

September 24, 1963

Present: All commissioners.

Health Department

Dr. Alan Houser reported that there has been a great deal of vandalism in the recently acquired building in Carver Heights. Recommended changing all locks with a master key system. The state police have expressed a willingness to station a man in the building, and Dr. Houser feels this would discourage any further attempts to vandalize the building.

At present, one room of the building is being used as a barber shop by Mr. Sylvester Barnes, Scotland, Maryland, and he has been informed that he must vacate the premises. Dr. Houser said a letter from the commissioners notifying Mr. Barnes that he must move would probably result in faster action.

Dr. Houser will speak with two women from Carver Heights about coming in once a week to clean. Only one woman is needed. There will have to be some rewiring done as the REA will not let them use portions of the building until this is done. There is shrubbery on the grounds that would improve the appearance of the place if properly maintained. Also some painting and remodeling are necessary. Dr. Houser will ask Mr. Hall about having the SRC do some landscaping work free of charge.

Mr. C. Parrish, locksmith, will be contacted and sent to Dr. Houser for instructions as to lock work necessary. Bids to rewire this building will be advertised. Dr. Houser said he would also like to have a sink in one room so they could have running water. This would facilitate the dental program. The dentists have each donated half days to this program.

Presented ordinances for septic tank and well drillers licenses and asked to have Mr. Guyther read this. Dr. Houser suggested that the \$50 annual fee might be a hardship for some of these people. Suggested that the initial fee be \$50 with a renewal charge of perhaps \$10 per year.

Letter will be sent to Mr. Barnes requesting him to vacate the building and requesting rent in the amount of \$29.80 for the month of September, to be paid to the commissioners. He will be informed that he must move by November 1. If he moves before that time, the rent for October will be refunded for those days he is out of the building.

Civil Defense

Permission granted to Mr. C. Donaldson to remain at the Fair Grounds with equipment during the fair, and a substitute will be placed in the control tower.

Forest Warden

Commissioners have no objection to Mr. R. Arnold being appointed as forest warden and instructed Mr. P. Raley to sign application.

Board of Education

Mr. R. E. King said many people were asking the status of the school bond issue and he would like to know. Said there was one small change in the agreement and Mr. Wigginton would discuss this with Mr. Guyther. Mr. King said if Mr. Guyther did not feel the change should be made, the agreement would be allowed to stand as is. (Mr. Guyther came in at this point). Mr. Guyther said the commissioners must pass a resolution to proceed with the issuance of the bonds under the authority granted in this statute. Bonding attorneys must come down and discuss costs, fees, etc. Mr. Guyther said the fees are usually the same with all firms, but he could verify this by checking with other counties. He will request various firms to send estimates of their fees, and will draw up the necessary resolution to take care of this.

Mr. King informed the commissioners that there is \$1,212,000 available to the county in the state loan pool for school construction. He presented information sheet listing conditions existing in various schools. If the commissioners can see their way clear to grant this total amount, Mr. King said the \$455,000.00 needed for additions would be greatly appreciated. These would effect Hollywood, Town Creek, Ridge and White Marsh, and would free the mobile units to be used at Banneker where the most severe problem exists. By using these units, it would be unnecessary to make additions to or build additional facilities at the Banneker School for several years. Mr. Donaldson said the money for this would have to come from our budget and would have to be set up for next year. Eighteen additional classrooms could be added for the \$455,000.00 requested. The application for the state loan pool must be in by September 30th, and once it is signed, the commissioners are committed to borrow the money. The amortization period is 14 years and interest rates vary from 2-5/8% to 3%. These requests are all separate from the bond issue money. Mr. King said Town Creek and Hollywood are the most critical areas, and if the commissioners would consider borrowing funds to take care of these two areas, it would be of help. The commissioners will let Mr. King know their decision in this matter.

Mr. Guyther reported the money from the bonds would be available six weeks after the resolution is handed to the bonding firm. He also suggested that a letter be sent to the Board of Education stating that a great deal of thought has been given to the above request, but in view of the drought conditions and because of the recent raise in taxes, the commissioners cannot see their way clear to borrow this money at this time. It is not within the county's means to grant such a request just now. The commissioners agreed that Mr. Guyther should write the letter mentioned above. (Special meeting on this matter.)

Mr. Guyther also mentioned that the cost for the school bonds would be \$2,000.00 on the \$2,000,000.00, plus advertising, etc.

Roads

Mr. Gilbert Dorsey reported he had been denied permission by the navy to put a crossing over the railroad tracks at Somerset Subdivision, and he needed this before he could further develop this area. He requested help in this matter, and Mr. Guyther will be consulted about same.

Mr. Hall said radios are needed in the pickup trucks, especially in bad weather when there is snow on the ground. Purchase of these would be shown on the regular maintenance report submitted by Mr. Hall. The commissioners agreed to purchase two radios for the trucks.

Request to surface treat Willows Court (extension of Maple Road) will be investigated by Mr. Hall. He will contact Mr. M. Dean about this. Cost to do the St. George Island bulkhead is \$27.00 per foot for the entire job. (Bulkhead at 7 Gables would not cost as much as it would not have to be as high.) Mr. Hall will figure up cost to do 500 feet and present same next week. Petitions for road requests reviewed; these will be answered by letter. Parts have been requisitioned to repair Cooper's grader.

Dr. Johnson Road - have 99% of the right-of-way, and two people living in Washington have to be contacted. Delineators will be placed at Mrs. Trossbach's property. Mr. Hall reported he has the barrels to be placed along the road from Hollywood to Lexington Park for trash depots, and these will be chained to posts in the ground. Signs will be placed designating location of same.

Mr. Jarolemon's request to rebuild road on St. George Island denied. The commissioners agreed there is no need to rebuild this for the amount of traffic it serves, as all the residents are summer people, so this will not be taken into the system. Mr. Jarolemon will be so notified by letter.

Mainway Road inquired about by Mr. Lane. This road is in the county system and will be considered for rebuilding next year. It will be bushed this winter. There are about forty-one houses involved here. Mr. Lane will be so notified by letter.

Street signs in Patuxent Park - no signs at either end of Hancock or Essex. Mr. Hall said they had originally been purchased by the county. He will service signs in this area.

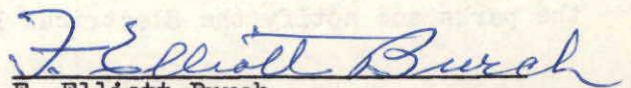
Happy Land Road - very narrow and two school buses use it. Was staked off last spring and was supposed to be straightened out but nothing has been done. Mr. L. Thompson requests attention. Cape St. Mary's, Cat Creek Road, has high crown on it and blacktop needs patching in spots. The last 500 feet is in bad condition but is passable. This road is in the county system. Mr. Hall will ask Mr. D. Raley about the plat for the Spring Ridge Road in the Page Pond area, and will report back next week. Mr. John Moore who lives in this area will be notified that this road is in a subdivision and until the developer brings it up to specifications, the county cannot accept it into the system.

Radios for Mobile Units

The commissioners agreed to purchase six radios from the General Electric at a total cost of \$3,013.20.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President