

March 23, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Faggin Property

Mr. Guyther has advised the commissioners that in the matter of this property, Mr. Sprigg Reeves should be sent the check in the amount of \$248.06, and then Mrs. Faggin will repay a portion of this amount for the 1963 and 1964 taxes when the deed is tendered to her. Mr. Reeves is entitled to what he paid for this property, pluss what he paid out of his pocket.

Lexleon Taxes

Mr. Guyther has advised the commissioners that Mr. Molitor should not be allowed to pay his back taxes by monthly payments, as requested by his attorney, but this could be collected by thirds, beginning now and ending in July. Allwing this person to pay his taxes by monthly payments could set a very bad precedent and Mr. Guyther advises strongly against this.

Library

Gen. Hogaboom and Mrs. Polly Barber presented form to be signed by the commissioners confirming that the county will assign the necessary money to begin the building program for the library. No legislation is needed for the commissioners to commit this amount, \$3,051. The state share is \$7.196. These figures are based on the population as of July 1964, and may be more if the population is greater as of January 1965. Legality of this matter discussed, and Mr. Guyther will be shown letter stating that such action is legal, and further discussed with him. The applications were left with the commissioners for Mr. Guyther's review, and the commissioners signature.

Civil Defense Building

Gen. Hogaboom discussed with the commissioners Mr. F. Tilp's fee of 8% for this building. According to a letter from Mr. Tilp, this is in order for fees charged for this type project and he sent a letter to the commissioners to this effect. Gen. Hogaboom said he would like to retain Mr. Tilp to avoid delay, and this might be discussed with the latter who will be in the county today.

Mr. Tilp came in and explained that the 6% fee is charged for routine business, but when design becomes specialized, the fee increases. He suggested that the commissioners contact the three men mentioned in his letter regarding this matter. He said the plans are not ready at the present time, but he should be able to begin working on them by the first of April. The floor plan is designed but there is no preliminary approval yet because the government wants a complete duct and heating layout for the entire job. Completion date might be the first of May, but Mr. Tilp cannot say for sure. He said he would have the plans out of his office six weeks after all agencies have approved this, but cannot underwrite the exact date.

The commissioners agreed to sign the contract with Mr. Tilp for the 8% fee, and Mr. Burch signed same.

World's Fair Program

Mr. Greeson of St. Mary's College music department came in in reference to a letter he had sent to the commissioners concerning the college choir going to the fair on certain days in May, and possibility of having these same days as "St. Mary's County Days". Discussed general program to be offered May 14, 15 and 16. Mr. Burch suggested a committee to work with Mr. Greeson and Mr. Henry Fowler will be asked about this. Mr. Bowles suggested possibility of having the Historical Society work with Mr. Greeson, and the latter said he would like to have them accept the responsibility and he would be willing to help them as much as possible. He further stated he would stop by the bank and discuss this with Mr. Fenwick.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall (reassigned as county engineer). Reported that Capt. Clabaugh of Horsehead Road has built a fence 5' on the road right of way. Suggested a letter be sent to this man requesting him to move the fence, but first will check records to make sure the county has the right of way here. Mr. Hall said the entrance pipes are being installed this very day for Capt. Clabaugh on property located at Brooks Run.

Mr. Hall reported that \$133,000 was spent last year for oiling 75 miles of roads. He said he will have to know how much work the county wants done in order to work up a schedule for this year, and will have consider requests made by individuals, said request being in the commissioners files. Also stated that Mr. Thompson is working on a schedule for blacktopping roads with federal money.

Reviewed list of roads that might be paved with bituminous concrete. There are 14 roads so far, and this would cost approximately \$275,000, for 30 miles of road. If the roads are blacktopped, they will be maintenance free for approximately ten years. Mr. Hall and the commissioners further discussed blacktopping certain roads, and he will make a list of same to present to the commissioners for their review next week.

The state has given Mr. Hall a new pickup truck and he no longer needs the old county truck. The commissioners agreed that the county truck should be advertised for sale for bids.

Mr. Burch suggested holding the oiling to a minimum to protect what has been done, and concentrate on blacktopping. The commissioners agreed. Mr. Hall will work up oiling and blacktopping schedules and present same next week.

Maintenance for month of March - \$21,079.49. Willows Road has not been approved as yet, this is still in the Baltimore office. Latest figures on sign-posting roads in county - 178 signs, 95 posts, total cost \$1474, including labor, equipment, overhead, etc.

Mr. Hall presented contract with Mr. Evan Perisho for Nicolet Park, in the amount of \$250 for completion of work here.

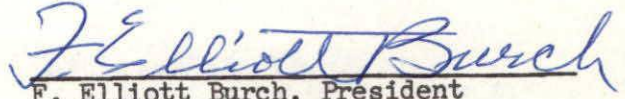
The commissioners voted unanimously to participate in the 12th Series Highway Construction Bonds in the amount of approximately \$400,000.

Lexington Park Rescue Squad

Letter will be sent to same requesting them to review enclosed plat of county owned land and inform the commissioners which portion they would like to have for their building on property in question in Lexington Park.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President