

August 31, 1965

Present: All commissioners.

Civil Defense

Mr. Otis Wood and Mr. C. Donaldson reported on storm damage inflicted last Thursday, and presented pictures to illustrate same. Damage estimated at \$130,000 in the upper end of the county.

Discussed status of Mr. Herbert Joy, who was granted a year's extension of leave, and is still not able to work a full eight hour day. Mr. Joy has been working for Civil Defense almost ten years, and Mr. Donaldson would like to grant him a year's leave without pay, rather than dismiss him from the job. Discussed possibility of hiring him as a parttime employe during that period and paying the \$1.60 per hour usually paid for such work. In July of next year, Mr. Joy will be eligible for retirement under the merit system. (Mr. W. S. Donaldson came into the meeting at this point.) Mr. W. S. Donaldson said he does not think the year's leave of absence, if granted, would be counted as actual working time toward retirement, this would have to be investigated. Mr. C. Donaldson and Mr. Wood will try to get some information and report back this afternoon.

General discussion regarding hiring Mr. Joy parttime, and if this is done it will have to be paid out of county funds, as the merit system does not allow for any parttime employees. Mr. Burch suggested forgetting about the year's leave of absence and paying Mr. Joy for the hours he actually works, but this will have to be worked out before any decision is made.

Mr. Wood reported that a new man has been hired to work at the control center, a Mr. Joseph Rizza. This man is a retired navy chief and has a very good background in communications work. Reported he has also asked for a 60 day extension for T. Greig, from the draft board.

Concerning maintenance on generators in the firehouses, this will be paid for by the federal government up to 1/20th of the original cost of the generators. This equipment is owned by the county, and after general discussion, the commissioners agreed that the county should maintain the generators.

Later in the day, Mr. Wood reported he had spoken with Mr. Pernell of the state and was informed that no parttime employees are allowed under the state merit system. The state suggests transferring Mr. Joy to another payroll. So far as how a year's leave of absence will effect Mr. Joy's eligibility for retirement is concerned, Mr. Donaldson will call the state tomorrow and see what information he can get on this.

Roads

Mr. T. Hall. Estimate for blacktopping Steer Horn Neck Road is \$23,806.18. This includes gravel, shoulders, preparation, etc. Dr. Johnson Road cost \$21,420.16. Reported Old Route 5, Dr. Johnson Road are finished, as are Rolling Road and East Sunrise Drive. Snow Hill Road has been primed and now has to be paved. Airdele and Clayton's Marina Roads still have to be done.

Mr. Hall reported that there was over-expenditure on Old Route 5 and Steer Horn Neck Roads, as there was more to be done than was expected. However, there is a small amount coming back on the Dr. Johnson Road and this will take care of the over-expenditure on the above two roads.

Spruce Drive cost \$3,118.24 for drainage, pipes, grading and gravel. Blacktopping the road and the ditches will cost an additional \$7,571.17, making a total of \$10,689.41 for the entire project. Mr. Hall would like to have this entire amount and put the \$3,000 back into the maintenance account. He is asking that the commissioners authorize him to pave Spruce Drive even if they do not actually give him the money. The commissioners agreed and a letter of authorization will be sent to Mr. Thompson for expenditure of \$7,571.17 to complete the work, and the \$3,000 would be charged to the maintenance fund.

General discussion of oiling program, and the following roads will be added: Finnacom, Cedar Street, Cat Creek Road, Compton Road, Carroll Morgan Road, Horsehead Road and others - 244, 245, and 246 off Horsehead Road, St. George Island Road, #91. Mr. Hall will be sent letter of authorization for these roads as commissioners agreed to same. Maypole and Seaside Roads will be graveled and the latter will be oiled next year.

The commissioners agreed that speed limits should be posted as follows: On Rt. 245 from Mattingly's Auto Service to Wilkinson's Appliance Store; MacIntosh Road from 245 beyond houses; St. Joseph's Project and Baringer Drive. The signs for Route 245 will be requested from SRC, as this is a state road.

Mr. Curry will be informed that Mr. Hall will place the Buzzard Point Road on the reconstruction list. The commissioners agreed to take over the Coleman Road for maintenance and to keep it open this winter. Also agreed to take over the right tee of the Breton Beach Road, conditioned on the 40' right of way being obtained. Thirty foot right of way is already dedicated and an additional 10' is needed. Mr. A. Loker will be contacted regarding the latter action.

Public Hearing - Dobry Rezoning

Mr. Dobry, Mr. Paul Bailey, Mrs. L. Rogers. Mr. Dobry presented plat illustrating his proposed project in the Greenview Knolls area in the 8th District. He is planning to build a small colonial type shopping center adjacent to the school property. General discussion concerning width of entrance road, and Mr. Bailey suggested that the commissioners might consider approving this on the condition of a 50 foot right of way being adhered to.

There being no protestants present, the commissioners approved the rezoning conditioned on Military Road and Belvoir Road, leading from Chancellor's Run Road to the lot line of Lot #1, adjacent to the apartment zoned area, being 50 feet, said area being marked on the plat.

Tri-County Employment Office

Mr. Bowles informed the commissioners of the possibility of this office being located in Leonardtown. A man will be here Thursday, September 9th, and Mr. Bowles asked Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell to meet with them to further discuss this matter. They will discuss needs of the office and if it should be located in St. Mary's County.

Welfare Investigator

Mr. Bowles reported that approval has been received from the state for such an employee for the local welfare board.

Jail Food Account

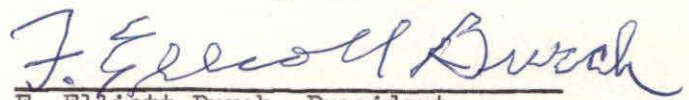
General discussion concerning same. The commissioners agreed the allowance should be increased to \$1.25 per day and Mr. Donaldson will so inform Mr. Gatton of this action. He will also discuss with Mr. Gatton menus to be served the prisoners.

The commissioners agreed that the evening visiting hours at the jail should be discontinued.

General discussion concerning problem of items being passed to prisoners through windows of jail, and the commissioners agreed that a solution to this problem might be erection of a solid wall in the pertinent area. Three estimates for construction of a wall will be obtained.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President