

October 29, 1963

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver Guyther.

Social Security Agent

Mrs. Lefsky requested that a new location be assigned for her services, as the armory, where she is presently located, is inadequately heated and there are no toilet facilities available for her clients. The community building in Lexington Park is available, and Mrs. Lefsky asked for suggestions from the commissioners as to other areas where this service might be located. She stated that 25 is a fair estimate of the number of people she serves in one day.

The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Lefsky should be allowed to come back into the courthouse, using the Trial Magistrate's courtroom on Tuesday or Thursday, and will request that Thursday be the day for this service. Mrs. Lefsky will be so notified.

Tax Exemption Over 65

Public notice will be placed in both local papers relative to applications for tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age, said notice to list qualifications for eligibility. Notice will be published the weeks of Nov. 13th and 20th.

Pulpwood Operation

Mr. Mallow, Forest Warden, is concerned about the proposed pulpwood operation. He feels the majority of the money should be returned to the land owners as they are doing the work and have been paying the taxes on this for years. The way it is set up the majority of the money is going to be turned over to one man, Mr. Giddins. He is paying \$16.00 a cord, and will receive \$30 a cord for the debarked wood, as this is what will be paid for same. There doesn't seem to be any way for the farmers to get more money than they now can. Mr. Mallow feels a better profit should be worked out for these people. Mr. Burch feels this should be brought to the attention of the EDC. He mentioned that Mr. Giddins furnished the debarker and is going to operate it and maintain it, and the buyer of the pulpwood is going to pay him. Mr. Bowles said that the farmer, who is trying to be helped with this project, is going to be deprived of the largest part of the money.

Mr. Mallow said he assumes that Mr. Giddins set the price for the farmers. He stated that Mr. Matthews was going to supply the debarker, the people would use it, and get \$30 per cord for the wood. The PRR is going to set the freight rate. Mr. A. Ryan is interested and said he would pay \$18 per cord for wood with bark, and if any equipment is furnished, such as saws, etc., it would be \$17.50. Maintenance, labor of 4 men, etc., should not be more than \$4.00 per cord for debarking, but Mr. Guyther said this is not enough. Labor, and handling the wood, plus overhead would cost more than \$4.00. Mr. Mallow said he would like some actual operational cost figures to base this on and feels Mr. Matthews can furnish these.

Mr. Guyther suggested working out something with the buyer, as the margin of profit is too large. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Mallow attend the EDC meeting next week. It was suggested that Mr. Mallow meet with Mr. Briscoe, Mr. Giddins, and Mr. Matthews and discuss this matter with them. Mr. Mallow said he will try to do this this week. Mr. Burch said he feels this should be handled by the farmers, and suggested including the president of the Farm Bureau at the meeting with the above mentioned men.

Carver Heights Water Supply

Mr. Gabrelcik wanted to know about the water in this building, as he did not how to bill the cost. Was told to contact the Health Department and the Board of Education about this.

Tax Sale Property

Mr. Guyther said it is legal for the county to sell property obtained at tax sales at a profit after the two year redemption period.

EDC Appointment

Mr. Burch mentioned that a farmer is needed on this committee. Mr. Guyther suggested that the Farm Bureau be asked to submit three names for this position.

Assessor Promotion

The commissioners to the promotion of Mr. Wellington Hewitt to position of assessor, and Mr. Herbert will be so notified.

Piney Point Lighting

Request for the county to take this over denied.

Roads

Mr. W. Sterling, representing Golden Beach, Inc., requested that the county take over certain roads in Section 3 of this subdivision, involving 2.6 miles. He said these roads have complied with rules and regulations. The subdividers put up \$10,000 originally for the improvement of these roads and built them in the subdivision. They have not been surface treated, and these people realize that it is their obligation to provide for the surface treatment if the county takes over these roads, and they are willing to deposit in cash the cost to do this. Mr. Sterling reported that Mr. D. Raley said these roads are built to specifications but someone would have to cut the grass away and shape them. Would not want to surface treat these roads until there was sufficient traffic to warrant it. This might not be for several years yet, but these people are willing to put up the money so that it would be available when the commissioners decide to do this. The commissioners will let Mr. Sterling know their decision. Plats left for commissioners files.

Mr. D. Raley, Mr. T. Hall and Mr. Hamilton. Presented a five year construction program and map showing roads to be done and what year they would be done, and asked the commissioners if they are willing to adopt the program as suggested. They are only going at this five years at a time, and changes can be made if the commissioners so desire. An annual construction budget was worked up in the amount of \$115,000, but Mr. Hall will work this up in any amount the commissioners want.

Mr. Hall reported that the BPR has handed down the edict that any work participated in by them will have to have a certain amount of engineering. He said it would be less expensive for the county to ask the state to hire the consultant. You can get paid for the earth work and drainage if you let the state make the plans, but no specifications have been set as to what the plans should be.

Mr. Hamilton asked the commissioners to review the program presented and state what they want. The \$115,000 would be plus 10% engineering costs. The county will be asked where they are getting the money from when they decide what their program will be. The state will pay part of the cost if the work is done according to certain specifications. Trap Road and Clark's Landing Road were turned down because there are no plans on these roads. They want a plan about a 50 scale map and a profile with curve data, showing vertical curves.

Mr. Hall reported that \$7,000 had been spent up until last night, and there is \$1,000 available for the rest of the month. Estimate on the Bay Forest Road Extension is \$2,926.01. Mr. Donaldson gave Mr. Hall a check for this amount, Voucher #26773.

Concerning the program presented, Mr. Burch said he would have to give this a little thought. Mr. Hamilton suggested hiring the person who was going to operate this for you so he would be on the payroll. He stated that legislation would have to be passed for the county to take over its own roads. Also said that the government will participate in a bulkhead if it is protecting a road, and it would have to be engineered.

Mr. D. Raley requested that the commissioners order five sets of waders for the men to wear when working in the water. Mr. Ridgell will get a price on these and report next week.

Typewriter, County Agent

The commissioners agreed to the purchase of typewriter for county agents office.

Alms House Rental

Mr. M. Hebbert inquired about renting this place, as Mrs. L. Smith is leaving as of November 1st. He said that the water pump is not working and it was his understanding that the rent was going to be raised. Mr. Burch suggested renting the place as is with the understanding that the tenant is to make any repairs or renovations necessary. Mr. Bowles also knows a man who is interested in renting this place.

Painting Courthouse

Mr. P. Raley reported that two firms had inquired and requested specifications for this work.

Air-conditioning

Mr. Kirby will be called to come in and drain the air-conditioner for the winter.

Mosquito Control

This program can be extended if the county pays share. The state can raise this allotment next year, but the county will also have to raise their share.

Jail Collections

Mrs. Buckler requested some place to keep the money collected over the weekend. It was suggested she lock this up in her file cabinet if necessary.

Barber Shop - Carver Heights

Mr. S. Barnes has requested that he be allowed to remain in this building for an additional ten days as he is getting another building at that time. The commissioners agreed to this.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch
President