July 16, 1968

Present: F. Elliott Burch
J. Wilmer Bowles
George R. Aud
David Williams

Meeting convened at 10:00 a.m.

Sanitary Fill - Halfway House

Mr. William Burch complained that the odor and smoke from this facility is offensive to residents, and he is asking on their behalf, that something be done about the situation. Mr. E. Burch said he knew of the situation and had asked Mr. Wise to go to the fill and try to correct it. The smouldering area was being covered up this morning. Mr. E. Burch informed Mr. W. Burch that in the future the burning will be eliminated as much as possible. The former asked the latter to call him if the nuisance reoccured and everything possible would be done to alleviate the problem.

Sanitary Land Fills

Mr. H. McCoy, Systems Engineer, Solid Waste Division, State Health Department, and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Grosinger (same dept.), Dr. A. Houser, Mr. W. Raum, Mr. Pantaleo. General discussion concerning possible land fill operation in St. Mary's County, and Mr. Burch mentioned Copeland property purchased for this purpose, and that the cc are asking for assistance as to how this should be developed, as well as our other fills. Mr. McCoy said he would confer with Mr. Pantaleo and review plats and look over the fill areas in the county. Mr. McCoy said they must work in cooperation with the food and water resources agencies in the land fill operations. Test borings must be made, and he will discuss this with Mr. Pantaleo. They must know where the water table is. Mr. Raum stated that his department has a detailed record of every well in the county for the past 8 years and this information will be made available to Mr. McCoy. The latter said he also wants to meet with the SCS people for discussions. After they get the results of the test borings and exam records, a team will come down from the various state agencies concerned. It was agreed that Mr. McCoy, Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. J. Hall will work on this project, get as much information as possible, and return next week to discuss it with the Commissioners.

There was some discussion about the trash collectors operating in the county and procurement of license for this work. Dr. Houser said he does not know of any license that is required, but this might be considered by the Commissioners, as was the case with the scavenger licenses.

Mr. Raum mentioned property owned by Mr. McLeod, off St. Andrews Church Road, that might be available for a fill. He will talk with Mr. McLeod and report back to the Commissioners. He will also check how close this property might be to the proposed watershed project.

Oakwood Trailer Park

Mr. and Mrs. A. Puchetti inquired about their application for expansion of their trailer park. He was informed that the Commissioners are not in a position to approve the application at this time. The master plan is being considered, and the Commissioners feel this should be established first before any expansion is granted to anyone. Mr. Burch explained that there has been an application for a sanitary district in this area, and this is also being considered.

Leonardtown Commissioners

Mrs. Jean Dorsey and Mr. B. Broun stated they are interested in the small triangle of land on the northwest side of the intersection of Keyway Drive and Library Circle. They believe this parcel belongs to the county, and they would like to purchase it. Mr. Williams was instructed to find out who owns the property, and consult with Mr. W. Sterling, attorney for the Leonardtown Commissioners.

Mr. Broun asked if Mr. Pantaleo might make an estimate of what it would cost to straighten Lawrence Avenue, running behind Thrift Oil Company. Mrs. Camalier has said she will donate land to widen this street, and the Leonardtown Commissioners feel this would provide much needed exit lane from town. They would like Mr. Pantaleo to inspect the road and make recommendations.

Mr. Broun reported they are also considering purchasing property behind Bailey's restaurant to provide additional public parking.

Mr. Burch said they will be informed who owns the small parcel of land as mentioned above as soon as the Commissioners have this information.

Roads

Mr. Pantaleo and Mr. Bond. Mr. Pantaleo was asked to make recommendations on Lawrence Ave. as requested by the Leonardtown Commissioners. He reported that the centerline survey on the St. Andrews Church Road will be completed today (this is on the curve).

Traffic control signs have been requested for Sandgates Road, either children at play or slow signs. Also need sign to warn people that this is a deadend road and of the bad curve. Mr. Bond will investigate and make recommendations. Airdele Road residents are requesting sign "not a thru road" and children at play signs. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

Mr. Bond reported that work requested by Drumcliffs Association has been done in part, as he does not feel some of the work is needed. The bushes have been trimmed to provide better visibility on the curves, on the Drumcliffs Road. He investigated complaint by the Post Office in Lexington Park regarding condition of Tippett Road. As the road was in good condition, he called the Post Office and found out that the road the complaint was on is a private road and nothing can be done.

Mr. Bond reported that Mr. Tate has said definitely there will be no bond issue for the coming year and the oiling would have to be done out of maintenance, and there is only \$200,000 in the maintenance fund for the entire year. They will need \$105,000 for the oiling schedule and are asking the Commissioners for this amount. Mr. Bond said that if an account number is set up for the oiling schedule, and the check sent directly to Baltimore, approximately 75% will be for material and only 10% is charged for overhead. If the work is done out of maintenance money, the overhead charge is 20%. Mr. Donaldson was called into the meeting to discuss this.

Mr. Bond suggested that at the top of the hill on the Seven Gables Road, this be blacktopped instead of surface treated, to elevate the road at the turn. This might be considered when the bulkhead road is built. Mr. Aud asked that warning sign be placed on this road to warn motorists that there is a stop ahead at the intersection of the road with 235. Mr. Bond will take care of this.

Mr. Bond reported that he has searched his records and the Baltimore records, and there is only \$2700 difference in the totals. Baltimore figures are higher.

After general discussion concerning the oiling schedule, it was agreed that \$50,000 would be advanced, of the \$105,000 total, and when this money is depleted, additional funds will be advanced. Letter and check to this effect will be sent to the State Roads Commission.

Mr. Bond will place children at play signs on the Robert Stevens Road, as requested by Mr. Dennis Langley. This is the portion of the road running in from Route 235.

Parks and Recreation Board

Mr. E. Curley and Mr. Pantaleo. Mr. Curley stated that they have upgraded the Great Mills High project to take care of the complete job. The purpose of this is to obligate the federal funds. The first application was for \$35,000 and the new application is for approximately \$53,000. The funds for this were in the 1968 budget and have been transferred to the current budget. They will need an additional \$8,000 over and above the money budgeted for this project. They will get federal approval and then proceed with the work under the contract awarded to Dean & Beavers. The removal of the 20 thousand yards of soil that are stored on the site is included in the bid price. Mr. Curley stated that upon approval, they would hope the county can give them the money needed. If not, they will put this in their budget for next year. Mr. Curley presented letter from the Parks and Recreation Board requesting the \$8,000, andthis money will be needed in 120 days. The Commissioners approved the application and Mr. Burch signed it.

Patuxent River Bridge

Mr. George A. Hood (For E. deAnzorena), Leif K. Watne, Louis B. Hammett, Jr., Margaret Clarke, Virginia Huseman, Harry Huseman, Luis Granados, Mrs. Richard J. Watts, Jr., Kent D. Boucher, Mr. Pantaleo. These people asked why the Tri-County plan for the bridge had been altered, and it was explained that the navy objected to the location and rejected it. The actual location of the bridge has not been yet settled. Mr. Aud stated that the legislators also have to approve the location, and neither they nor the Commissioners have done so to date. There is a possibility that the state can overrule the county if it so desires.

Mr. Granados suggested that the navy could be firmly told that the bridge would be located at a certain place. This could be discussed with the Bureau of Ordinances, and also let our congressman and senators look into this and determine if any given location could actually be so detrimental to the navy. Mr. Granados feels that the Commissioners should make absolutely sure that the objection presented by the navy is really valid and legitimate.

Mr. Burch read section of report from the State Planning Dept. regarding the proposed location of the bridge that is acceptable to the navy. Mr. Hammett pointed out the importance of maintaining the creek, as this is a source of revenue for the watermen.

Mrs. Clarke suggested a meeting with the State Roads Commission, the legislators, and the Commissioners, and Mr. Burch said that Senator Bailey could possibly arrange this. Mr. Burch also stated that the Commissioners can communicate with the Patuxent Beach Association as this matter progresses, and Mr. Boucher said that Mrs. Huseman would be the proper person to contact in this respect.

Regional Detention Center

After reviewing letter from Mr. Reed McDonagh, President, Charles County Commissioners, the Commissioners agreed that he would be notified that they have not changed their original position in this matter, that is, not to participate in this facility.

Piney Point Sanitary District

Mr. Guyther and Mr. Williams discussed this project as recommended by the Metropolitan Commission and Mr. Guyther suggested the following might be written in a letter to the Metropolitan Commission: 1) In connection with the Metropolitan Commission's letter to the Commissioners recommending the establishment of the Piney Point district, the Commissioners would like the Metropolitan Commission engineer to make a cost study of the approximate cost of doing this because of the large area it takes in, in order to determine what possible bond issue may be required to do this, and whether or not there are enough potential users in the area to make it a feasible project to pay for itself. 2) Making lines of sanitary districts coincide with election district lines to aid the tax assessors office, and this would also cut survey costs considerably. 3) This project could be extended to run with the boundary lines of the 2nd District and include a great many potential users at Lane Beach, Chingville Road, etc. 4) Ask why the proposed district line takes in the Potomac River to the

Virginia shore line. Mr. Guyther suggested that a letter could be written to the Metropolitan Commission including these items, and the Commissioners agreed that this should be done.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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F. Elliott Burch President

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