

February 14, 1966

Present: All commissioners and Mr. W. S. Donaldson.

Hospital

Mr. M. Dean and Mr. F. McCoy. Mr. McCoy said they are going to have to borrow money to finish the hospital and want the commissioners to provide the money to pay this debt, over a period of time. Mr. Burch stated that legislation would be necessary to authorize the commissioners to advance the hospital \$100,000 to be amortized over the next ten years. The county would then be committing this money to the hospital and the hospital would have to borrow it. The money would have to be used for the construction of the new wing. Mr. Dean said he would be in agreement with this. Mr. Burch explained that it will actually mean \$10,000 a year over a period of ten years, and legislation would have to be enacted to take care of it. The commissioners agreed to this and the legislators will be contacted.

Ambulance Service

Mr. Otis Wood stated he went to a meeting about ambulance service and was asked to come up with some plan. Mr. F. Burch suggested contacting Mr. J. Delozier and getting a rescue squad started in Leonardtown. Mr. J. Bean is working on this possibility. According to Mr. Wood, the two funeral directors are going out of the ambulance business, and Mr. Clarke Mattingly has said he would give his ambulance to a volunteer outfit in Leonardtown. It needs some work but would be enough to begin a rescue squad in Leonardtown. Mr. Wood said he feels they would get support in Hollywood for a squad.

It seems that the big objection that the squads have are the trips to Baltimore and Washington, as the men have to take off half day from work for this purpose. Concerning responsibility for the transfers, they tried to pass a resolution that they would not go outside of the county, but it did not pass. If it does, this will cause difficulty. If the allotments are increased, this might help, or they could be paid for the transports.

It was decided that Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowles would attend the next meeting of the rescue squads on Thursday evening of this week to get more information about this problem, and ideas as to how it could be worked out.

Radio for Ridge Fire Department

Mr. Otis Wood presented request for a radio for the Ridge Fire Department.

Carver Heights Health Building

The commissioners agreed that Mr. A. Greenwell should go ahead with the repairs at this facility as this must be done as soon as possible. Mr. Greenwell has agreed to do this work for approximately \$950.00

Vouchers #24933 through 25045 approved for payment and signed by Mr. Burch.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

F. Elliott Burch, President