

January 22, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, and Mr. Oliver Guyther, attorney.

Retarded Children

Mr. Paul Ludwig, President of the St. Mary's Association for Retarded Children, presented future plans of this organization and requested financial aid for the remainder of the year. He explained that the Group Day Care Center currently has five children but expects to have nine or ten providing transportation problems can be solved. Those parents providing their own transportation are paid five cents per mile. The center costs approximately \$400 to operate per month at present. Amount needed to keep the center operating for the remainder of this year is \$1100, and the group will contribute \$700. The county is asked to contribute the other \$400 needed. This program will be included in the budget of the Health Department next year. Mr. Ludwig said that the state matches county funds in such a program - 23% by county and 77% by state.

Library

Col. Simpson, Mrs. K. Daugherty, Mrs. Fenwick, Mrs. Loeffler, Mrs. Barber.

This committee requested \$5,000 to repair the heating system in the library. They have two firm bids for this project, from Thompson Service, Piney Point, Md., and from M & H, La Plata, Md., with M & H giving the lowest bid of \$5,000. Library given to the county by Mrs. Davidson and to date, has cost the county nothing. They receive \$750 from UGF each year and have an endowment of about \$500 from the Key Estate. These are the only funds available for maintenance and upkeep, and they would like to have the county contribute a small amount each year for maintenance.

Mrs. Daugherty said that a bill is being considered to take care of renovation and, if passed, the state would match county funds. As the hearings on this bill will be held after budgets are presented, Mrs. Daugherty will present two budgets to the commissioners, one calculated with state aid and one without.

The committee expressed a desire to have the two current boards combined to form one acting board to handle all library matters. Mrs. Daugherty will have their attorney review Mrs. Davidson's will to see if there is a way of combining the two boards.

Mr. Guyther said there was no legal way the commissioners could grant the \$5000 requested, as there is no contingent fund available. It was depleted when the present commissioners took office. He suggested the committee put this request in the next budget.

Specifications and plans for heating system were turned over to the commissioners for consideration.

Tax Sale Property - Mr. Peak

Mr. Peak bought land at a tax sale then found out the county did not own the land. The property was sold to Mr. Howard Raines, who pays taxes on it. The previous commissioners offered to refund Mr. Peak's money, but he refused the offer, claiming the county owed him for his time. Mr. Guyther stated that the county has no problem on this matter as conveyance was made to Mr. Raines first, and property should be taken off the books in Mr. Peak's name.

Trailer Assessments

Mr. William Herbert, Supervisor of Assessments, and Mr. Donaldson. Reported that there were trailers in the county which were not properly assessed or paying required occupancy fees. Mr. L. Mattingly, Trailer Inspector, was asked to find out location of every trailer and was presented with forms to provide information on them. Illustrations of trailer violations were cited, and Mr. Donaldson said that under the law, two trailers constitute a trailer park, and until the law is changed, it must be enforced. However, Mr. Guyther said the regulations may be waived at the descretion of the commissioners if public health is not adversely effected.

Mr. Herbert suggested that permits be issued allowing trailers to be moved from one place to another. Mr. Guyther said there was no such law in the books in this county. If such permits are issued, a copy should go to the assessor's office so those trailers being taken out of the county could be removed from the books. Also, trailers could not be moved until all back taxes are paid. These permits would apply to trailer sales people as well as trailer owners.

Mr. Guyther mentioned plat law showing street layout and size of lots in trailer parks, and that trailer park owners should file such plats with this office. He suggested Mr. Donaldson continue to collect occupancy fees and remind trailer park owners to file plats. Commissioners can waive requirements that small trailer parks file a plat, but should decide the number of trailers constituting a park. He suggested three. Concerning occupancy fees, Mr. Guyther said the law permits fines to be levied for each day fees remain unpaid. He also stated that permit to move a trailer should be made a law.

Electrical Contract

Mr. I. Rick, representing Lee Marshall Enterprise, explained that in February of 1962, the previous commissioners entered into a consigned stock agreement with his firm, then in October of 1962, decided to cancel this agreement. In compliance with the terms of the agreement, an invoice was issued in the amount of \$665.10 for stock on hand. Mr. Duke sent a letter saying the commissioners had decided not to cancel the contract in view of this large invoice and the company took an inventory of material used and found \$76.95 worth was all that had been consumed over a period of three months. An invoice was issued for this amount. Neither of the invoices has been paid.

Mr. Rick stated that this agreement will expire in February of 1963, and if the commissioners want to continue the contract, it will automatically renew itself if not cancelled. He further stated that a credit invoice for \$655.10 would be issued to the commissioners account voiding this previous charge, and the only invoice to be paid would for \$76.95. All stock from this company is on consignment basis and county will be charged only for material used.

Commissioners approved payment of the \$76.95 invoice and this agreement was renewed.

Roads

Mr. D. Raley, Jr., and Mr.D. Bond.

Mr. Lyons would like to have West St. Mary's Road owned and maintained by county. Mr. M. Blagojevich owns property and would have to grant permission for this. Mr. Burch said the commissioners would have to come down and look over this situation and promised to do so in the near future.

Mr. Kirby was concerned with the road by Russell Dean's house. County owns this road but has never maintained it. Mr. Kirby would like to have road graded and ditched. Mr. Bond said the county would have to have a thirty to forty foot right-of-way and asked if Mr. Kirby could get property owners to allow this. The latter said he had never talked with them on this matter. Mr. Raley said this road would have to be deeded and platted and property owners would have to grant right-of-way. Mr. Bowles stated that this would be checked on to see what could be found concerning this matter.

Mr. Raley presented schedule of roads to be oiled, approximately eighty miles, and schedule of roads that should be surfaced, some of them for the second time. This project will cost \$100,000 and there is no money to do this work. Mr. Raley requested the commissioners to appropriate the money so this work could be done. Would like to have an answer on the money for oiling the roads by next Tuesday, January 29th. Mr. Bowles said that the commissioners would study this matter and some decision would be made by that time.

Sanitary Fills and Dumps

Additional funds are needed for this work as the Fire Warden wants clearance around dumps as a safety precaution. \$5100 was allotted for fills and dumps and as of December, 1962, \$525 remained in the fund.

Mr. Burch asked if the commissioners had the authority to transfer some money from Parks and Wharves to dumps? Mr. Donaldson said there was \$11,000 remaining in the Parks and Wharves budget; \$3316 has been spent. At least \$1,000 is needed to complete work on dumps at present, and could not estimate how much would be needed from now until June. Mr. Donaldson said he could not say how much money could be transferred from the Parks and Wharves budget until commitments were known. Mr. Raley will estimate cost of dump maintenance and report back next Tuesday. Will also report total cost for this work last year.

Budget

Mr. Ben Smith presented Extension Service Budget; \$12,403 is total amount requested. Included in the budget are salary increases for employees in this service, which have not yet been approved. There will be a temporary vacancy in the department for about one month and he would like to use the money saved in salary for equipment. If commissioners approve this it will be satisfactory to the state, and Mr. Smith requested their approval. Increase in salary requested for Mrs. Russell and Alice Rigby. The commissioners will discuss further.

Welfare Board Attorney

Under the law, the commissioners have the authority to appoint any attorney to this board, or so direct their attorney to it.

Proposed Legislation

Bill will be introduced to correct present bill concerning attorney's salary and mileage expense for county commissioners.

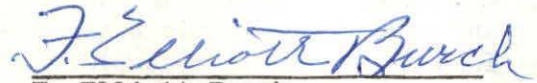
Miscellaneous

Mr. Burch approved those vouchers presented for payment.

Minutes from meeting of Tuesday, January 15, 1963, read and approved. Copies sent to The Enterprise and The Beacon, local papers.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President