oil Co is not servicing the Alms House. The Bd. feels it is better to own the tank and let the oil service out on contracts. Mr. Thrift so notified.

#### Roads.

Clayton and Newtown Roads in 1st Elec. Dist. For over five years, at different periods, taxpayers on these two roads have requested repairs. Newtown Rd. was repaired in July, but not completed, and both roads were accepted for maintenance.

#### St. Geo. Island.

Mr. Lawrence Henderson requested repairs on roads on the Island Since so much has been spent on the Island, for Seawall etc., and roads no action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Stone and Mr. M.C.Thompson will view the roads in question and report on their findings at the next meeting.

#### XRay Technician

For 3 years the "ed Corss has been paying Miss SusieBelle Guy the sum of \$300.00 per year for her work as xray technician in the Health Dept. They requested the Bd to take over this amount in order that these funds may be used for other TB work. A regular technician would be paid \$3,000.00 per year. No action taken. Dr. Houser and Mrs. Magee appeared in this matter.

#### Clerk for Troopers' office

Det. Srgt. Jackson requested a clerk be appointed in place of Mrs. Slingluff who is ill and will not be able to return to work for a month or more. Clerk instructed to contact Mrs. Edna Bell Frye and see if she would take the position at \$100 per month. Mrs. Frye was contacted by Mr. Jackson but did not

come to the Court House as he suggested.  
Bd. of Education made appointment for 1;30 Jan 23rd.

Letter received from Mr. W.S. Donaldson asking to be appointed as auditor for the County. Mr. Donaldson, with Mr. B. Harris Sterling working under Chas. R. Norris, CPA of Towson has been approved by the State Auditor's office as auditor for the 1950 books of the County and is working on those at present. No action taken.

Letter directed to State Roads Commission requesting they combine the surplus left from 1950 with the amount allocated for 1951 and apply it to road maintenance in St. Mary's County.

#### Erosion

Lt. Com. J.A. Downs, A. Meatyard, Jr., Dr. Gumble; Mr. Blair and others representing Taxpayers of Tall Timbers section appeared requesting relief from the erosion taking place there. Last heavy storm washed away from  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 9 ft of shore property. A detailed discussion was held on this subject, Mr. Sterling read from the Erosion Relief Law, advising that taxpayers requesting this relief would have to pay their proportion of the cost- estimated roughly at \$72,000.00) and the extra tax would be added yearly to their regular tax bills, until the amount due had been paid. Bonds must be issued to cover the cost of installing the seawall and jetties which are deemed necessary. The committee favored a 5ft seawall with 24 ft. jetties, 10 inch creosoted piles set 7 ft. apart. The Board decided to visit Annapolis and see the recent Erosion Relief project installed there before taking any action. It is deemed advisable to take steps soon to offset any further loss of property. An appointment was made for the Board to visit the office of the County Commissioners on Monday January 15 at 2;30 and consult with them about the erosion relief project. Mr. Sterling and Mr. Thompson will accompany the Board.

#### Animal Rescue League.

Mrs. Hume Peabody appeared in regard to financial assistance from the County for an Animal Rescue League. Mr. Duke has offered a small building and ground for a Pound, but it will need wire fences, locks etc. Stray dogs and cats are a great nuisance in the County and in 1950 damage done by dogs amounted to almost \$1200.00. Two deputies were appointed to sell tags and destroy all untagged dogs, or any damaging poultry or cattle. The sale of tags hardly pays for the amount spent in claims. No action was taken on this matter as no definite amount was requested, nor specified work mentioned.

#### Law Library

Atty. W.M. Loker, Jr., who with Atty. .O. Sterling had been appointed by Judge Digges to contact the Board with regard to their financing the installation of shelves in the Law Library. Books amounting to \$1700.00 have recently been purchased by the Library Asso., and there is not sufficient shelf space to hold them. The Association would like to remove the metal cases and place them elsewhere in the Court House, as there is more space on the shelves they requested than in the book cases. The Board viewed the room and decided before they took any action they would consider the matter further.

#### Damage by Dogs.

Mr and Mrs Ed Stone appeared with a request for claim of damage by dogs to their hens. They saw the dog eat two hens but not the others that were missing tho there was a pile of bones and feathers w ere the dog had been

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They could not swear that the dog had gotten all the chickens since they did not see him with them and they felt they could not properly fill in the damage claim. The Board, knowing both Mr and Mrs. Stone very well, advised that if the owner of the dog would sign the claim and agree to kill the dog, the Board will pay the claim.

#### Pitney-Bowes Mailing machine

Representative of the Pitney-Bowes mailing machine Co desires to send a machine for demonstration as it will lighten the mailing work in the Court House. This work is only heavy twice a year and the Board felt the machine was unnecessary. However, they agreed they would advise Mr. Aidee if they desired a demonstration.

#### State School Loan

5th Request made for funds from this Loan made by Miss Dent.

Bannaker School.....	\$35,010.00	
architect fees .....	1,702.00	\$36,712.00
1st Nat Bank Check #6196 dated Jan 9-51		
drawn to order of Treas to cover this amt.		

#### Bernard Spaling, Leonardtown

Complains of water draining on his property from road. This is due to the lay of the road. No action taken as Mr. Thompson will look it over.

#### Overcrowded Buses.

Deveral overcrowded buses make it necessary for Mr. Frank Bailey and Ambrose Wood to run 2 trips, thus adding 10 miles per day to their contract. Board agreed to this.

#### Chairs.

During the Erosion relief conference Dr. Gamble fell from a chair which had recently been repaired. Clerk was instructed to remove all old chairs from this room since they do not stand repairing and to order one dozen from the Md. State Penitentiary. Chairs were ordered.

#### Roads to be built in part in 1951

Green Hills- Green Briar (to corporate limits) St. Andrews Ch Rd.  
Abell's Wharf- Willows Rd. Bushwood, Pincushion to Somervilles.  
The Board felt it would be advisable to build part of each road rather than to complete one or two roads and give no relief on others. In 1952 they plan to complete as many of the started roads as possible. Oiling schedule for 1951 was prepared last fall and copy will be presented at next meeting.

#### Jail window

Window at jail broken out by inmate, order placed with Lank Woodwork Co in Wash. Window was such an odd size they requested the torn frame. However, since the frame could not be sent by mail and truck not going to Wash- the Leonardtown Lumber Co has agreed to make the window at once. Frame has been carried to them for their meadurements.

Jan 11, conference between Mr. Alvey, Miss Dent and Mr. Sterling regarding combination of bus routes. Miss Dent advised she would cooperate in any possible way, but did not feel the system used in Charles County- where buses are owned by one garage- was as satisfactory as here where buses are privately owned. The matter will require special legislation to make the change, and Miss Dent also advised she did not think there would be as great a saving as some imagined because both Public and Parochial schools have about 3000 pupils. However, even if there could be a savings of 10% of the entire cost which is about \$180,000.00 per year would be worth while.

Board will confer with the County Senator and Delegates when they go to Annapolis on Monday January 15th.

Extension on Paro. Sch. route of Alberta Bailey granted  
2½ mi            10 mi per day            \$2.00            \$36.00 per mo

Extension granted on Paro Sch route of Ambrose Wood  
2½ mi            10 mi per day            \$2.            \$36.00 per mo

clerk

approved            Pres.

*Leonard S Alvey*

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Vouchers ok'd for payment

2333	C & P Telephone	Dec service	96. <sup>18</sup> <del>19</del>
2334	Higdon Supply Co	repair type	5.00 <sup>^</sup>
2335	Lucas Bros	Tax binders Trs	94.34 <sup>^</sup>
2336	Myer & Thalheimer	T.M.Docket pages	36.07 <sup>^</sup>
2337	Combs & Greenwell	bonds St.Atty & clk	50.00 <sup>^</sup>
2338	Dr. P.J.Bean	Vital Statistics to 9/30	169.80 <sup>^</sup>
2339	Dr. F.A.Camalier,	" "	151.20 <sup>^</sup>
2340	Mrs. Eleanor Canter	" "	4.50 <sup>^</sup>
2341	Dr. R.V.Palmer,	" "	9.60 <sup>^</sup>
2342	Leonardtwn Vol.	Fire Dept 1950 Budget	700.00 <sup>^</sup>
2343	K. Jackson,	stenog LLBd. Jan sal	50.00 <sup>^</sup>
2344	JHT Briscoe,	St. Atty 12/15-12/31	83.33 <sup>^</sup>
2345	SMKing,	clerk "	Net 94.56 <sup>^</sup> wht 22.10 <sup>^</sup>
2346	"	custodian "	25.00 <sup>^</sup>
2347	Collector,	Int. Revenue to 12/31	165.70 wht <sup>^</sup>
2348	Norris & Norris	supplies	3.00 <sup>^</sup>
2349	Smith's Inc	repairs & supplies	29.01 <sup>^</sup>
2350	Bell Motor Co-	removing aerial from Shf car	8.75 <sup>^</sup>
2351	Bell & Wood,	refund on Beer License	16.67 <sup>^</sup>
2352	Gulf Oil Corp	fuel oil Co. Bldgs	576.72 <sup>^</sup>
2353	Chas. J. Mattingly,	Trs amt for notifications	409.20 <sup>^</sup>
2354	United San Chem Co	supplies	42.05 <sup>^</sup>
2355	State of Md.	Spring Grove to 12/31	884.17 <sup>^</sup>
2356	" "	Barrett Sch for Girls to 12/31	72.13 <sup>^</sup>
2357	" "	Crownsville to 12/31	498.12 <sup>^</sup>
2358	W.M.Loker,Jr,	Trs water rent to 12/31	30.00 <sup>^</sup>
2359	Comm. Leonardtown,	Racing Revenue to 12/31	399.60 <sup>^</sup>
2360	St. Mary's Co. Welfare Bd	Jan admin	2607.48 <sup>^</sup>
2361	Chas.J.Mattingly,	Trs. Ct. Orders, post Hawks	295.17 <sup>^</sup>
2362	J.P.Wilkinson,	clerical work on Tax books	52.50 <sup>^</sup>
2363	J.M Cooper,	LLBd Insp Jan sal	Net 193.60 <sup>^</sup> wht 6.40 <sup>^</sup>
2364	W.B:Long,	shrf Nov feed 51.00 Dec 69.00	120.00 <sup>^</sup>
2365	State Roads Commission,	Jan allotment	2000.00 <sup>^</sup>
2366	Bd. of Educa tion,	State School Loan	36712.00 <sup>^</sup>
2367	G.I.Ford,	Supt Alms House to 12.31	594.00 <sup>^</sup>