

November 12, 1963

Present: All commissioners.

Merit System

Can be set up when the commissioners decide who is to be under the system. It is possible for some of the employees to be in the merit system without being under the retirement system. Mr. Ridgell suggested that something be done toward setting up this program by the first of the year.

Payroll Deletion

Mr. Donaldson informed the commissioners that Mr. Ben Burroughs has been removed from the payroll as of October 31, 1963.

Board of Education Janitor

The money to pay Mr. H. Buckler will be sent to the Board of Education in one lump sum to take care of his salary from now until July 1, 1964. The Board of Education will handle the withholding taxes. Mr. Donaldson will discuss this further with Mrs. Hayden.

Youth Center (Youth Commission)

Dr. Alan Houser, Chairman, reported that such a center had been discussed at a meeting, but he did not see the necessity for such an expensive building when there are public schools located in each community with facilities for the youth program. He stated that public schools in other counties are open all the time for extra activities such as arts, crafts, dances, etc. It would be less expensive to get the Board of Education to allow the schools to be used for this purpose and perhaps pay teachers as parttime help to staff youth programs.

Dr. Houser asked permission to approach Mr. King and Mr. Ocker and request that they meet with the Youth Commission at their next meeting and an attempt would be made to work out a cooperative program. Mr. Bowles said he would have to see such a program set up and just what would be involved, and then a decision could be made as to whether this would serve the purpose. The commissioners agreed to attend the next meeting of the Youth Commission on Thursday, November 21st, at 3:00 p.m. in the courthouse.

Dr. Houser mentioned that \$5.00 might be a fair amount to pay the teachers or other parttime help hired to supervise the youth programs in the schools.

Mr. Bowles feels that a committee appointed for the express purpose of investigating all phases of this problem should be allowed to make their study and then report their findings to the Youth Commission, and they in turn, could make whatever recommendations are necessary to the commissioners. Mr. Burch is in agreement with this also.

Tax Exemption Forms Over 65

The commissioners agreed that these forms should not be filled out by personnel in the office, as there might be a conflict of authority about this.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall and Mr. George Dent, Beavins, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Dent said he is a member of the Federal Engineers Association and that the federal government is requiring a higher standard of design for the county roads in which they are participating. He has worked in some other counties doing their own road work, and was seeking work in SMC, if he could qualify for any work needed. This could be worked on a percentage of the construction costs or on the per diem basis, or mileage, or in a lump sum. He said he would do individual jobs if the county wanted this.

He would survey the county, design it, get approval from the SRC and then present the plan. Mr. Dent sets forth the specifications to be met and then these are followed by the SRC if approved. It would be the responsibility of the state to supervise the construction, and the SRC must make sure that the roads are up to proper specs. The BPR must approve the specs before the road is even begun. Mr. Dent's job would be completed when he handed over the specs.

He estimated the Clark's Landing Road would cost \$4200 - \$4500 per mile, and the survey is additional and would run up to \$1500 per month, making a total cost of about \$6,000 per mile. Federal aid will participate in the cost but the SRC will select the engineer to do the work. He feels that some of the regulations should be eased, as he does not see the necessity for engineering to merely blacktop a road that has already been brought up to specs when the road was originally built. He said the cost of \$6,000 per mile would decrease as the mileage increased. If the county took the bids he will supply the forms ready for advertising, and would also estimate the cost of roads he designs. He mentioned that if the county hires him outright, there will be no federal aid available. All federal aid money must be channelled through the SRC. Mr. Dent stated that the other three counties paid his firm direct, there was no federal aid. Presented a brochure for the commissioners to inspect.

Mr. Dent said there were people better qualified than he is to survey the roads in the county and recommend what it would cost for the county to take over its own road system. He will make a recommendation for this.

Maintenance report for November 1 - 12 - \$4,008.22, estimated amount for this month - \$22,927.00. Reported that federal aid on a seawall calls for plans and engineering.

Mr. Burch and Mr. Hall will ride over the roads at Golden Beach to investigate condition of same.

There are two radios available for the SRC trucks at \$384 each. These would be for Cooper's and Arnold's trucks.

Concerning the dumps, leases should be drawn up for those people who do not have them. Mr. Hall can measure an area which will be needed for the next five years and present this to Mr. Guyther, leaving the price blank. Mr. P. Raley will be requested to check the dump contracts to see if there are any that need a little action.

Read letter of recommendation for a 40 mile limit along Rt. 242, at Colton's Point. Recommendations are being forwarded to the SRC from Mr. Webb. Request for 30 mile limit at Drumcliff Road presented to Mr. Hall.

Letter will be written requesting that Cross Manor Road be taken into the county system for maintenance.

World's Fair

Mr. Cunard presented a picture of what the fair is offering the counties in the way of wall space, and stated that each county is being asked to take a 15 square foot area. All 23 counties are allocated the same amount of space at the same cost. The display may feature 3 large pictures or 12 small ones. Cost for space is \$1500 for two years, and \$750 must be paid now and the other \$750 in January 1964. Presented contract to be signed.

The county will have to furnish the pictures to be used in the exhibit, and Mr. Cunard suggested not using too many pictures, perhaps five or six 8 x 10 black and white glossy prints. He said he must have an answer on this by December 1st, and asked the commissioners to indicate yes or no now, so he could so inform his office. He suggested that SMC emphasize its historical aspects, as this would draw tourists to the county. Could also have a St. Mary's County Day at the fair if requested, at no extra cost. Maryland Day will be June 14th.

Copies of the contract will be sent to the World's Fair Commission at 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Md.

Keep Maryland Beautiful Litter Cans

The commissioners agreed to the purchase of 50 such cans at a cost of \$.60 each, to be placed in the parochial school buses.

Painting Bids


Bids opened but no decision made.

Metropolitan Commission

Three people requested to accept appointments are: Mr. T. Mckee - 2 years, Mr. R. Dean - 4 years, Mr. L. C. Merchant - 6 years. In order to achieve broader representation Senator Raley was requested to increase the membership of this commission to 5 members by legislation in 1964 or 1965. Appointments accepted.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch
President