

August 6, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

### Sanitation District

Senator J. Frank Raley, Jr., and Dr. Alan Houser. Senator Raley suggested appointing a local committee of the 8th District people and give them a couple months to work out the details. In the process of their study, they could educate the public concerning the plan. A great deal of information will have to be obtained and the committee must consist of interested people. The planning consultant will undoubtedly report that a sanitation district is needed but he will not go into specific details of setting it up. The law is clear as to how this should be handled, and the committee could investigate all necessary phases.

Dr. Houser said that we need a group of local people as a committee to educate the community as to what this will mean in increased taxes and increased services, and what it will do for the area in allowing it to develop more rapidly. He stated he would like to see action taken while the same people are at the air station and the Potomac River Command, as they know about this and we would not have to resell this idea all over again to new people.

There would be certain areas of the 8th District included in this sanitation commission, and the people served by the sanitation district would pay for it. There would be no cost to the county. Indirectly the county does guarantee the bonds. The only sum they would get from the county would be the \$5,000 loan, without interest, and they would return this money. Dr. Houser said he could not estimate the amount of taxes to be gotten from this, but there would probably be 2000 residents and businesses included. Senator Raley stated that business groups know that water and sewage allow a place to grow, and that eventually the health department will have to stop development in certain areas because of the sewage factor.

The sanitation committee can hold meetings and all people who will be effected should be consulted. Let them be a part of the petition that requests a sanitation district.

The sanitation commission has the power to condemn an existing system. There is a great deal of federal and state money available which will two-thirds of the bill. The federal money is an outright grant and the state money is loaned. This money does not pay for the laying of lines, as they are supposed to be self-supporting.

The committee appointed to study the sewage and water problems in the 8th District are as follows: Art Rysticken, Attorney, Dr. Houser, Health Dept., Robert Maus, Town Creek, T. McKee, Patuxent Park, J. Dobry and M. Dean, Developers, A. Hewitt, Rural, Jack King, Lexing Park residents, representatives from the Air Station, Board of Education, and Chamber of Commerce, Lexington Park. These people will be contacted personally by the commissioners and Senator Raley about accepting these appointments. Mr. Melvin Jarboe of Great Mills was later added making this a twelve man committee.

A press release will be issued and Dr. Houser suggested it as coming from the Health Department. He will compose said release. Mr. Guyther will dictate letter to be sent to people on the local committee as to meeting date and time.

St. Jerome's Creek Dredging

Senator Raley requested that one of the commissioners or a representative attend a meeting with the Corp of Army Engineers in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, August 8th, at 1:00 p.m., concerning this matter. The Corps of Engineers will determine the procedure the county must take to initiate dredging the bottom of St. Jerome's Creek. Senator Raley said he was suspicious about whether or not permission to do this had actually ever been gotten. Mr. Paul Raley will attend this meeting as the commissioners representative.

Cat Creek Project (Queen Tree Road)

Mr. Faye Latham and Mr. Wysong (member of the corporation developing this project) were present. Mr. Latham explained that this piece of property is in the vicinity of Capte St. Mary's, and is the Dixon property. Mr. Wysong has this under contract and is interested in putting a housing development here. There are approximately 1000 acres. They could not go into this with a large number of septic tanks, and had a program which would include sewage and water on a stepping stone arrangement. This pattern starts with a subdivision of 50 lots with complete sewage installed, keeping 10 in reserve for the next 50 lots in case one of the buyers wants to build immediately, he would build where the sewage is available. This would be over a 10 to 12 year period until the sewers have been built to take care of the development. Mr. R. Brown of the State Health Department is in accord with this particular type project. He and Mr. E. Hollis of Tidewater Fisheries, have given their verbal agreement, according to these men.

The type treatment is tertiary. Solids are removed and water will be stablized in about 5 days, then will be turned into the river. Dr. Cronin suggested discharge be into Cat Creek rather than into the Patuxent River. They must now go before the public about discharging the affluent at the point suggested. A public hearing will be held if there is any objection to this. Mr. Latham is requesting that the commissioners give their approval.

According to Mr. Latham, some of the oystermen were asked about this and they have no objections. Tidewater Fisheries feels there will no effect on the sea life in the river. Dr. Houser stated that the only place detergents are harmful is in the spat areas.

Mr. Latham said they wanted the support of all agencies needed to approve this before presenting this to the public. If there is a hearing the commissioners will be supplied with the facts. Letters will be sent from the state agencies concerned.

There will be about 2800 houses in this development when it is completed. This could be placed under the sanitary commission if this becomes necessary. Mr. Wysong stated that this project would operate under the auspices of the Public Service Commission of the State of Maryland. Mr. Latham said they will now apply for a permit to discharge the affluent into Cat Creek, and would like to know if the commissioners are in favor of this. He stated that there would be four feet of water in Cat Creek at all times when this project is completed.

The commissioners will discuss this and contact Dr. Houser as to their decision.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall presented maintenance sheet; amount spent during July - \$19,574.65. Mr. Bowles mentioned that he had heard that there was someone in the 2nd District who would donate land to the county for a dump. Mr. James Bean knows who he is.

Fifty-four miles to be done in the oiling schedule and this will be finished by October 1st. Mr. Hall asked to give some thought to the possibility of having someone in the State Roads Commission burn off the dumps and inspect them. Was asked if it would cost less to have a contractor take care of the dumps? Mr. Hall said it might cost a little more as such a person would want to make a profit. Mr. Guyther suggested getting a man in the local area to burn the dumps at a small fee; this would be less expensive. Mr. Burch said he would like to have an estimate of what it would cost one man to do this work.

Streets in Lexington Park are checked periodically. A crew of SRC is keeping them clean. Breezy Point Road - can put 16 foot road in here. Recommend 20 feet, but Mr. Thompson said if 16 feet can be put in, to go ahead and do it. Will be done this week. This is a county road that has been surface treated before and scarified. Entrance to Joe Bean's house had been promised repair when the road was blacktopped, but this has never been done. Mr. Hall will check. Dr. Johnson's Road should have 40 foot right-of-way as this will be a heavily trafficked road when the school is finished. Should be constructed this fall or spring. Mr. Hall will keep this in mind if there is a couple weeks of good weather this winter. Wilson Butler Road - Mr. Burch and Mr. Hall will see Mr. Butler to find out just what should be done here. They will also see Mr. G. Chase today and see what needs to be done on his road.

Parking Lot - would need 100 tons of blacktop at a cost of about \$1700. This is the area immediately behind the jail, about 100 by 80 feet. Could be surface treated for about \$700.

Mr. Hall said he could use a large tank with a spray bar to sprinkle the roads before working on them. This would expedite road work. On the grader, he said they prefer a diesel grader. The old grader could be traded on a new one. Mr. Hall will see if the graders can be re-scheduled to use three instead of four, so that a new one will not have to be bought. It costs \$2.25 per hour to rent a grader from the state, approximately \$2700 per year.

Nursing Home Land

Mr. Guyther said it was in order for the commissioners to pay Mr. B. Smith for the land.

Support Order - Montrose School

Mr. Paul Raley reported that Mr. C. J. Hill will be paying \$15.00 per month for the support of his daughter, Ellen V. Hill, by order of Judge Dorsey. The girl is in Montrose School for Girls. Said sum will go into the commissioners general fund.

Backhoe Rental

Fee is \$6.00 per hour, excluding Mr. R. Brown's salary. The permanent mosquito control work is done between the state and the county, the local people do not pay anything towards this.

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It costs \$.15 per mile to move the backhoe, plus the operator's salary. Repairs can be done here and the University of Maryland will reimburse us. It all comes out of the budget. University of Maryland will furnish tools for Mr. R. Brown if he will submit an itemized list.

School Bus re St. John's School

Mr. Raley reported matter of fifteen negro children going to St. John's School had to be transported by bus from Morganza. St. John's School bus goes right past the houses of these children, but will not stop and pick them up. Mr. Raley will call Mr. Hebb and try to find out who is driving the bus from St. John's School.

Miedzinski Assessment Appeal

The commissioners agreed to uphold the tax assessor in this case. Parties concerned will be so notified.

Bank Deposits

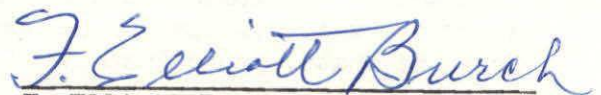
Mr. W. S. Donaldson stated that some decision must be made about the time deposits. He said he has not heard from the Citizens Bank. Mr. Plank will be contacted by telephone regarding his letter of confirmation.

Sanitation Committee

Mr. Lester Schlup was suggested for this committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch  
President