

May 22, 1956

The County Commissioners and their attorney met in regular session today.

A group of men, Dr. P.J. Dean, Oliver Guyther, John Garner, Wm.F. Herbert Fred McCoy called to protest the integration of school children in the 1st and 2nd grades of the Parochial schools. The Board explained that they were not in favor of this and had made no provision for extra transportation which this integration would necessitate. The group advised the Commissioners that parents would withdraw their support from the Fr. Andrew White school. Group questioned whether the Archbishop or his representative had communicated in any way with the Commissioners, which they had not. The law requiring the County to furnish transportation to schools not receiving State aid is mandatory. No action could be taken at this time.

Fr. Wilkinson, SJ who is in charge of transportation to parochial schools in the County advised that the colored children who apply for enrollment in the white parochial schools will have to be screened as to mental status to be on a par with the white children and their parents will have to provide transportation and there is no question as to whether the people want it or not, it is the ruling of the church.

Atty H's D Weiner with Mr. Herman Hewett came about two tracts of land owned by the County, bought in at Tax Sale in 1932- Noah Morgan 17 acres, Flotie Morgan Barnes, 10 acres in the 1st elections district. These two tracts were sold to Mr. Hewett for \$200.00.

Jos A Mattingly, attorney retained by several citizens residing in the Great Mills area called about sewage there. Dr. Locke was also present. The latter stated that conditions in that area were being remedied satisfactorily and several parties putting in septic tanks etc., except Mr. J.H. Spencer who has been the worse offender. Checking over the records it is shown that Mr. Spencer has transferred all his holdings in the 8th Elec. Dist to Mrs. Alice Stevens.

Geo. Maloy who with his father conducts a resort at Sand Gates, St. Mary's Beach asked that the Commissioners provide a parking lot for patrons there and also at McWilliams resort, adjoining. There is a marshland belonging to the County which Mr. Thompson says he can fill in to make a parking lot, but Maloy wants the Board to purchase a piece of land and make a large parking lot, which of course the Board cannot do. The Board will look at the marsh, talk to Mr. McWilliams and see about filling in the marshland.

Public Hearing for protests regarding abandonment of old road thru "Part of Springfield" and accepting two new roads there, not attended by anyone. Letter to Mr. Guyther advising him the Board will abandon the old road, and after he builds the two new roads Springfield Drive and St. Catherine St, if they meet with SRC specifications after inspection, and are DEEDed to the county, at no cost to the County, the new roads will be accepted and placed on the County Maintenance System.

~~Richard~~ Taylor was paid \$50 for rent of his land for Public Dump site for 1956-57

Board adjourned at 4 pm

approved

president

Leonard Schrey