County Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 1970

Present:

F. Elliott Burch, President
J. Wilmer Bowles, Commissioner

Paul R. Raley, Administrative Assistant

Helen M. Bailey (Mrs.), Admin. Asst., Recording

David M. Williams, County Attorney

The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting which was held on March 31, 1970 were read, amended, and approved.

Payments Approved

\$2,250.00 to David M. Gruber & Company, for professional services for the 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year 1970.

\$390.00 to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, for Reciprocal Non-Support petitions.

\$4,000.00 to Lorenzi, Dodds and Gunnill, for work on Project #1, 2nd and 8th Districts, St. Mary's River Watershed. This amount is reimbursable to the County.

\$266.08 to the Daily Record Company, for printing of the State's briefs in the cases of No. 101, Sutton, Sutton, Player and Player (\$157.48) and No. 377, Gregory Joseph Redmond (108.60).

\$22.00 to Howard County in the case of Maryland vs. Larry Darnell Dyson etc., Case Nos. 4860 and 4861.

Authorized an installation charge of \$25.00 and a monthly rate of \$15.20 for the Telephone Company to install a telephone and necessary equipment to complete the Emergency Broadcast Station input capacity in the Emergency Operations Center. These charges will be supported by matching funds from the Federal Government (50/50) with the Office of Civil Defense Budget.

Cherbonnier vs. County Commissioners

Messrs. Burch and Bowles and Williams discussed a Circuit Court Order, in Equity No. A-3423, filed by A. V. Cherbonnier vs. the County Commissioners and ordered and signed by Philip H. Dorsey, Jr., Chief Judge of theSt. Mary's Circuit Court. The order requires:

"NOW THEREFORE, it appearing to the Court that Petitioner is entitled to specific performance of the acts which the Respondents undertook and agreed to in the document dated May 12, 1964, it is ORDERED this 26th day of March, 1970, by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, Maryland:

- "1. That the Respondents promptly prepare and deliver to Petitioner for recording among the Land Records of St. Mary's County, Maryland, a properly executed quitclaim deed as provided for in their minutes of May 26, 1964 and quoted above; i.e., the land adjacent to the new road which comprises the land of the old road adjoining Petitioner's land; except for that portion adjoining the Father Andrew White Memorial and Petitioner to get one-half (½) of this portion on the north side.
- "2. That the Respondents within the next ninety (90) days cause the following acts to be performed:
- a. Eliminate the cause of the collection of water along the northerly right-of-way of the new road granted to Respondents by the document dated May 12, 1964; i.e., by proper pipes or culverts causing the stream to flow without obstruction under the roadway without backing up of the water.
- b. Erect fence posts (to be furnished by Petitioner) along the line of the right-of-way of the new road so the present fence will extend to the limits of the property of Petitioner.
 - "3. Costs awarded to Petitioner."

Mr. Williams was requested to consult with Mr. Oliver Guyther, who was attorney for the County Commissioners at the initiation of said agreement, and to return his recommendations for deliberation.

Emergency Operations Center -- 2nd Channel for Fire Board

Mr. Otis F. Wood, in company with Messrs. Michael Connolly and James K. McCarron, of the General Electric Company, appeared to brief the Commissioners on the installation arrangements for the 2nd Channel on the Fire Board The plan is now for a second base station to be installed in the EOC, to modify the base station in the Leonardtown Fire House, install a new base station in the Lexington Park Fire House, and install a second antenna tower. The savings will be considerable (\$2,000), and will provide auxiliary power in the event of high wind damage, damage from lightening, etc. The tower cost will be approximately \$650.00 and the installation charge will be \$605.00. Messrs. Burch and Bowles authorized Mr. Wood to proceed with contractual arrangements and the installation. Mr. Wood mentioned that he proposes to replace all base stations with the second channel added, and that this will be accomplished over a period of time, as the need arises.

Compton Public Trash Disposal Area

Messrs. Burch and Bowles, in company with Mr. Raley of the State Roads Commission Maintenance Force, inspected the Compton Public Trash Disposal Area on Route # 243. Instructions were given to have the Disposal Area cleaned up at the earliest.

Half-Way House Public Trash Disposal Area

The Half-Way House Public Trash Disposal Area was also inspected and instructions were given to re-locate the dumping area.

Board of Education

The Board of Education submitted an emergency need, occasioned by the acceptance of bids, for construction at the Margaret Brent School, in the amount of \$275,000. Messrs. Burch and Bowles advised that the County Commissioners would not arrive at a decision today since Mr. Aud's presence would be required to make this decision; that they would review the situation, and give a decision as soon as possible. Messrs. Donaldson and Sterling were requested to draw up a detailed accounting of allocations for constructions at the various schools, which accounting would assist them in arriving at a decision.

Sheriff's Office

It was reaffirmed that the Sheriff would be authorized a one-week overlap for training purposes when Mrs. Donna Norris replaces Miss Carole Poe as Stenographer.

Substitute Switchboard Operator

Messrs. Burch and Bowles authorized the detail of Mrs. Irene Henderson as substitute switchboard operator. Mrs. Jean Gatton has submitted her resignation effective April 17, 1970.

CATV

Mr. David M. Williams reported that after discussion with Mr. Oliver Guyther, Attorney for CATV, we might expect 2% of CATV's gross in revenue. Their anticipated gross for 1970 is \$55,000; and if they service Center Gardens, the gross might increase to \$70,000. The Commissioners recalled that a figure of 4% would be more in keeping with their previous discussions on this subject.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved,

F. Elliott Burch

President