

January 8, 1957

At their first meeting of 1957 all Commissioners were present, and were joined in the afternoon by Mr. Sterling.

Tax Review was set for 10 a.m. but no appeals were presented.

Nursing Home- Mr. Herbert Fritz, Chief Div of Hospitals State Health Dept with Mr. Howard Baldwin, Fed. Dept of Health-architect- came about the proposed Nursing Home. It is anticipated that the State will legislate \$100,000.00 for Statewide use for this project, since St. Mary's County was the first to make known its intention to erect the Nursing Home this County will receive first consideration and the State would participate up to 1/3 of the amount needed for erection of the building. In the event the State does not legislate for such project the Fed. Health Dept would go ahead with the County, paying for construction of such a building, allowing 1 1/2 beds per 1000 population- 52 bed. There is \$80,000.00 in the 57-58 Budget for this project,

Mr. Tilp was asked to prepare a tentative plan for the Nursing Home- Mr. Alvey suggested 2 stories. Mr. Tilp needs the lay of the land before he can do much about the plans. No site has been decided upon as yet.

Seal on Court House. It is the consensus of opinion that the Seal of the County should be placed over the porch entrance in the triangle, and not directly over the inside door as proposed by Mr. Tilp.

Dr. Houser reports that the Health Dept Bldg is in need of repairs, paint etc., 79% of all such work will be paid by the State Health Dept.

\$600 expense account of Harry Lancaster, plus expenses for bringing prisoner Harry Mattingly from California, was questioned. Harry Lancaster explained in detail that had he made the trip in his auto- 3,000 miles each, he would have had to have the company of another deputy, it would have taken 13 days which would mean 13 hotel bills for 2 each way, and for 3 on the return trip all of which total to \$869.00 Explanation sheet is attached hereto. Attorney suggested the Sheriff be contacted to see what he felt- Sheriff will appear at next meeting.

Deep Creek- sand is up to 600 yards or more from Bay, people along this water are willing to join in cost of keeping Creek clean and setting up jetties. No decision

Attorney Arthur Rysticken was allowed the \$300 for 3 appeals in Liquor Board Cases- Wathen, Safeway and Sabreeze. All of these cases required a great deal of work, attendance at extra hearings etc.

Golden Beach Roads- check received from Maj. Berger for \$1177.48 was endorsed over to the SRC, which pays the balance of road surfacing done in this sub-division.

Miss Dent phoned about another State School Loan, \$844,000.00 bonds for which will be floated in the spring of 1957- Money is needed for work at Banneker, Margaret Brent High and Leonardtown schools.

Mr. Rysticken presented DEED for Hooper-Burnham etc., road which is to be repaired.

Representative of Forests and Parks having received a protest from Sen Paul Bailey as to removal of trees from Court House grounds appeared, but too late as trees had already been removed. Many were found to be in unsafe condition and necessary to remove-the Court House grounds will be landscaped.

Tall Timbers- Mr. Thompson to prepare notice for bids on this repair work.

Mr. Harden Brown, chairman of Liquor Bd, came in to explain that since Attorney Rysticken received only \$500.00 as salary from Liq. B., he felt Mr. Rysticken should be allowed extra fees for appeal cases. Commissioners went along on this for 3 cases referred to elsewhere in these minutes. Next Budgets will carry items for this work in the event others have to be appealed.

Mrs. Forrest Coakley of Waldorf, Md., called about Pension and Retirement for the County officers and employees. Art 25, Sec 3-g Annotated Code of Md. She will contact the 3 County legislators on this matter. The Board gave permission Mrs Coakley hopes the County legislators will initiate legislation to cover this County when she will return with an insurance proposition. At present the County has no retirement or pension system.

Mr. C. Byron Guy was authorized to accompany Mr. Thompson to Chicago to attend the American Road Builders Association

Miss Joy was given permission to use money in Budget to buy and install a Peg Board in her office.

Mr. R.B. Duke who has a site which he feels would be suitable for the Nursing Home came to accompany the Board there.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm

Approved

Leonard S. Miley

president.

Alms House with approx 3 acres of ground to be advertised for sale
Mr. Sterling to prepare ad. 70 yd frontage and 210 yds deep

1-3-57

Board agreed to purchase seawall from T. Brooke Howard
see voucher V10997 \$1500.00 for wall and to pay damage to yard
caused by building long wall-Mr. Howard wants to pay taxes from amount
and send him check for amount of balance.

Wall \$1500