

May 10, 1966

Present: All commissioners.

Dog Regulations

Mr. Paul Raley, Mr. Oliver Guyther, reviewed new law and proposed regulations that might be adopted. Tabled until next week, or later.

Library

Mrs. P. Barber, Mrs. Tzonev, Mrs. Jackson, Admiral Clarke. Mrs. Barber presented budget as requested for \$74,328.47, which was not granted in the full amount and stated that they have no place to cut the budget. Mr. Burch stated that according to the budget, approximately \$2500 over last year's budget was approved. Mrs. Barber explained that there is not going to be any additional money from the state. The new law effecting them will go into effect July 1, 1967, and they are in a difficult position with the budget as it has been granted. The 1966/1967 budget is actually \$1800 less than they operated on last year.

Mrs. Barber asked if the commissioners would consider taking over the utility operation at the library, such as heat and electricity. Mr. Burch said that the commissioners do not have the authority to do this for any building that is not county owned. General discussion concerning status of the county taking over the building and Mrs. Barber said this could be done legally so long as the building was used as a library.

The total deficit at present is \$7,364.50, and the commissioners will discuss this matter and give these people an answer by the 18th of the month as they have a board meeting then.

Official County Song

Mrs. Mary Bell stated that she has had music composed to fit a poem about the county, and asked if the commissioners would consider making this the official song for the county. The poem was written by Griff Alexander and the music - composed by Michael Davis, a senior at Chopticon High School. The commissioners said they would give this some thought and inform Mrs. Bell of their decision.

Building Permits

Reviewed letter from Mr. Pantaleo, recommending that construction begin within four months after a permit is issued, or same becomes invalid. The Planning & Zoning Commission is in favor of this, and directed Mr. Pantaleo to write the letter. Mr. Bowles made motion that the recommendation as made be adopted, seconded by Mr. Ridgell, passed unanimously. Planning & Zoning will be notified.

Human Relations Commission

Statement in the amount of \$12.00, expenses for Rev. Keith Blake to attend meeting in Annapolis, approved by the commissioners.

Registration of Voters

Mr. J. Bean, Mr. Abell, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Irene Mattingly. Reviewed letter from the Women's Democratic Club regarding registration in the districts of the county. The Supervisors of Elections will notify same that extra registration days will be held during June, July and August to accommodate those who want to register, at the office in the courthouse.

Clifton Zoning

The commissioners approved the zoning as requested by Mr. Clifton, in the 6th District, as approved by Planning and Zoning. The tract of land in question is on Route 235 just north of Hollywood, and Commercial zoning was requested for future construction of a shopping center.

Youth Commission

Mr. B. Johnson stated that the Youth Commission had passed a motion that they would remain as a separate group for the coming fiscal year. This would include the budget being separate also. Discussed programs for the summer and they will have either swimming or bowling, and possibly both. The swimming will include a Red Cross instructor, and Mr. Johnson and Mr. Barthleme are working out a program under the cut in the budget.

Mr. Johnson said the Youth Commission is very interested in the Parks and Recreation Board and would appreciate any recommendations that they or the commissioners would care to make. He further stated that Captain Henderson had said that it would be necessary for Parks and Recreation to take over the Youth Commission in order to get matching funds, but Mr. Donaldson said he did not feel this was so. Mr. Donaldson said that the matching funds only include any improvements to the parks. They are for acquisition and development, nothing else.

Concerning Nicolet Park, Mr. Johnson said they would like to request a meeting with the commissioners and talk about this. They need money for this and have requested \$2500. They did not state a specific amount for this park in their budget, and they do not know what to do at this point. Park and Recreation may be able to get funds to protect the place and this will have to be done as security is needed prior to anything being done. There would have to be someone to clean up the debris and round the clock supervision for security would be necessary. The Youth Commission is having a meeting on May 25th, and would like to meet with the commissioners if they so desire. Might be necessary to meet with Parks and Recreation, also.

General discussion concerning secretary for the Youth Commission and Mr. Johnson said they would like to keep Mrs. Lawrence. Under the merit system, she will have to take a test. Mr. Donaldson explained a job description will have to be written and then Mrs. Lawrence will know what kind of test she will have to take. He mentioned that the merit system people are coming down next week and will make a determination on this. Mr. Johnson said they are asking for her fulltime with a \$2.00 per hour rate of pay. Mr. Donaldson explained that when this position is set up under the merit system, it will have to be done so at the same rate of as the state classification for this type position. The job description will have to state what the responsibilities for this position will be, then it will be rated accordingly.

Flashing Signal at Morganza

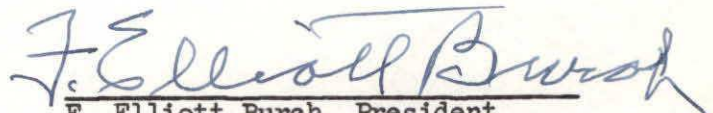
The commissioners agreed that a letter should be sent to the SRC stating that in view of Dr. King's letter of May 3, 1966, the commissioners strongly urge that the signal be placed at this intersection. The possibility of relocating the intersection of Route 5 and Route 242 north of St. Joseph's Church, will also be mentioned in the letter.

Route 5 Speed Limit

The commissioners agreed that the SRC will be requested to extend the 30 mph speed limit on Route 5 in the vicinity of the college, north to Snow Hill Manor Road in view of the fact that young people will be walking along and crossing the road to get to the ball field.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved,


F. Elliott Burch, President