

March 12, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. Oliver Guyther, Mr. Paul Raley.

Town Point Property

Mr. F. Latham and Mr. Prince explained that the owners of this property wanted to develop it and would pump the sewage inland to a treatment pond, or whatever the Health Department would allow. The water would then be purified before flowing down to the level of the river where the oyster beds are located. The commissioners must grant permission to do this. This same problem was presented to the previous commissioners, but at that time the owners only talked about the discharge point into the river proper at the front of the property, but now they are speaking of a back discharge point. Mr. Latham said they are asking the State Health Department how many homes can be built and how much ethylene can be put into the water, without hurting the oysters and fish.

At this point, Dr. Alan Houser came in, and said the decision is whether you are going to have houses or take the chance of losing some valuable oyster beds. Also, that the back discharge area will not work because of the tide, as there will not be enough flushing action to properly dilute the water, and the flow is not enough to carry the effluent away.

Mr. Bowles said he thought these people should submit some type of proposal to the State Health Department, who in turn, should express their opinion to the county, and we would have their recommendations to follow. Mr. Ridgell said he would also like to hear from the Tidewater Fisheries as to how they feel about this matter. Mr. Bowles said he felt Dr. Houser should present written recommendations concerning this matter to the commissioners.

Mr. Burch stated that the commissioners will certainly have to have an expression from the Health Department and the Tidewater Fisheries before any action can be taken on this matter. Dr. Houser said that information concerning the Town Point property would be sent to him and he would pass it on to the commissioners.

Shelving for the Health Department

Dr. Houser asked permission for Mr. Bean, maintenance man, to build shelves in two of the dressing rooms. Mr. Bean agreed to do this work and said it would cost about \$25.00 for the lumber. Dr. Houser explained that he is not allowed to pay for any physical improvements on the building, and the commissioners must authorize Mr. Bean to buy the necessary lumber. Mr. Bean can do this work during his regular working schedule. The commissioners agreed that this work could be done.

Dr. Houser made the statement that it would be better if the State Health Department sent someone down here to confer with the commissioners concerning the Town Point property. Then they would know whether or not to decline this request for a sewage discharge point.

Mr. Guyther came in at this point.

Clerk to Commissioners

Mr. Paul Raley was interviewed and briefed on duties of this position, such as handling Mosquito Control, representing the commissioners at various meetings, and any other work assigned. Mr. Raley accepted the position at a salary of \$4200 per year, and was asked by Mr. Burch to remain for the rest of the meeting.

Roads

Mr. D. Raley reported that Mr. D. Bond had written and asked for the road books and maps requested by Mr. Burch, and they would be mailed.

Mr. Raley presented a schedule of the amount of money spent since March 1st. This is county money. The schedule was broken down on amounts of money spent in each district. Mr. Raley said there is nothing left for maintenance work.

Concerning the Hermanville Road, Mr. Burch stated that this might possibly be abandoned if there are not enough people living on the road to warrant continued maintenance. After every rain it costs a great deal of money to patch of this road, and it would require getting an engineer to construct a large box culvert to correct the problem as it now exists. Mr. Raley explained that when Mrs. Bennett refused to grant the right-of-way to re-route this road, the funds were diverted to other roads.

The commissioners and Mr. Raley and Mr. Hall reviewed a letter from Mr. C. L. Wannan, Comptroller of the SRC, concerning debt service requirements. Mr. Raley said they do not follow the plan laid out in this letter for making deductions of 50% each month, but instead deduct the entire amount each month. Mr. Guyther said a letter should be written to Mr. Wannan requesting clarification of this matter, and this was done.

Mr. Burch said he had been over the Luke Mattingly Road and it was in better shape than he thought it would be. He also inspected the Graves Road and this is a terrible road, and the worse part of it is beyond county maintenance, and Mr. Graves is the only person living on this portion. The portion that is county maintained has six families living on it, and the only money spent on this road this winter was for blading.

On the Yowaiski Road the only way to keep it passable is to put gravel on it and keep it bladed up. Mr. Raley said a little extra money will have to be spent to put the shoulders back on the Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road and the George Boyd Road, as they washed away. If the commissioners decide to build this road it is ready to go. It is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles long and will cost \$41,000 to build.

Mr. Donaldson asked if just part of the \$57,000 could be programmed, and Mr. Hall said yes, and the county will lose the remainder. Any part of the money can be used up until June 30th. Mr. Burch asked Mr. Raley and Mr. Hall to prepare some suggestions as to what should be done and also bring a list of roads to the next meeting.

Buzzards Point Road - Mr. Curry wanted another pipe cleared on this road as the water is being blocked. There are also holes in the road which makes driving difficult. This will be reported to Mr. Raley.

Board of Education

Mr. Guyther read a prepared agreement between the commissioners and the Board of Education, and stated the commissioners are going to have to have a future agreement about locking up the better portion of the incentive fund before any bonds are sold.

Mr. Robert E. King said that the board had given unanimous approval to the bill and the way it was worded. He said they had set up an alternate plan for the teachers salary schedule and wanted the reactions of the commissioners to this new budget. The first two scales have been left as they were, and Mr. King reviewed changes in other scales. This will cut approximately \$25,000 off their needs, and the new figure is \$204,325. Mr. King stated that the Board would rather have the commissioners concentrate on salaries in taking care of their needs, and the incentive fund should not be included in budget. The budget is approved by the Board of Education, then the commissioners, and then it goes to the State Board of Education. The state is holding out for a \$60,000,000 basis, but Mr. King said he is figuring on the \$57,000,000 basis. Transportation costs \$298,000 last year, and this comes from the state. Public school transportation does not cost the county anything. Mr. King said he would send a copy of the 62-63 budget and a copy of the Board of Education formula, to the commissioners.

Mr. Donaldson suggested that perhaps legislation could be presented to have the state reimburse the county for the parochial bus transportation.

When asked by Mr. Burch to cut \$30,000 off the budget, Mr. King said this could not be done. He said he had been trying to keep the teachers' organizations away from the commissioners by asking for the raise himself, and would like to have \$200,000 to help keep our schools going. Mr. Guyther asked Mr. King if he realized that he was asking for a 43% increase over last year. Mr. King replied that the importance of education in the county must be the prime consideration. Mr. Bowles said he felt there must be a more intelligent way to solve the problem and suggested that an education study be made toward this effort.

Mr. King stated that if there was a tri-county program for teachers' salaries we would be in a much better position, as it would remove some of the present competition in securing good teachers. He also said that there is an education bill pending and it would mean \$209,000 for the county if it passes. Mr. King felt sure the board would want to use these monies to help the county as well as helping themselves.

Mr. King said he would appreciate the commissioners arriving at a decision concerning the amount requested and informing him of same.

Air Strip

Mr. Mervell Dean, Mr. Jack Daugherty, Mr. T. McQuire, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Dean offered land to the county for an airport, in the vicinity of old St. Andrews Church. The strip offered would be about 4000 feet long, and the federal government would pay 50%, the state 25% (loaned) and the county 25%. The state loan would have to be paid back in 10 years.

Mr. Smith said that figuring in the amount of \$100,000, this would include the strip and road leading to it, but would not include any buildings. Mr. Bowles asked how much additional land would be needed for hangar space and so forth, and was told very little space would be needed. As to construction needs, Mr. Dean said approximately 60,000 yards of gravel, and 39,000 yards of asphalt would be needed. A 2½ inch coating of asphalt would cost about \$45,000. The gravel would cost 60 cents per yard. Power lines can be cleared for \$55.00 per acre, and \$3,000 would be needed for clearing the land. Grading would also have to be taken care of, and there would probably be no drainage problem. Mr. Dean said he felt sure such a venture would be self-supporting. If there was a county airport, all the civilian planes now using base facilities would have to use it. It would also be possible to have an airliner come in during the summer months to bring in tourists.

The State Aviation Commission has listed this area as one of the places they would like to have an airport built. The Aviation Committee of the local Chamber of Commerce will check with the above mentioned group in regard to all phases of this operation.

Electrical Program

Mr. Pinkney Barber is planning to conduct an educational program for the electricians in the county and has requested the use of the Trial Magistrate's room every Tuesday night for 26 weeks. Request granted.

Welfare Board

Mr. Carros explained that the budget had been sent to Baltimore and he is waiting for it to be returned approved. He gave the commissioners a copy of the budget submitted to Baltimore and said the approved budget would not be in excess of the amount listed on this copy.

Courtroom Amplifiers

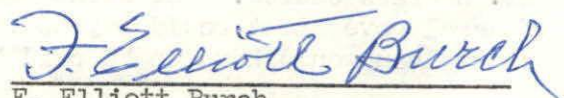
Mr. Boyd King will be in tomorrow to inspect the courtroom and give an estimate of work needed to install microphones and speakers. Judge Dorsey will be contacted about this.

Re-location of Offices

Mr. W. S. Donaldson said he would like some decision about re-location of office space. Mr. Guyther said he would have Mr. J. Raley come up and look over the offices and draw up a diagram of what is needed.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President