

September 14, 1965

Present: Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell

Library

Gen. Hogaboom and Mrs. K. Daugherty. Reported they have talked with several architects being considered for the new building in Lexington Park. The building committee is recommending Arthur, who would charge 6% plus travel at ten cents per mile. It is the feeling of the committee that Arthur has a great deal of experience building libraries and they were most impressed with buildings reviewed. Mr. Burch and Mr. Ridgell agreed that Arthur should be employed.

Mr. Bowles came into the meeting at this point.

Health Department

Dr. Houser reported he cannot obtain any information about the Elms property or who actually owns it. The name he used in connection with the property when speaking to Judge Dorsey, was not the man the latter said he sold the property to. Dr. Houser said that Planning & Zoning at their meeting last night said they would approve this project. If this is so, the Health Department will also approve it, and the state is going to approve their plans. The Fire Board will not approve the project until their requirements are met.

Dr. Houser said he did not feel that the people concerned should be allowed to have the discharge point at Jutland Creek as this would result in approximately 90 acres of oyster bars being closed. There is no tide in this area and it is too narrow and shallow.

The matter of the Mokry Trailer Park dumping sewage into Charles County should be brought to the attention of the Commissioners of that county. A plat would have to be sent to them.

Dr. Houser reported he would be working in Dr. Samudi's office for two hours each Tuesday night starting two weeks from today and wanted the commissioners to know about this.

The commissioners discussed the Jutland Creek project and reviewed comments in letter from the State Health Department concerning same. Taking into account the many acres of shellfish beds that would have to be restricted, the commissioners do not feel that a permit should be issued to discharge treated sewage in this area. A letter will be sent to the State Health Department to this effect.

Lexington Park Committee

Mr. Ralph Chesser, Mr. Alan Collier, Mr. W. Springer asked if there were any funds available for improvements in Lexington Park such as lights, sidewalks, etc. The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee to look into this, and these men are on said committee. They wanted to know if they could handle such funds if they are available and be accountable for expenditure of same to the commissioners.

Mr. Burch said it would have to be determined if the commissioners had the authority

to appropriate such funds, and if a specific program were presented, perhaps it could then be determined if funds could be made available. General discussion concerning possibility of federal and state funds that might be available, and these gentlemen will be informed of the commissioners findings in this matter.

Roads

Mr. Thom Hall is on vacation. Mr. Cusic reported over the telephone that he and Mr. Hall had inspected the extension of the California Post Office Road and it was up to specifications. Letter will be sent requesting that this road be placed in the county road system.

Board of Education

Mr. R. King inquired about the possibility of the Alms House site being used for the proposed vocational school. Application will not go in until January, and construction should begin in March or April. Mr. Guyther will have to check the leasehold by Mr. Bell who rents the farm at the Alms House, and how many acres are involved. The commissioners will take this under advisement and let Mr. King know their decision.

The Board of Education has selected the firm of Smeallie, Orrick and Jenka as architects, at a 6% fee up to one million dollars. After that it drops. The commissioners agreed that this firm should be hired and will accept the recommendation of the Board of Education. Mr. King will make a definite recommendation as to acreage needed, and rooms and facilities.

Mr. King mentioned the bid opening tomorrow for the Greenview Knolls Elementary School. There is \$407,000 available for this project and they are going to try to keep to this figure. Two less classrooms would save \$23,000, but it would cost much more than this figure to build them later on. Mr. King asked if the commissioners would be willing to finance them for the \$23,000 if it is needed. The bidders were asked to bid on eight classrooms with the two classrooms as an alternate. Mr. Burch suggested waiting until after the bid opening to see what is needed, and holding the bids in abeyance.

Mr. King asked if the White Marsh school is not going to be used for the Amish, if the commissioners would consider spending \$300,000 instead of the \$259,000 proposed, and put in some extra conveniences. This is going to be an eight room school.

Concerning the kindergarten, Mr. King said that very few negro children attend classes, and he feels this is due to lack of transportation. He also said he feels those parents who really want their children to attend these classes would furnish transportation in some manner, such as car pools, etc.

Air Conditioning Health Building

Mr. R. Chandler, Mr. Tall (electrical engineer) and Mr. J. McKeever, County Electrical Inspector, met to discuss the wiring in the health building. Mr. McKeever said he contacted the electric company to learn the demand reading, and feels that the 250 amps in the building is sufficient, and there should be no problems.

Bids for the air conditioning were opened at 3:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Gray Harrison, Mr. Winters. Bids as follows: Har-Nel - \$17,915. Schroyer - \$17,650. Winters - \$12,985. Bid bonds were attached to all bids.

Mr. Chandler said he will have to have a list of all equipment that is to be used by the person awarded the contract to be sure it is what is called for in the specifications. This must be done within 15 days, and the contract will be awarded to Mr. Winters provided he meets this requirement.

Youth Commission

Mr. B. Johnson reported that Mr. Barthelme has had some of his boys clean up the Nicolet Park, but there is some confusion, as the KBA feels this is their park. Mr. Barthelme also removed the fence and Mr. H. K. Johnson, president of the KBA, feels this should be replaced. Mr. Johnson said there is nothing in the budget for a permanent staff, and there is a possibility that some of the Youth Corp boys could keep it clean and be paid for their service. They would have to have some supervision, and Mr. Barthelme could then supervise the various organization who would be using the park by scheduling activities.

Mr. W. S. Donaldson came in at this point. He reported there was \$589.70 remaining in the fund last year and this went back into the general fund. The Parks and Wharves money could be used for Nicolet Park. General discussion concerning erection of fence, across a portion of the park at the entrance, to provide parking space. Fence placed at the far end also, would enclose the entire area, as there are natural embankments and woods on either side. Mr. Johnson will make an estimate of what is needed here and the cost and report same to the commissioners.


Mr. H. K. Johnson of the KBA will be asked to come in to meet with the commissioners next week to discuss this matter.

Concerning the Buck Park Project, Mr. B. Johnson said it would cost approximately \$10,000 to build the facilities contemplated, and he is reluctant to get involved as there is a tax lien against the property. If enough free help is obtained, it might cost \$3,000. Mr. John Briscoe is working on the legality of leasing this property and how it would effect the heirs.

The Youth Commission does not feel it can ask the commissioners to get involved in this matter as there are too many complications. If the land could be gotten title free, then they would recommend this as it is a good project and needed in the county. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Guyther investigate the legal aspects and then work something out with Mr. Briscoe. Mr. Donaldson said he would speak with Mr. Guyther and see what can be worked out. Mr. B. Johnson will be informed of any action taken by the commissioners.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President