

March 9, 1965

Present: All commissioners, Mr. Oliver R. Guyther.

Jail Procedures

Discussed same and letter will be sent to Mr. Gatton explaining such matters.

Water and Sewage for the Nursing Home

Mr. Mervell Dean stated they have taken bids on the hospital, and from the wing out would cost about \$1400 to tie into the water line. They would not accept this offer. It will be necessary to go 20 feet in the ground to carry sewage from the nursing home and the hospital will pay part of this expense to carry it out. There is a 6 inch water line going into the hospital and the home can connect with this.

Reviewed plat of the land and position of the manholes and how to best place lines from the nursing home. This work would have to be put out on bids. Mr. Guyther advised having someone locate where the hospital wants to come out with their lines, then contacting four or five reputable people in the county and ask for bids. The bids will cover the line from the nursing home to the manhole in the road, and this will include typing in the hospital line. Johnson and Williams will get plans of this and will engineer same if desired. Mr. Dean said he will meet with the representative from Johnson and Williams and discuss this matter.

Arrangements will be made for Johnson and Williams, Mr. Dean, and the commissioners to meet at the nursing home and hospital site later this week. (Date set for next Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.)

Health Department

Dr. Houser requested putting something in the budget for another day a week for a psychiatrist, which would cost about \$800 - \$900 per year. If we had this service, Dr. Houser said he might possibly go to Dr. Turk and get additional cost-free services for the county. Actually, the county share of the above amount would be 80%, about \$640.

Dr. Houser also mentioned that there is a bill pending that will make the county completely responsible for those patients who are in mental hospitals who cannot pay.

Kids Baseball Association

Mr. H. K. Johnson reported they would like to dedicate the new Little League park in Nicolet Park but there is work to be done and the KBA would like the county to do the work necessary. Requested a snow fence around the field, benches on each side of the field, and a flagpole placed on the outside of the home fence. Would also like to have the field dragged. Requested a name for the field, and that the commissioners be present at the dedication. He stated they would like the field ready by May 1st.

Letter will be sent to Mr. Johnson stating that the commissioners are willing to supply the fence and will arrange to have the field dragged, but feel that the benches and the flagpole, etc., are minor items that should be local projects. Will inform Mr. Johnson that every effort will be made to have the field ready by May 1st.

Roads

Mr. M. C. Thompson, Mr. Cullum, Mr. Brodsky, Mr. W. S. Donaldson. Mr. Brodsky there is a bill pending whereby the federal money would come right to the county, and roads would be built to county specifications. Reviewed the 12th Series Bond Issue and amount that is proposed for St. Mary's County, \$130,000. Mr. Brodsky stated that the money that has been borrowed can be used to apply against the debt service. Any source of money can be used for debt service, according to him. The pending legislation would effect money for 1966, and Mr. Brodsky said he does not think the law is retroactive to effect the 1965 money. Under this new bill we will account for the federal funds that are allocated to the county. The county can instruct the SRC to put this in the maintenance or construction funds, or build roads with it, but it must be used on construction, reconstruction, or debt service, but not for maintenance.

Mr. Brodsky said it would be all right for the county to go for approximately \$400,000, and suggested figuring the need and requesting this amount. 3% interest and 1/15th each year is the rate at which this will have to be paid back. There is no requirement as to what portion of the money is used in the year. This is up to the county, but there must be a road program before the money can be released.

Reviewed maintenance costs for the past few years, and Mr. Thompson said if the roads are blacktopped this would be cut down considerably. Concerning the \$36,000 maintenance charge for a previous month, Mr. Brodsky explained that an extra payroll had been carried over into January and this is why the amount was in excess of what it usually was. He stated that \$.33 is taken out of every \$1.00 of payroll. When these men are on leave or sick, this is charged to the overhead account. 8% is added to construction costs because there is very little labor on this; most of it is in material. Whenever the whole salary is spent on St. Mary's County roads, the 20% overhead is added to charges to the county. The county is only paying for the men who work on county roads. This expense is charged to a specific account, and vacation and sick leave is charged to account #5000 and does not come out of county accounts, according to Mr. Brodsky. The people were taken into the state payrolls as of July 1, 1964. Prior to that time, the county paid for the vacation and sick leave for the men working on county roads. Mr. Brodsky presented detailed statement of the construction account and detailed costs statement. Reviewed same with the commissioners and Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Brodsky said the county only finances their share of the cost, but if a road is not approved, then the county is responsible for the entire amount. He said the county owes the SRC about \$40,000. When estimates are made by Mr. Thompson, a check is sent along to cover this amount. Authorization would then be set up by the SRC on the books. The cost exceeded the amount authorized, thus incurring the debt.

Mr. Brodsky said the \$58,000 unprogrammed could be used to apply on the loan after it is taken. Mr. Thompson said he would not do this but would recommend that the legislators get this tacked onto the bill so that the county would get this in addition to the \$400,000. Might possibly get approval to blacktop some of the roads that have been surfaced treated with federal money. The bond issue money can be used to match the federal aid money.

Mr. Thompson said he would work up a list of roads in the county needing blacktopping that might be done with the \$58,000.

Mr. Cullum reported that the bulkhead at St. George Island will cost approximately \$750 to repair and this should be done as soon as possible. In the event of another bad storm this might be destroyed.

Mr. Thompson said that the chief engineer is the only person in the state who can post a bridge for a weight limit. He recommended putting in the pipe at the Friendship Road Bridge, and the commissioners agreed to this.

Mr. Cullum said that is too wet to do anything at the Nelson property at the present time, but this will be done in the spring. Mr. Nelson will be so notified.

Mr. Thompson said there will be snow fence available by the end of this month. Letter will be sent to him requesting that some of fence that is to be disposed of be given to the county.

Welfare Work Training Program

Mrs. Vivian Ripple discussed said program with the SRC. Federal review was made last week and the workmen's compensation is not being provided by St. Mary's County. Mr. Donaldson said this was paid at one time and the money was returned and we were told we were not to pay this. Mrs. Ripple said the attorney general has ruled that these people cannot be covered by the regular workmen's compensation method, but must be covered by private carriers, such as the Federal Mutual Insurance Co. Mrs. Ripple presented list of people and how much they have worked and been paid since this program began. She stated that is necessary that these men be covered by some type insurance as this is written in the Welfare Manual. Mr. Donaldson said this would have to be done through one of the insurance companies in the area for such coverage.

Planning and Zoning Assistant Secretary

The commissioners agreed that Mrs. Leila Rogers should be hired for this position, as recommended by Mrs. Gibson. Salary set at \$50.00 per week.

EDC

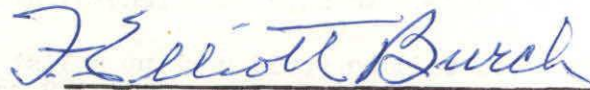
The commissioners agreed that Mr. J. Cheseldine will be asked to accept an appointment to the EDC and requested to reply in writing. (Mr. Cheseldine accepted.)

Secretary for Civil Defense

Miss M. C. Welch will be asked to come in for an interview with Gen. Hogaboom for consideration in this position.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch, President