

July 9, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. W. S. Donaldson, Mr. O. Guyther.

Treasurer's Office

Mr. Donaldson reviewed the possibility of having the people in this office work overtime in order to take care of the tax bills coming in. The commissioners agreed to have Mr. Donaldson work this out with Mr. Cecil.

Library

Mr. Donaldson stated that it was in the minutes of July 11, 1961, that the county would pay \$2,000 in the 1962-1963 budget and \$2,000 in the 1963-1964 budget. This commitment was made by the previous commissioners. The commissioners agreed to pay the note in the amount of \$2,000 for the bookmobile.

Bank Deposits

Mr. Donaldson will contact three banks to find out the rate of interest on a time deposit and put this on a bid basis. The First National Bank will not be contacted as they have been in a preferred position for a number of years with the county checking accounts.

Payment for Services

Commissioners agreed to pay Mr. John Briscoe \$200 for services to the Welfare Board, Mrs. M. Gibson \$5.00 for secretarial service to the court, and Mr. O. Guyther \$25 for the preparation of deeds for the property for the nursing home.

Taxicab Inspector

Commissioners agreed to pay Mr. C. Dodge for the months of May and June for his work in this capacity as he had done work relative to this position, and Mr. T. Cryer was not in position of County Inspector until July 1, 1963.

Fire Fighting Expenses

Mr. Guyther presented bills to be paid for the fire fighting expenses incurred during recent county fires. Art. 66C, Sect. 349, of the code reads that the state pays 50% and the county 50%. Mechanicsville Vol. Fire Dept. - \$988.40, Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept. - \$718.23 and \$10.60. Commissioners agreed to payment, but Mr. Donaldson will check to see if any of this expense has been paid previously.

Ambulance Service

Mr. Guyther presented bills for ambulance service that he felt should not be paid by the county. It was agreed that all present bills would be paid, and then letters would be written to funeral homes establishing a policy for ambulance service to be charged to the county. Mrs. Fielder Downes will be sent letter regarding fact that county will not be obligated to pay expenses involved with Mr. Downes.

Clean-up

Admiral and Mrs. F. Johnson reported on the "Keep America Beautiful" Conference they attended and presented list of recommendations. Mrs. Johnson will contact brewers association requesting quantities of litter bags for car use. Mr. L. Schlup suggested as chairman for committee to work on county litter problems. Admiral Johnson said that matching funds up to 40% can be gotten for the purchase of dumps if you promise to make a roadside park out of the place after you finish using it.

Air-conditioner

Mr. Bodine, who resides near the courthouse, complained about the noise of the air-conditioner fan and motor at night and during weekends. He reported that the system was on all day Sunday when there was no activity in the courthouse. He requested that the system be turned off manually on Friday and left off until Monday morning.

Roads

Hangman's Tree Rd. will be checked by Mr. D. Raley as to cost to repair and to maintain it if the county took it over. Bay Forest Road - if the 3/10ths is built, the 1 and 4/10ths mile stretch would be abandoned. Luke Mattingly Road - \$5,709.44 was amount set up, \$6,177.21 was amount spent. Graves Road - set up at \$2,795.12, and cost \$2,280.18, so the two roads balance each other out at a saving to the county.

Mr. L. Carroll will be sent letter stating that residents of the extension of the Bay Forest Road will have to have this surveyed, platted and deeded over to the county, and a 40 foot right-of-way is required. Money for this road will have to come out of the bond money.

Strickland Dump

Mr. W. Dorsey, attorney, will be sent letter stating that Mr. Bowles and Mr. D. Raley met with Mr. G. Adams concerning location of this dump and a satisfactory agreement was made. Mr. Raley will make necessary changes in plats attached to lease for the dump as to relocation.

Hampton Road has been promised for surface treatment for 12 years but has never been done. This is a county road with 30 foot right-of-way as it is an old county road and 40 feet was not required when it was taken into the system. Would cost about \$2300 to surface treat, and can possibly be done this fall. Clayton Road will be put on the construction schedule for next year. Letter will be written to Mr. Clayton to this effect and requesting that he so notify other residents.

Trapp Road, Willows Road, and Clark's Landing Road are not included in the \$155,000 program. Included were the St. George Island bulkhead, Chaptico-Mechanicsville Road, and the oiling schedule. Peak Road - Mr. Raley said he disliked approaching these people for right-of-way as this was a private road. Mr. Hall will check speed limit sign at Sandgates.

Scholarships

Selections made from list sent to commissioners for scholarships to St. Mary's Junior College as follows: Field of Business - Kenneth F. Foothe, Great Mills, Md., Ronald Ribarchick, Great Mills, Md.; Field of Education - Diane Mason, Lexington Park, Md., and Ethel C. Hansen, Lexington Park, Md.

Next year this matter will be handled differently. After the bill concerning scholarships is studied, a letter will be sent to the college setting up a program.

School Buses

Mr. W. S. Donaldson and Mr. P. Raley will go over the bus contracts and give the commissioners an opinion of what should be done.

Sheriff

Letter will be written to Mr. Miedzinski requesting that he use deputy sheriffs when transporting persons, instead of hiring extra help.

State Police

Mr. Guyther feels the commissioners are not liable for the \$85.00 requested and this should be paid out of court costs. The commissioners have no authority to pay this. This money was requested as result of police service during recent gambling raid.

County Jail

Bid for painting same given to Leroy Buckler with stipulation that estimate include all patching work to be done, and he is not to proceed until notified by the commissioners.

Mr. Charles Curran, of the Dept. of Correction in Baltimore, will be asked to come down for a consultation with the commissioners to inform them of what should be done to bring jail up to better standards and make suggestions to improve same.

School Buses

Commissioners would have to discuss the possibility of merging parochial school buses with the public school bus system with the people involved, such as Father Wilkinson, Mr. King, etc. This matter will be checked.

B.W.L. License Refund

Mrs. H. Millison requested refund of \$250 for license purchased by her husband but never used. Law states that if license is not used within 10 days after purchase it is automatically revoked, therefore no money can be refunded on this license, as it was purchased in April and never used.

School Bonds

Commissioners have not been notified by the school board that the difference would be absorbed in their incentive fund. Mr. Guyther will furnish commissioners with names of firms in Maryland for bonding.

Adding Machines

Commissioners agreed that the Underwood electric adding machine be purchased for the sheriff's office, to be paid for out of sheriff's expenses for the office.

Fish Kill

Letter will be written pertaining to the number of fish dying in local waters, with carbon copy to the State Health Department.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch
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President