

CAROLINE County

Commissioners

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Denton, Md. Dec. 8, 1942

The Commissioners met at 2 O'clock P. M. with Harry L. Sullivan and H. Roland Towers present. No important business was brought before the Board. Bills # 509 to 524 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 15th 1942.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 15, 1942

The Commissioners met at 2 O'clock, P. M. with Harry L. Sullivan, H. Roland Towers and William M. Garey present. Managers were appointed on Joiners Branch ditch as follows: William M. Garey, Richard Garey and Alex. Karpensky. Griffith's Branch Ditch as follows: Christian Nagel, Lacy Meredith and John Ischer.

There was no other business of importance. Bills # 525 to 550 were approved for payment excepting bills # 548 and # 542 were held up for further consideration. The old Board adjourned.

The new elected Board assumed control. The new Board members are H. Roland Towers, Emmett Hignutt and William L. DeFord.

On motion duly made and seconded H. Roland Towers was made President of the Board and Emmett Hignutt was made Vice-President.

On motion duly made and seconded W. S. Rutter was appointed Clerk to the Board for a term of four years.

On motion duly made and seconded W. Brewster Deen was appointed Attorney to the Board for a term of four years.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board change the hour of meeting on Tuesdays during the winter months from 2 O'clock P. M. to 1 O'clock, P. M.

No other business the Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 22, 1942.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 22, 1942

The Commissioners met at 1 O'clock P. M.

Present H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

No business of importance before the Board. Bills # 551 to 574 were approved for payment.

The Board then finished the afternoon reviewing the personal property assessment of the 5th District. The Board then adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday Dec. 29th 1942 at 1 O'clock, P. M.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 29, 1942

The Commissioners met at 1 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Application was made by Ruth Richards for a commitment for Arthur J. Richards to the Eastern Shore State Hospital. Arthur J. Richards, not being mentally deranged only physically disabled. The Board could not issue a permit under those conditions. However the Superintendent of the Hospital agreed to accept him and give him special care for \$60 per month which his daughter agreed to with no charge to the County.

Mr. Wm. L. DeFord, newly elected County Commissioner was appointed to serve on the Welfare Board for the unexpired term of Wm. M. Garey.

No other business of importance, bills # 575 to 568 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 5th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 5th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

There was no business of importance brought before the Board. Bills # 587 to 604 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 12th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 12, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Due to the shortage of typewriters for the duration, the Commissioners signed an agreement with the Typewriters and Adding Machine Service to keep in repair 5 old machines that are now in use at the Court House by giving them a general overhauling bi-monthly for \$60 annually and at any other time if machines are out of repair without any extra cost.

There was no other business of importance. Bills # 605 to 621 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 19, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 19, 1943.

The Commissioners visited the County Farm at 10 O'clock, A. M. and found everything in very good shape excepting the chimney in the dwelling needing repair, which has holes in it above the roof and is in danger of fire. The Board ordered it fixed at once.

The Board met in regular session at one O'clock, P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

It has been brought to the attention of the County Commissioners a Bill known as Bill 91 has been drawn and will be introduced in the General Assembly to create an Appeal Tax Court and Permanent Assessors in every county in the state. The opinion of the Board of County Commissioners is that it will be a very expensive proposition. Therefore the County Commissioners are opposed to the passage of such a Bill and ordered a letter <sup>written</sup> to the Senator and each Delegate to do what they can to kill it or have it amended exempting Caroline County from the Act.

No other business of importance, bills # 622 to 649 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 26, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 26, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board visited the Jail to inspect the building and the necessary needs for the prisoners bedding and found a leak in the roof around the chimney and ordered it fixed at once. Also found the bedding in the prisoners section in very bad shape. The Sheriff was instructed to order six single mattresses and six cotton double blankets at once.

The Board declined to sign a commitment to the Maryland School for the Blind for Leroy Willen, partially blind.

W. Brewster Deen, Attorney to the Board, advised that a get-together meeting of the County Commissioners Association of the Eastern Shore to discuss the proposed bill that is about to be introduced in the General Assembly creating an Appeal Tax Court and permanent Assessors for the whole state, which the Caroline County Commissioners are very much opposed to.

No other business of importance, bills # 650 to 672 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 2, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 2, 1943.

The County Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routing<sup>e</sup> of business, bills # 673 to 689 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 9, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 9th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The following men were appointed as Managers on the Forge Branch Ditch: J. Frank Lane, William M. Garey and W. Byron Poore.

No other business of importance bills # 690 to 699 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 16, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 15th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business Bill # 700 to 717 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 23, 1943.

W. S. Rutter; Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 23, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

It has been brought to the attention of the County Commissioners, Senate Bill 215 has been substituted for Bill 91. The Board expressed their opposition to this Bill which would create a permanent assessment and an appeal Tax Court.

Also expressed their opposition to House Bill 219 creating a Liquor Dispensary and Liquor Control Board in Caroline County. The Board ordered letters written to the Senator and Delegates expressing their opposition to these Bills.

No other business of importance Bills #718 to 743 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Mch. 2, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 2nd, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

J. Jerome Framptom, President of Caroline County Fireman's Association and J. O. Williams conferred with the County Commissioners to ask for an additional appropriation of \$1000 for the several Fire Companies. The Commissioners reserved decision until Tuesday March 9th. No other business of importance, Bill #744 to 764 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet March 16th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 9th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at one O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. J. J. Framptom, Jr. President Caroline County Fireman's Association and Mr. Jacob O. Williams appeared before the Board and asked for additional appropriation of \$1000 for the several Fire Companies in the 1943 Levy. The Board declined to levy that additional amount but are willing to levy \$250 additional making the total \$1250 for each company.

No other business of importance, Bills #765 to 774 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet March 16th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 16, 1943.

The Commissioners met at One O'clock, P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

Since conferring with Senator Wilmer Fell Davis and Delegate W. Edmond Neal on Monday March 15th, relative to additional appropriation for the several Fire Companies, the Board agreed to approve the sponsoring of a Bill before the General Assembly for a \$200 raise for each company and no more.

Layman J. Redden, States Attorney was before the Board for a raise in his Quarterly allowance for office expense from \$62.50 to \$100 per quarter. The Board reserved decision until a later date.

No other business of importance, Bills # 775 to 796 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Mar. 23, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 23, 1943.

The Commissioners met at One O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After conferring with the several Fire Companies in Caroline County relative to their financial status, the Board agreed to approve a Bill to be introduced in the General Assembly to raise the appropriation for each company \$400, to take effect July 1st 1943.

No other business of importance, Bills #796 to 806 were approved for payment, the Board than adjourned to meet Mch. 30, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 30, 1943.

The Commissioners met a One O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board instructed their Clerk to send a Telegram to Gov. O'Connor asking for a hearing on House Bill #390 before signing, which was immediately done.

No other business of importance Bills # 807 to 833 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet April 6th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 6, 1943.

The Commissioners met a One O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A report on the Main Prong of the Griffiths Branch ditch was submitted by R. Russell Edgell, Lacy Meredith and Claude Howard who were appointed as a Board of Drainage Viewers. After making correction on one item, which is noted on the return, the report was approved as corrected.

No other business of importance, Bills # 834 to 854 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet April 13th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 13th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at One O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #855 to 873 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet April 20th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Maryland, April 20, 1943.

The Board met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord.

The Board approved the Tax Ditch Organization as listed below:  
Tax Ditch Organizations in Caroline Co.  
1942-43

Broadway Ditch

Managers:

H. D. Shively, Goldsboro  
John Milby, Goldsboro

Treasurer

J. Spencer Lapham, Goldsboro

Griffith Branch

Managers:

Christian Nagel, Federalsburg  
Joseph K. Smith, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Christian Nagel, Federalsburg

Spring Branch

Managers:

W. Byron Poore, Greensboro  
John W. Greenlee, Greensboro

Treasurer

John Brown, Greensboro

Edinburg Ditch

Managers:

Norman Seward, Marydel  
H. K. Shults, Henderson

Treasurer

Robert McGinnis, Marydel

Marydel Ditch

Managers:

Herbert H. Butts, Marydel  
James H. Scotten, Marydel  
Thos. E. Heather, Marydel

Treasurer

G. W. Moore, Marydel

Smithville Ditch

Managers:

W. M. Liden, Federalsburg  
Norwood Melvin, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, Denton

Cool Spring Ditch

Managers:

E. C. Gooden, Henderson  
Nathan Marvel, Marydel

Treasurer

Charles A. Miller, Marydel

Ober-Schuyler Ditch

Managers:

R. E. Ober, Henderson  
George Collier, Henderson

Treasurer

W. C. Jones, Goldsboro

Bears Ditch

Managers:

John J. Horvath, Henderson  
J. W. Thompson, Henderson

Treasurer

W. E. Stubbs

Garey Mill Pond Ditch

Managers:

George Steward, Greensboro  
Freeborn Ellwanger, Greensboro

Treasurer

Samuel Ellwanger, Greensboro

Forge BranchManagers:

Asbury Hubbard, Greensboro  
John Greenlee, Greensboro

Treasurer

John F. Stevenson, Greensboro

Bee Tree DitchManagers:

Edward Schuyler, Henderson  
Clifton Walls, Henderson

Treasurer

Louis Walls, Henderson

Joiner BranchManagers:

Wm. M. Garey  
Richard Garey  
Alex Karpinski

Tull BranchManagers:

Claude Howard, Federalsburg  
Byron Griffith, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Harvey Nichols, Federalsburg

Hickman DitchManagers:

John Bacsak, Denton  
James E. Foxwell, Denton

Treasurer

Leslie Scott, Denton

American Corner DitchManagers:

H. H. McMahan, Federalsburg  
Harry L. Sullivan, Denton  
Harry R. Merriken, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Ellis H. Collins, Federalsburg

Henderson DitchManagers:

Louis Antal, Henderson  
John J. Richard, Henderson  
L. M. Jones, Henderson

Treasurer

John T. Carter, Henderson

Secretary

Rudolph Spinka, Henderson

Smith-Leslie DitchManagers:

Virgil Leslie, Marydel  
H. E. Thompson, Marydel

Treasurer

Melvin Legates

Upper Long Marsh Ditch  
In Caroline CountyManagers:

Ralph Hall, Marydel  
C. H. Shannon, Marydel

Treasurer

Robert McGinnis, Marydel

Gravelly BranchManagers:

James Ward, Greensboro  
Joseph Kibler, Greensboro

Treasurer

Alfred M. Bilbrough, Greensboro

Bottom Range DitchManagers:

E. Dukes Henning, Denton  
H. P. Craft, Denton

Treasurer

Martin C. Voss, Denton

Burnt Mill DitchManagers:

F. P. Simons, Ridgely  
Harry R. Klotz, Ridgely

Treasurer

Charles Hammer, Greensboro

Morgan Pike DitchManagers:

Mc E. Potts, Hillsboro  
 C. J. Kern, Denton  
 Harry Gardner, Ridgely  
 Robert Magrogan, Ridgely

Treasurer

Paul Fisher, Denton

Burrsville Ditch Main ProngManagers:

Harry Collison, Denton  
 R. H. Stafford, Denton

Treasurer

Walter Cannon, Denton

Duffy-Lister ProngManagers:

Joseph Bacsak, Denton  
 James A. Willoughby, Denton

Treasurer

Joseph Willoughby, Denton

Griffith Branch (N. W. Prong)Managers:

Lacy Meredith, Federalsburg  
 John Ischer, Federalsburg  
 Christian Nagel, Federalsburg

Hynson Tax DitchManagers:

Butler Nichols, Federalsburg  
 Fred Frase, Federalsburg

Treasurer

John M. Whayland, Federalsburg

Miles Branch DitchManagers:

W. H. Handy, Federalsburg  
 Carl D. White, Federalsburg  
 Paul D. White, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Frank W. Wagner, Federalsburg

Jordan BranchManagers:

W. H. Bramble, Federalsburg  
 C. R. Clark

Treasurer

J. Herman Noble, Federalsburg

Schmick-Taylor DitchManagers:

Edward Schmick, Preston  
 Oliver Taylor, Federalsburg

Treasurer

William . Loewe, Preston

Kruger-Butler DitchManagers:

John C. Fisher, Hurlock  
 F. A. Kruger, Preston

Treasurer

Conrad Fuchs, Preston

Jonestown DitchManagers:

Edwin C. Dietrick, Preston  
 William Kleinwacheter, Preston

Treasurer

Emil W. Rieck, Preston

Tanyard Branch DitchManagers:

H. C. Stevens, Federalsburg  
 James Ricketts, Federalsburg

Treasurer

Claude Lyden, Federalsburg

Twilford Meadow DitchManagers:

Harry Collins, Federalsburg  
 William Hassett, Federalsburg  
 Hobart Wheatley, Federalsburg

Treasurer

H. E. Kinder, Federalsburg

Quillen-Heck-Shults DitchManagers:

Tyson Heather, Marydel

Treasurer

Kennard Shults, Henderson

No other business of importance, Bills #874 to 903 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet April 27th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

May 4th, 1943

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

On motion duly made and seconded, Wallace Jones was unanimously reappointed Constable for the First District for a term of two years. On motion duly made and seconded J. A. Kormrumpf was unanimously appointed Constable for the Seventh District.

No other business of importance, Bills #921 to 944 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 11th 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 27th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

On motion duly made and seconded Austin R. Murphy was reappointed Constable for a term of two years. Mr. Hignutt dissenting, on motion duly made and seconded Kemp L. Harper was unanimously reappointed Constable for a term of two years.

No other business of importance, Bills #904 to 920 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 4th 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 4th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

On notion duly made and seconded, Wallace Jones was unanimously reappointed Constable for the First District for a term of two years. On motion duly made and seconded, J. A. Kornrumpf was unanimously appointed Constable for the Seventh District.

No other business of importance, Bills #921 to 944 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 11th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 11, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A Delegation of the Farm Bureau was before the Board in behalf of the County Agent and told the Commissioners in order to retain the services of Geo. W. Clendaniel as County Agent it would be necessary to raise his salary, that some other County had made him an offer of much more salary than he is now getting.

After discussing the matter, the Commissioners instructed their Clerk to notify the Delegation they had agreed to allow a \$400 raise per annum for Geo. W. Clendaniel in order to retain his services, to take effect July 1st, 1943.

In the case of Layman J. Redden, States Attorney, for compensation allowance for office expenses and other incidental expenses, which had been previously taken up with the Board, was discussed with Mr. Redden. No agreement reached, to be taken up at a later date.

According to notices sent out to taxables on the Griffiths Branch ditch (Main Prong) for a hearing on May 11th, to hear any objections to the report returned by the Drainage Viewers. No one appeared and the report was approved as returned.

No other business of importance, Bills #945 to 968 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 18th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 18, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Clifton Willoughby was unanimously appointed Constable for the Fourth District.

In the case of Layman J. Redden, States Attorney, as to his compensation for expense of his office, after an opinion by the Board's Attorney, quoting Article 6, section 559 of the local code, the Board agreed to allow him office rent, \$90 a year and incidentals which includes stationery, stamps and telephone used in performance of his duties as States Attorney

No other business of importance Bills #969 to 988 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 25th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 25, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Dr. Walter B. Johnson was recommended for re-appointment as Health Officer for Caroline County.

No other business before the Board, bills #989 to 1013 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet June 1, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 1, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, bills # 1014 to 1029 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet June 8th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 8th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A delegation of the Caroline Soil District was before the Board and said they had been offered a Dragline from the Government for Caroline County, provided the County would pay for the operator for the machine.

The Board thought in as much as the County is already spending \$3500 a year for Drainage purposes, that should be sufficient, however the Board withheld final decision until a later date.

Upon resignation of Avery Long as Court House Janitor, William Gardner was appointed to fill the vacancy occurred.

The following men were appointed as Managers of the Griffiths Branch Public Drainage Association : Joseph K. Smith, Christian Nagel and Perry Collins.

No other business of importance, bills #1030 to 1041 were

approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 15th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 15th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'Clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Unfinished business:

In case of an appropriation for an operator for a Government owned Dragline, the Board unanimously decided that the \$3500 they appropriated in 1942 and are willing to appropriate the same amount for 1943 is sufficient to take care of all Drainage Projects in this County.

New business:

The Finance Committee on Civilian Defense was before the Board and asked for an appropriation of \$2000, the same as 1942 allotment. The Board unanimously agreed to include the above amount in the 1943 levy.

The Board instructed their Clerk to have Wallace Hopkins repair the spouting on the Jail as it is in very bad condition. The Board awarded the contract of Auditing the County Books for the sum of \$575 to Haskins & Sells of Philadelphia.

Members of the Welfare Board were before the Board and presented their budget for the 1943 levy, it being approximately \$1500 more than 1942. The Board held it under consideration before making their final decision.

No other business of importance, bills #1042 to 1050 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet June 22nd, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 22, 1943.

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 O'Clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to raise the salary of George W. Clendaniel, County Agent \$500 for the duration of the war, provided the salary be reduced after the war to \$3000 after the war. Mr. Clendaniel agreed to the above proposition.

The School Board was before the Board and presented their budget for 1943 - 1944 levy which was approved as presented, amount being \$92,425.00.

No other business of importance, Bills # 1051 to 1076 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet June 29, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 29, 1943.

The Commissioners met in special session at 9:30 O'clock A. M. to fix the tax rate for 1943-44. After making up the budget of appropriations the tax rate was fixed at \$1.22 per \$100 of assessable property, the state rate being .12 75/100 per \$100. The Board then adjourned to meet in regular session at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

The Board met in regular session at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Hignutt being absent on account of wheat threshing.

Fred E. Covey presented his insolvent and erroneous list which was approved by the Commissioners. Amount of allowance is as follows:

State Tax: \$ 169.40  
County Tax 2156.24

No other business of importance, Bills # 1077 to 1096 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet July 6, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 6th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

William S. Orme presented his Bond as Treasurer and was approved by the Board.

Resolved: That the County Commissioners of Caroline County borrow on the faith and credit of Caroline County from the Denton National Bank the sum of \$5000.00 for a period of three months from the date hereof with interest thereon at the rate of three per centum per annum.

No other busniess of importance, Bills # 1 to 23 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet July 13th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 13th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 24 to 35 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet July 20th 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 20th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

As per appointment made on a previous date, Magistrates Wm. J. Rickards and C. H. Dobson, Constables Austin R. Murphy and Kemp L. Harper were before the Board to discuss the compensation they should receive for civil cases tried before them. After quite a lengthy discussion, The County Commissioners agreed to reimburse them all costs in civil cases, provided they were collected by them and turned over to the County. This ruling also applies to the Constables. This compensation is in lieu of their annual salary.

No other business of importance, Bills #36 to 50 were approved

for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet July 27th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 27th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

as per appointment.

Members of the State and County Welfare Board were before the Board to discuss the appropriation for 1943- 1944. Mr. Raymond Noble, member of the local Welfare Board explained to the Commissioners that the Welfare Board could not operate successfully on the amount levied as of June 30th, 1943, especially the Administration fund being \$200 less than last year and General Public Assistance fund being \$500 less than last year.

The Commissioners told the Board the levy had been made and the tax rate fixed, and there was no other source of raising funds for any purpose.

The Commissioners gave the Welfare Board permission to divert funds from one category to another where it is most needed, also gave their permission to retain \$174.65 unexpended balance as of June 30th, 1943, and the use of \$139.36 due the County Commissioners in recoveries.

A letter from Wm. A. Codd, Chief Auditor of the State Roads Commission outlining the rate of pay for road employees with a copy of Rule #4 and of Rule #8 of the salary standard Board, a copy of the classifications and rates of hourly-rated employees established by the Board is attached to his letter and is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners ordered a letter be written in answer to Mr. Codd's letter approving the rate of pay as outlined.

No other business of importance, Bills #51 to 77 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 3rd, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 3rd, 1943.

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

At the Request of Mr. J. Milton Patterson to select a member to serve on the Caroline County Welfare Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Archie Spies, Mr. J. Hudson Taylor was selected by the Board. The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. Taylor and ask him if he would accept the appointment.

William Murphy, better known as Monk was adjudged insane by two Physicians and was committed to the Eastern Shore State Hospital at Cambridge.

Resolved: That the County Commissioners borrow on the faith and credit of Caroline County from the Peoples Bank of Denton, the sum of \$8000.00 for a period of three months from the date hereof with interest thereon at the rate of Three Percentum per Annum.

No other business of importance, bills #78 to 96 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 10th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 10th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #97 to 111 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 17th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 17th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

In the case of the Magistrates and Constables which has been pending since sometime in June, was finally settled by the Commissioners by a unanimous vote as follows: William J. Rickards, a raise of \$150 on salary making \$1350 annual salary, with all fines and costs to be turned in to the County Commissioners, both criminal and civil cases tried before him. C. H. Dobson, a raise in salary of \$100 making an annual salary of \$900 with all fines and costs, both criminal and civil tried before him to be turned to the County Commissioners, to be made retroactive to July 1, 1943. Constables Austin R. Murphy and Kemp Harper shall receive \$800 each annual salary and 5¢ per mile on serving warrants, and on delivering prisoners to state institutions. The same applies to delivering patients to Insane Institutions, mileage on investigation limited to 25 miles.

No other business of importance Bills #112 to 129 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 24th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 24, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board of Education was before the Board and told the Commissioners they were faced with a very difficult situation. The School bus drivers are demanding a 10% raise in their pay and this demand was not made until after June 30th at which time the School Board presented their budget to the County Commissioners, therefore was not included in their 1943 levy.

In order to relieve this situation and to prevent a sit-down strike, the Commissioners unanimously agreed to give the Board of Education \$3500 additional for 1943 budget.

No other business of importance, bills # 130 to 143 were

approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 31st 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 31, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Mueller, State Supervisor of Assessments was before the Board to discuss the procedure of the continual assessment of Caroline County.

First, the County Commissioners are authorized to lay out the County in five assessments districts, one to be assessed every five years.

The County Commissioners are requested to send in 3 names or more to be interviewed by the Tax Commission to select one for an assessor at an annual salary to be fixed by the County Commissioners, work to begin not later than Jan. 1st, 1944 or at an earlier date if possible.

The Commissioners accepted the offer of Rudolph Spinka of \$40 for the Walter Gibbs property in the First Election district containing  $11\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land.

No other business of importance, bills # 144 to 166 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 7th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 7th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

In compliance with Chapter 717 of the Acts of 1943, relating to continuous assessment, the County Commissioners laid out five assessable districts in Caroline County as follows:

First and second Election Districts  
 Sixth and Seventh Election Districts  
 Third -----Election District  
 Fourth and Eighth Election Districts  
 Fifth -----Election District

and in compliance with said Chapter, the County Commissioners instructed their Clerk to send in four names to the State Tax Commission to be interviewed by the said Commission and select one assessor for Caroline County at an annual salary of Seven Hundred and Twenty (\$720.00) Dollars to be paid monthly by the County Commissioners, Sixty Dollars each month to begin Jan. 1st, 1944.

The names sent in are as follows:

C. Harvey Towers, Preston, Md.  
 Roland Thomas " "  
 James W. Thawley Denton, Md.  
 Fred E. Covey , " "

No other business of importance, bills #167 to 175 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 14th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Sept. 14th, 1943  
 Denton, Maryland

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
 Emmett Hignutt  
 Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, bills # 177 to 186 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 21st, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 21st, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William M. DeFord

After the regular routine of business Bills # 187 to 198 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 28th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 28th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After reading a letter from the State Tax Commission relating to the appointment of an assessor for a five year period, which read in part, "The commission is of the opinion that it was the intention of the Legislature in adopting Chapter 717, of the Acts of 1943, that no county assessor be appointed for a part time job if the Board finds that the work can be performed by the Supervisor of Assessments alone.

After careful consideration, the Board decided that the Supervisor of Assessments should perform the duties of assessing as per Chapter 717 of the Acts of 1943, at an annual salary of \$2000 which includes all expenses incurred in performance of his duties.

No other business of importance, bills # 199 to 227 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 5th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 5th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, D. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

W. Brewster Deen and Layman J. Redden, Trustees of the Est. of Omar Willis and Everett Willis of unsound mind were before the Board and agreed on a compromised settlement of \$1200 for the Hospitalization of the said Omar Willis and Everett Willis in the Eastern Shore State Hospital to July 1st 1943 and signed an agreement to pay \$125.00 a year for each Omar Willis and Everett Willis beginning July 1st 1943 as long as they are a patient in said Hospital or any other such Hospital, Home or proper place for said patients.

The original bill that was filed in the Orphan's Court and approved by that Court was \$3645.00, State and County included, however the Board thought it advisable to accept the above compromise, rather than take the case to the Circuit Court.

No other business of importance, Bills #228 to 249 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 12th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 12th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board after approving for payment Bills #250 to 258, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 19th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 19th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

A delegation headed by Wilbert L. Merriken, Chairman, asked for a donation for the National War Fund. The Board agreed to donate \$500 for the whole county to be distributed in each district pro rata with each districts quota.

No other business of importance, Bills #259 to 275 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 26th 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 26, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Mr. Towers being absent on account of urgent business.

There being no important business, Bills #276 to 309 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 2nd, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 2nd, 1943

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board sold the rent wheat from the County Farm to the Farmers' Supply Co. for \$1.60 per bushel approximately 200 bushels, and ordered 9 tons of lime from the same firm at \$11.70 per ton for the County Farm.

No other business of importance, bills #310 to 342 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 9, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 9th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Mr. Harris, Tenant on the County Farm reported to the Board that he would need 4 more tons of lime to make up the units required in order to get his quota of free lime that the County Farm is entitled to which would be about 6 tons of free lime.

The Board instructed their Clerk to order 4 tons from the Farmers' Supply Co.

No other business of importance, bills #343 to 362 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 16th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 16th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board, after approving for payment bills #363 to 374, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 22nd, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 23rd, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

A letter from Mrs. Wm. D. Uhler addressed to H. Roland Towers asking for a reduction of assessment on the buildings on her farm at Williston, station<sup>ing</sup> they are in very bad condition and are very much over assessed.

The Board agreed to reduce the dwelling from \$2200 to \$1800 and out buildings \$300 to \$200.

No other business of importance, bills #375 to 389 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 30th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 30th, 1943

The Commissioners met at 1:0'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The following resolution was passed and ordered spread upon the minutes.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the County Commissioners of Caroline County that the drawbridge over Lower Hunting Creed near Choptank, Caroline County, Maryland, connecting the Counties of Caroline and Dorchester has become practically useless, there being practically no water traffic on this Creek, it appearing that said bridge was opened twice during the year 1941, four times during the year 1942 and twice up to November 1st, 1943, and

WHEREAS, as the situation now exists, it is necessary for someone to be employed continuously as a bridge tender at considerable expense to both Caroline and Dorchester County, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County after having consulted with the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, believe that it would be greatly to the advantage of the citizens of both Counties that said bridge be declared a closed bridge or a bridge to be opened on 24-hour notice from the operator of any boat desiring to go through said drawbridge, and

WHEREAS, in order that said bridge may be declared a closed bridge or a bridge to be opened on 24-hour notice, it appears that it will be necessary that application for such closing must be made to the proper Federal Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, that this Board act in conjunction with the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and any other proper authority, to apply to the proper Federal authorities for permission to have said bridge declared to be a closed bridge subject to be opened on 24-hour notice to the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Walter S. Rutter, Clerk to the County Commissioners of Caroline County, forward a copy of this resolution to the County Commissioners of Dorchester County, and that the Attorney for this Board be and he is hereby directed to cooperate with the Attorney for the County Commissioners of Dorchester County for the purpose of carrying out this resolution.

Attest.-

W. S. Rutter  
Clerk

H. Roland Towers

Emmett Hignutt

William L. DeFord  
County Commissioners of  
Caroline County.

The Board approved the list of Insolvences and erroneous assessments for 1943 taxes as follows: State Tax \$31.90  
County Tax \$603.51.

No other business of importance, Bills #390 to 424 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 7th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 7th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

A letter from Carl H. Postel was received by the Board asking why 6 acres of land & buildings should be raised from \$840 to \$1300, after looking up the assessment they found the land had been raised from \$240 in 1942 to \$500 for 1943, which in the opinion of the Board was not a justifiable raise according to the quality of the land. The Board reduced it to \$240, where it was in 1942.

There being no other business of importance, bills #425 to 447 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 14th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 14th, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board, bills #448 to 456 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 21st, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 21st, 1943.

The Commissioners met at 1:0'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board received a copy of a resolution adopted by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County at their meeting Dec. 14th, 1943, acting in conjunction with the County Commissioners of Caroline County to apply to the proper Federal authorities for permission to have the Hunting Creek Bridge a closed bridge subject to be opened on 24-hour notice to the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

The Board directed their Attorney to co-operate with the Attorney to the Commissioners of Dorchester County for the purpose of carrying out this resolution.

On completion of the re-assessment of Real and personal property of the First District, the Board will sit in their office in the Court House on Jan. 12-14-19 to review the same, and ordered notices mailed to taxpayers to appear on these dates if they have any objections.

No other business of importance, bills # 467 to 497 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 28th, 1943.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 28th, 1943.

Mr. Towers being absent on account of illness and Mr. DeFord being absent on account of urgent business, Mr. Hignutt, only member present, no business transacted, approved for payment Bills #498 to 501 inclusive, then adjourned to meet Jan. 4th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan, 4th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Upon request of Austin R. Murphy, Constable for a raise in salary was taken up and discussed. The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Murphy was well enough compensated for the job at the present salary.

The Board raised the Janitor's salary from \$75.00 per month to \$80.00 per month.

Mr. Henry, a resident of Hobbs was before the Board and requested that a piece of private road in Hobbs be taken over by the County and maintained as other County roads. After consulting Mr. Waldorf, County Roads Engineer, the Board learned they had no legal right to take over said road unless a right

of way be secured from the owners. Mr. Henry is to be notified to that effect.

No other business of importance, Bills#502 to 515 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 11th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 11th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #516 to 530 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 18th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 18th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A petition was presented to the Board asking that a Board of Drainage Viewers be appointed to establish a public drainage association according to Chapter 261 of the Acts of 1941 of the General Assembly of Maryland. The Board appointed three men as follows:

Lee Murphy  
John Cohee  
Lacy Meredith

The Clerk was instructed to notify them of their appointment.

No other business of importance, Bills #531 to 541 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 25th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 25th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #543 to 569 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 1st, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 1st, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

In response to a call meeting of the County Commissioners of the Eastern and Western Shores to be held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel on Feb. 2nd at 1:00 P. M. to discuss matters important to all counties of the state, the Board decided to attend this meeting.

No other business of importance, Bills #570 to 587 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 8th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 8th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

By request of the County Welfare Board for \$1000 additional appropriation for General Public Assistance, the Board passed an order allowing them \$600 additional for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1944, with the understanding this amount should be reimbursed out of recoveries received by the Welfare Board.

No other business of importance, Bills #587 to 589 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 15th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 15th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:0'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Judge J. O. Knotts with the Denton Bar Association was before the Board and asked for an appropriation for a set of Law Books for the Law Library.

The Board unanimously agreed to grant their request, not to exceed \$375.00.

No other business of importance, Bills #600 to 609 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 22nd, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 22nd, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A petition was presented to the Board requesting that a board of drainage viewers to establish a public drainage association for the Jonestown Ditch in the Fourth Election District.

The Board appointed:

Edward A. Schmick

Elmer T. Kelley

Wm. F. Gadow

A telegram from Gov. O'Connor was received by the Board requesting them to be present at a meeting to be held in the State House at Annapolis, Friday Feb. 25th, 1944 at 20'clock, P. M. to discuss matters of interest to all of the counties and Baltimore City.

The Board decided it would be to the interest of the County to attend this meeting.

No other business of importance, Bills # 610 to 638 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 29th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 29th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mrs. White applied for a reduction in her assessment. The Board agreed to reduce the assessment on land from \$53 to \$50, Bldgs. from \$500 to \$450, making the total assessment \$500 for 1944 taxes.

No other business before the Board, Bills #639 to 661 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 7th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 7th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #662 to 672 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 14th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 14th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills #673 to 678 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 21st, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 21st, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board, after approving for payment Bills #679 to 695, the Board adjourned to have dinner with the Denton Rotary Club as guests of the Board of Education. After dinner the Board of County Commissioners met with the Board of Education in their office in the Law Building about 8:00 O'clock to discuss plans for the maintenance of schools for the fiscal year 1944.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Superintendent of School itemized the needs for the maintenance of schools for the fiscal year of 1944, including Teacher's Bonus as per Chapter 3, passed by special session of the General Assembly of 1944, making in aggregate \$89,500 which the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved, the above amount being about \$4500 less than 1943 appropriation.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 28th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 696 to 726 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 4th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 4th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Recommendations for Post-war road construction were made by the County Commissioners and mailed to the State Roads Commission as follows:

Ridgely cut off	0.5 mile
Greensboro -Burrsville Rd.	5.0 "
Federalsburg- Smithville Ext.	4.0 "
Greensboro - Boyce Mill to Del. line	1.5 "
American Corner to Hynson	3.5 "
Judge Harper Road	3.5 "
Anderstown to Jones Corner	4.5 "
Williston to Concord	1.5 "
Hobbs to Anderstown	3.5 "
Wilkins Bridge Road	1.0 "
Ridgely Masons Branch Road	1.5 "
Ridgely to Crouse Mill Bridge	3.0 "
Hillsboro to Tuckahoe Bridge	4.0 "
Henderson to Mud Mill	2.0 "
Greensboro to Oakland	1.7 "
Hillsboro to Ridgely	2.5 "

In nearly every case the building of the above roads would fill gaps over roads already partly built or to connect with Del. State line.

No other business of importance, Bills #727 to 739 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 11th 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 11th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A request by the Welfare Board for \$400 additional funds for General Public Assistance for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1944. There being no available funds for this grant, the Board was compelled to reject their request.

No other business of importance, bills #740 to 753 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 18th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 18th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

In order to continue the Bonus to the Teachers of Caroline County, the Board agrees to pledge itself to provide in its Annual <sup>Levy</sup> to be struck in June 1944 the sum of \$7500 to be levied to the Board of Education for the purpose of continuing said Bonus, this sum together with \$7500 levied in June 1943 will be sufficient to pay out of County funds \$140 per teacher over and above the regular salary schedule, thereby making Caroline County eligible to receive \$27 per teacher from the state as provided in the Acts of 1943.

The Board agreed to eliminate the interest on the Corporation tax of Long and Short, Inc. for the years 1941 and 1942, provided however they pay the balance due on taxes by June 30th, 1944.

The Board agreed to turn over to the Welfare Board a check of \$459.28 from the State Comptroller as soon as they receive it as an advance on recoveries due Caroline County to be used for General Public Assistance.

The Board agreed to include in the 1944 levy \$200 for the Aged Women's Home at Easton.

The Board agreed to reduce 50 acres of tillable land of Carroll Laramore's from \$30 per acre to \$25 per acre.

No other business of importance, Bills # 754 to 762 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet April 25th 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 25th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Mrs. Yates was before the Board and asked that the assessment on her dwelling be reduced. After careful consideration, the Board agreed to reduce it from \$1700 to \$1500.

Frank Kibler of Ridgely was before the Board and asked that his machinery in his Ice Plant be reduced, as the machinery is 10 years old and been raised from \$1200 in 1942 to \$3500 in 1943. After consideration the Board agreed to reduce the assessment to \$1500.

No other business of importance, bills #763 to 797 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 2, 1944.

W.S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 2nd, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, bills # 798 to 806 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet May 9th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 9th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board, bills #807 to 843 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 16th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 16th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

A delegation from Hillsboro was before the Board and asked that a District Constable be appointed for the Sixth Election District.

Upon the recommendation of the delegation, C. Kemp Stewart was appointed. Immediately after his appointment, Mr. Stewart filed his Bond and was approved by the Board.

No other business of importance, bills # 844 to 854 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 23, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 23rd, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Ordered by the County Commissioners that on Tuesday the 20th day of June at 2:30 P. M., they will sit in their office in the Court House in Denton to hear any objections to the report of Francis Lynch, W. S. Carroll and Charles T. Dean, Board of Drainage Viewers, heretofore appointed by the said County Commissioners and to return for correction, reject or approval and confirm the above mentioned report.

No other business of importance, Bills # 855 to 866 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 31st, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 31st, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Following up a request made by Dr. Johnson, on May 23rd, and reading several letters from different parts of the County requesting that sufficient funds be included in the 1944 levy to pay a full time sanitary inspector for Caroline County. The Board reserved a decision until a later date.

No other business of importance, Bills # 867 to 889 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 6th 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 6th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'Clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Ordered by the County Commissioners that on Tuesday, July 11th, at 2:30 P. M. they will sit in their office in the Court House in Denton to hear any objections to the report of R. Lee Murphy, J. W. Cohee and Lacy Meredith, Board of Drainage Viewers, heretofore appointed by said Commissioners and to return for correction, reject or approve and confirm the above mentioned report.

No other business of importance, Bills # 890 to 901 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 13 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 13th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
William L. DeFord

Ordered by the County Commissioners that on Tuesday, July 18th at 2:30 P. M. they will sit in their office in the Court House in Denton, to hear objections to the report submitted by Edward A. Schmick, Elmer T. Kelley and W. F. Gadow, who were appointed as a Board of Drainage Viewers to set up the Jones-town Drainage Association

The local Welfare Board submitted their budget for 1944-1945 levy, which was approximately Seven Thousand Dollars more than 1943-1944 budget. The Board did not feel very much impressed by the raise and reserved decision until the date of the levy.

No other business of importance, Bills # 902 to 909 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 20th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 20th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Complying with the advertisement in the Caroline Sun notifying the Taxables on the Pinetown Ditch, the Board held a hearing as advertised. There being but one objection, it being a very small amount of 90¢, the Board approved the report as returned by the Drainage Viewers.

After hearing an opinion read from the Attorney General as to the appropriation for the Welfare, the Commissioners decided they would use their own discretion on Thursday June 22nd in making the levy for the above mentioned Board. However, they would be as liberal as possible under present conditions.

No other business of importance, Bills # 910 to 924 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet in regular session on Tuesday June 27th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 22nd, 1944.

The County Commissioners met in special session to fix the Tax rate for the 1944 Levy. After making up the budget of appropriations, the tax rate was fixed at \$1.15 on each \$100 of assessable property.

A delegation of citizens from Denton, Greensboro, Federalsburg, Preston and Ridgely were before the Board and asked for an appropriation of \$1800 for a Sanitary Inspector. The Board rejected their request. Their opinion is that the benefit derived would not be equal to the cost, especially for the duration of the war.

The following erroneous and insolvent list was approved by the Board:

First: Fred E. Covey, Ex-treasurer

State Tax \$31.42  
County " \$332.84

Second: William S. Orme, Treasurer

State Tax \$73.38  
County " \$736.15

No other business of importance, the Board then adjourned to meet in regular session Tuesday June 27th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 27th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

A Commitment certificate was presented by Dr. Walter B. Johnson and Dr. H. F. Silver in the case of John Brown, colored, lunatic. The Commissioners decided they had no authority to issue a commitment in view of the fact there was no one present to represent the above named lunatic.

No other business of importance, Bills # 925 to 953 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet July 5, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 5th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Complying with the request of the State Welfare Board for recommendations for persons to serve on the local Welfare Board, the following persons were recommended: Mrs. Elizabeth Redden and Mr. Everett Nuttle for a six year term and Mr. J. Jerome Framptom, Jr. to fill out the unexpired term of H. A. Spies, resigned, Mr. William L. DeFord, County Commissioner a one year term.

An emergency has arisen whereby in order to meet current expenses, the Board agreed to borrow \$5000 from the Denton National Bank by issuing a note for that amount, note to be dated July 5th, payable three months after date, bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum.

There being no other business of importance, Bills # 1 to 16 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet July 11, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 11th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt

Complying with the advertisement, notifying taxables on the Towers and Trice Ditch in the Eighth District, the Board held a hearing as advertised. There being no objections, the Board approved the report returned by the Drainage Viewers.

No other business of importance, Bills # 17 to 29 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet July 18th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 18th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Complying with the advertisement notifying taxables on the Jonestown Ditch, the Board held a hearing as advertised. Mr. Hudson Taylor objected to his assessment, he claimed the ditch did not benefit him at all. The Board held their approval up until Tuesday July 25th.

No other business of importance, Bills # 30 to 40 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet July 25th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 25th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Following up the unfinished business of July 18th, the Drain Commissioners contacted Mr. Hudson Taylor as a taxable on the Jonestown ditch. Mr. Taylor still contends that he derives no benefit from the said ditch. The Board of County Commissioners decided to eliminate the ditch tax of Mr. Taylor for the year 1944 but let his name remain on the Taxable list for future assessment if he finds the said ditch benefits him any at all.

The County Commissioners granted permission to the local Welfare Board to retain \$41,23 unexpended balance as of June 30th, 1944, also granted permission to the Welfare Board to shift local funds from one category to another where they are most needed.

No other business of importance, Bills # 41 to 65 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 1, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 1st, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 66 to 82 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 8th, 1944.

W.S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 8th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

An emergency has arisen whereby in order to meet current expenses the Board agreed to borrow \$10,000 from the Peoples Bank, issuing a note to be dated Aug. 8th, payable three months after date bearing interest at the rate 3% per annum.

No other business of importance, Bills #84 to 93 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 15th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 15th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

Upon the recommendation of the Piney Branch Drainage Association the following men were appointed managers: Frank M. Stevenson, Richard Blackburn and Robert Dean.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Elizabeth Redden declined to serve on the local Welfare Board, the Commissioners recommended Mrs. Harry H. Nuttle to serve in her stead.

No other business of importance, Bills # 94 to 101 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 22nd, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 22nd, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord.

Upon the recommendation of the Towers and Trice Drainage Association, the following men were appointed managers, Brantly Trice, Irving Trice and Leon Cox.

Upon the request of Magistrate Dobson, his secretary was raised in salary from \$25 to \$30 per month, only part time being required to do his work.

There being no other business of importance, Bills # 102 to 109 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Aug. 25, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 29th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

There being no business of importance before the Board, Bills # 110 to 139 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 5th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 5th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

At the request of Mr. Harris, tenant on the County Farm, the Commissioners agreed to let him seed 17 acres of Barley on the Farm and furnish  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Fertilizer for same.

No other business of importance, Bills # 140 to 147 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 12th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 12, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

There being no important business before the Board, Bills # 148 to 160 were approved for payment. The Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 19th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 19th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

No important business before the Board, Bills # 161 to 167 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Sept. 26th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 26th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Layman J. Redden presented a Bill for the Cost of Liquor and Beer Buyers service in investigation work amounting to \$35.75. The Commissioners agreed to pay this bill with an order unanimously passed that in the future no other bill of this kind be apid without first getting the authority from this Board for such investigation.

No other business of importance, Bills # 168 to 196 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 3rd, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. Oct. 3, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 197 to 219 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 10th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 10th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

W. S. Rutter being absent on account of illness, Rachel Collison acted as Clerk.

The assessment of E. Carlton Carter was reduced as follows:  
Land \$550, Bldgs. \$300, Total \$850.

The Board agreed to buy 5 tons of fertilizer for the County Farm and  $8\frac{1}{2}$  tons of lime, the A A A check to be applied on lime, the balance to be paid by the Tenant Mr. Harris.

The Board agreed to paint and paper 2 bedrooms and paint the kitchen at the County Farm, also to repair the chimney.

No other business of importance, only one bill was approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 17th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 17th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

A petition was presented to the Board asking for a piece of road leading out of Henderson toward Mt. Zion approximately 125 yards be improved. The Clerk was instructed to refer this petition to Mr. Waldorf, County Engineer.

The State Tax Commission of Baltimore paid a visit to the County Commissioners to discuss the Tax Problem of the County. Several subjects were taken up and especially taxes on automobiles. The Commission agreed with this Board that it is a very difficult proposition to make a proper assessment under the present law and they are at present working out a more simple way of taxation on automobiles to put before the Legislature at its next session.

Mr. Roland Towers received a letter on Friday Oct. 6th, from Gov. O'Connor asking this County to be represented at a meeting in the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore on Sunday Evening Oct. 8th, to accept a service flag for the men in Armed Forces. Not being convenient for either of the County Commissioners to attend, W. S. Rutter, Clerk and Wm. S. Orme Treasurer were authorized to attend to represent Caroline County. The Board approved an expense bill of \$22.31 for the trip.

No other business of importance, Bills # 221 to 239 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 24th 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 24th, 1944.

The County Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

In view of the fact that Mr. Everett Nuttle having declined to serve on the local Welfare Board and no one available to serve, the County Commissioners recommended that Mr. Raymond Noble continue to serve if agreeable with the State Board.

The Board signed papers committing Theodore Kershaw to the Eastern Shore State Hospital. No other business of importance Bills # 240 to 258 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Oct. 31, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 31st, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Rolph Townsend, District Superintendent of Roads was before the Board to discuss post war construction of Roads and Bridges, no definite program was outlined at this time.

No other business of importance, Bills #259 to 292 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet on Wednesday Nov. 8th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 8th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 293 to 308 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 14th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 14th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 310 to 334 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 21st, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 21, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board notified the County Commissioners of Dorchester County by letter that they had recommended to the State Roads Commission for the post war construction of the following County line bridges:

Hunting Creek Bridge at Choptank over Hunting Creek.

Back Landing Bridge about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Preston over Hunting Creek.

Both bridges are over the same stream which is a dividing line between Dorchester and Caroline Counties, and at present are being maintained on a 50-50 basis, the cost of same being equally divided between our two counties.

No other business of importance, Bills # 335 to 358 were

approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Nov. 28th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 28th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 359 to 389 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 5th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 5th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 390 to 402 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 12th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 12th, 1944.

The Board met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

There being no important business, Bills #403 to 418 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 19th, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 19th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved a copy of a letter written to the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County by Harry Waldorf and signed by W. S. Rutter, Clerk, notifying them that this Board has recommended to the State Roads Commission for the post war construction, the Crouse's Mill Bridge over the Tuckahoe River, a dividing line bridge between Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties, this is a timber bridge about 120 feet long and 16 feet wide, and is in very poor condition and has been maintained on a 50-50 basis, the cost of same being equally divided between our two counties.

No other business of importance, Bills #419 to 444 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Dec. 26, 1944.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 26th, 1944.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 445 to 454 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 2nd, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 2nd, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board refused to appropriate an additional \$2500 for Old Age Assistance and General Public Assistance as requested by the Welfare Board in a letter dated Dec. 21, 1944.

No other business of importance, Bills # 455 to 466 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 9th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 9th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Wm. S. Orme, Treasurer was allowed insolvent and erroneous assessments as follows:

State \$43.40 County \$757.80 .

Papers were signed committing Susan Scheers to the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

No other business of importance, Bills # 467 to 476 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 16th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 16th, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

No important business before the Board, Bills # 478 to 492 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Jan. 23rd, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 23rd, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board confirmed the appointment by the Caroline County Fireman's Association of the following members to negotiate with the State property officer at such times as fire equipment might be released to Caroline County through the State Property Officer:

Joseph Snowberger  
Jerome W. Framptom  
U. Lee Harman

Ridgely, Md.  
Federalsburg, Md.  
Marydel, Md.

also the appointment of Mr. Snowberger as Custodian or property officer for any fire fighting equipment that might be released to Caroline County Fireman's Association through the State Property Officer.

No other business of importance, Bills # 493 to 504 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet January 30, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 30, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Commissioners recommended to Harry Waldorf, Road Engineer, certain stretches of road to be oiled, as follows:

Hillsboro Meeting House Road  
2.0 miles (Co. Road)

Church Lane- Woldsboro  
0.8 miles (Co. Road)

Henderson Streets  
0.5 miles (Co. Road)

Marydel Street  
0.2 miles (Co. Road)

No other business of importance, Bills # 505 to 533 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 6th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 6th, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board called on Delegate Neal and Senator Davis opposing the passage of certain bills now pending before the Legislature as follows:

Senate Bill 39: The appointment of Maryland Roadside Commission giving the said commission very broad powers regarding the uses to which properties abutting on Maryland highways can be put, and protecting a strip of 200 feet on each side of the so called main highway;

Also House Bill making it mandatory to have General Registration of voters in Caroline County;

Also Caroline County local Bills- to abandon the Constable in the Third District and turning the Constable's work over to the Sheriff and to make the Sheriff's office a salaried office instead of a fee office.

Local Bill raising the salary of the members of the Orphan's Court to \$750 per year. The Board of County Commissioners are willing to approve a Bill raising the salary of the Orphan's Court from \$6.00 per day to \$8.00 per day and mileage.

No other business of importance, Bills # 534 to 543 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 13, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 20th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

After the regular routine of business, Bills # 557 to 559 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Feb. 27th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 27th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt

Mr. DeFord being absent on account of illness. Upon the request of the Man Power Commission the Board appointed H. Saulsbury Sparks, Sheriff, and Kemp L. Harper, Constable, to investigate any violations of the Curfew Law beginning Feb. 26th, 1945, and if any report to the Man Power Commission.

The Commissioners instructed their Clerk to write to the Senator and Delegates opposing the passage of a bill giving the State control of County Jails, which has been or about to be introduced.

No other business of importance, Bills #560 to 588 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 6th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 6th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Hillsboro- Queen Anne Vol. Fire Co., a newly organized company, has asked for a donation of \$500 also an annual appropriation of \$500. The Board agreed to give them \$300 as a donation also an annual appropriation of \$500 provided the bill passes which is now before the General Assembly to that effect.

The Board made arrangements to go to Annapolis on Thursday March 8th on legislative matters that is of vital interest to the County.

Bills #589 to 607 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 13th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 13th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board requested that a letter be written to the State Roads Commission calling to their attention to the elimination of a dangerous bottleneck now existing on Route 404 in the town of Denton, at the intersection of Market and First Streets. At that intersection the property known locally as the Stewart House and lot projects out into Route 404 and by doing so narrows the Street and forms a bottleneck which is not only unsightly but very dangerous, and there have been many accidents of which one has been fatal.

The Board instructed their Clerk to send a telegram to Senator R. Byrnes to be unfavorable to Bill 318 and 156 now pending before the General Assembly.

No other business of importance, Bills # 608 to 620 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet Mch.20,1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 20th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

George W. Clendaniel asked for a leave of absence for one year, the Board refused to grant him the leave of absence but would accept his resignation.

No other business of importance, Bills # 557 to 559 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet March 27th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 27th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board accepted the appointment of F. M. Rogers as County Agent as recommended by E. I. Oswald from the University of Maryland to fill the vacancy occurred by the resignation of Geo. W. Clendaniel to take effect May 1st, 1945. As per the suggestion of Mr. Oswald, the Board agreed to pay to the University of Maryland salaries and traveling expenses of County Agent and Home Demonstration and the salary of their secretary to be paid by the said University of Maryland for salaries and traveling expenses for the above named employees instead of heretofore has been paid by the County direct, to take effect April 1st, 1945.

The Board agreed to levy \$2500 for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1945 instead of \$2708 as heretofore levied.

No other business of importance, Bills # 632 to 662 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 3rd, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 3rd, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board agreed to pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the expense of the erection of an Honor Roll Board in the town of Denton, amount \$213.75.

A question arose as to fines collected by C. H. Dobson for over parking and not stopping at stop signs, whether they should be paid to the Town of Federalsburg or to the County. After consulting their Attorney, he advised the Board the fines should be turned in to the County.

No other business of importance, Bills # 663 to 676 were approved for apyment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 10th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 10th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1.30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Milton Patterson from the State Welfare Board was before the Board and asked for \$2000 for Old Age Assistance to carry the local Welfare Board through May and June as the funds previously levied for Old Age Assistance has exhausted. The Board will decide by next Tuesday April 17th, 1945.

No other business of importance, Bills # 677 to 692 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 17th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 17th, 1945.

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board granted the request of the County Welfare Board for a \$2000 additional grant for Old Age Assistance to carry them through May and June of this fiscal year.

No other business of importance, Bills #693 to 708 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet April 24th 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 24th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Balance of rent corn at the County Farm was sold to Thomas Lockerman, about 150 bushels for \$1.15 per bushel. Mr. Harris, Tenant at the County Farm was authorized to order fertilizer for tomatoes and sweet corn from E. T. Orme & Sons and also instructed their Clerk to order 7 bags of fertilizer for the Court House Lawn.

No other business of importance, Bills # 709 to 738 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 1st, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 1st, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The following Constables were re-appointed for a term of two years: Wallace Jones, 1st district, Kemp L. Harper, Federalsburg, County wide. Application of Austin R. Murphy for re-appointment was held up for further consideration.

The Sheriff was authorized to go to Milwaukee, Wis. to bring back Robert D. Sellers for violation of his parole at the April Term of Court.

No other business of importance, Bills # 739 to 759 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 8th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 8th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

William J. Rickards and C. W. Dobson, Trial Magistrates presented their bonds which were approved by the Board.

William S. Orme, Treasurer presented a list of Insolvencies and erroneous assessments, County Tax: \$302.88, State Tax: \$19.00 which was approved by the Board.

No other business of importance, Bills # 760 to 768 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 15th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 15th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

Managers and Treasurers were appointed on several Tax Ditch organizations by the Board of County Commissioners. A list of these appointments will be found in File # 2 in the County Commissioners Office.

No other business of importance, Bills # 769 to 781 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 22nd, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 22nd, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Austin R. Murphy was re-appointed Constable at large by a unanimous vote. C. Kemp Stewart was re-appointed Constable by a unanimous vote.

A petition filed with the Board of County Commissioners for re-organization on the Edinburg Ditch. The following men were appointed as drainage viewers as recommended by the organization: John Horvath, Charles Thompson, Louis Antol, Jr.

No other business of importance, Bills # 782 to 792 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet May 29th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 29th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

Olas E. Smith was appointed Court House Janitor in place of Wm. Gradner.

No other business of importance before the Board, Bills # 793 to 822 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 5th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 5th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

At the request of the Town Commissioners of Ridgely, the Board re-appointed J. A. Kornrumpf Constable for the 7th district.

Olas E. Smith notified the Board that he is compelled to resign as Court House Janitor, due to the fact that his last employer would not release him under the man power act.

In order to meet current expenses, the Board agreed to borrow from the Denton National Bank the sum of \$5000 by issuing a promissory note dated June 5th, 1945 payable six months after date bearing interest at the rate of 3% per annum.

No other business of importance, Bills # 823 to 835 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 12th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 12th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board hired Norman Usilton as Janitor of the Court House at \$85 a month.

A letter received from William A. Codd, Chief Auditor, stating that Caroline County's part of building Tuckahoe Bridge would be \$30,750 which was approved by the Board.

No other business of importance, Bills # 836 to 847 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 19, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 19, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Norman Usilton recently hired as Janitor was before the Board and said that he could not do the work as it should be done for the wages he was supposed to get and asked for \$25.00 a week, which the Board refused, and hired Fred Harris temporarily until they could find a permanent man to take the job.

In answer to Wm. A. Codd's letter, State Roads Commission acknowledge the receipt of his letter stating that \$30750 would be Caroline County's part of building Tuckahoe Bridge. The Board then recommended that \$80,000 be allotted for the maintenance of County Roads and Bridges.

No other business of importance, Bills # 848 to 858 were approved for payment, the Board then adjourned to meet June 26th, 1945.

W. S. Rutter, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 23rd, 1945.

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Due to the sudden death of Mr. Walter S. Rutter, who was Clerk to Board of County Commissioners, the Board met in special meeting to appoint a new Clerk. It was unanimously decided to appoint Miss Rachel Collison to serve as the new Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board also requested a crepe in memory of Mr. Rutter be put on the door of the office of the County Commissioners and that the office be closed on the afternoon of the funeral. The Board also agreed to send a spray of flowers to the home of Mrs. Rutter.

The meeting was then adjourned to meet again at the regular meeting to be held Wednesday, June 27th, 1945 at 1:30 P. M.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 27th, 1945

The County Commissioners met in special session to fix the Tax Rate for the 1945 Levy. After making up the budget of appropriations, the tax rate was fixed at \$1.12 on each \$100.00 of assessable property.

The Board then adjourned to meet in regular session in the afternoon of the same day.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 27th, 1945

Due to the Funeral on Tuesday June 26th, of our Clerk to the Board- Mr. Rutter- for which the Court House was closed, the Board postponed their regular meeting until Wednesday, June 27th at 1:30 O'clock.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Notice was brought before the Commissioners of a rumor of a discrepancy in the Trial Magistrates account of Wilbert L. Merriken for the month of Sept. 1940 - said discrepancy being the failure to turn in moneys paid in the case of Wilson Sapp. After examining these records and finding the account in proper order with all moneys paid, the Commissioners called Mr. Merriken before them to satisfy both the Board and Mr. Merriken that his books were in proper order and thus the previous report of an error disqualified.

The Board approved Bills \$ 859 to 887 inclusive for payment.

Mr. Wm. Seeders, Forest Warden was before the Board requesting an appropriation to set up a mobile radio sending and receiving set in one truck which would amount to \$500.00 for set and installation. The Board having already made the levy, turned down the request.

The Board then adjourned to meet July 3rd, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 3rd 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

The Board approved the bond of Edward J. Scheedel of Preston, Md. and appointed Mr. Scheedel Constable of the Fourth District as of this date.

The Board signed a resolution to sell a Tax Sale Property now owned by the County and accepted the offer of Howard Smith

for which the deed was signed by the Commissioners, recorded and mailed to Howard M. Smith.

Miss Beulah Clopper was before the Board in regard to the transfer of certain funds of the Welfare Board from one category to another- asking permission to transfer the same. The Board agreed to wait until a specific occasion for such a transfer before giving its permission. Miss Clopper also asked permission to retain \$72.01 amount being left over from the fiscal year just ended. The Board with held its decision on this matter until the next meeting.

At the request of the Board, the Clerk wrote a letter to Mr. Elmer Seese asking him to appear before the Board of Commissioners at his earliest convenience.

The Board granted permission to hold Camp Meetings at Mt. Zion, near Marydel and at Union Camp near Goldsboro.

Bill # 1 to 17 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet July 10th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., July 10th, 1945

The Board of County Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Wesley E. Thawley, attorney for the Treasurer, came before the Board in regard to the new Tax Sale Law now in effect, requesting that the Commissioners pay the expenses for him to go to Baltimore for an interpretation of the law and instructions concerning the law so that he could get a program set up in working order for the Treasurer. Mr. Thawley told the Commissioners he would try to keep all expenses as moderate as possible. The Board agreed to pay these expenses.

A delegation from Preston appeared before the Board with a protest of complaint against against the Beer License of J. H. Hager, after hearing the seven members of the delegatin and deciding there was no complaint against his license the Board gave

Mr. Hager until August 7 - regular Beer License meeting - to try to get better order around his place of business.

In order to meet current expenses the Board agreed to borrow from the Peoples Bank the sum of \$10,000 by issuing a promissory note dated July 11, 1945, payable six months after date bearing interest at 3% per annum.

Bills # 18 to 34 inclusive presented and approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet July 17, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 17, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board agreed to allow the Welfare Board Eleven (\$11.00) Dollars additional for A. D. C. to make the levy reach the mandatory request of one cent on each One Hundred Dollars Basis. At the same time, the Board requested the \$72.01 left over from the previous year on the Welfare Budget be truned over to the County.

No other business, the Board approved for payment Bills # 35 to '45 inclusive, then adjourned to meet Tuesday July 24th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 24th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 46 to 50 inclusive. There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet July 31st, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 31, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved Bills # 51 to 76 inclusive for payment.

Judge Wickards came before the Board to request the Commissioners pay the full salary of his secretary. Judge Dobson and Constables Murphy and Harper came before the Board to request an increase in their salary. The Board reserved their decision on all these requests until a later meeting.

States Attorney Redden presented a statement for the difference in his salary created by the passage of a Bill recommending an increase in Salaries of States Attorneys. The Board set the statement aside pending a conference with their Attorney concerning the interpretation of said Bill in reference to when the Bill actually becomes effective.

The Board signed application for Joseph Downes aged 5, colored, to attend the Maryland School for the Blind for the period of one year.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tues. Aug. 7th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 7th, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #78 to 86 inclusive. Miss Helen Martin of Marydel came before the Board in reference to the maintenance of her sister Miss Susan Scheers now at Eastern Shore State Hospital. Miss Martin can no longer keep up with the payments and asks for the County to take the expenses.

The Board agreed to consult their Attorney before taking the case for the reason that Miss Scheers had been a resident of Maryland for less than one year and therefore may be returned to Delaware where she had formerly made her home.

\* There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet again Tuesday Aug. 14th, 1945. \* In order to meet current expenses the Board agreed to borrow ten thousand dollars from the Denton National Bank by issuing a promissory note, payable four months after date bearing interest at 3% per annum.

Rachel Collison

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 14th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt

The Board met in session with Mr. DeFord absent because he was pulling his sweet corn for cannery use.

The Nuttle Lumber & Coal Co. called in regards to furnishing rice coal for this winter for Court House and Jail saying they would have to have a positive order and could not quote prices nor time of delivery. The Commissioners decided that they would continue with the same coal they had been using and still get it from Webster as it has already been applied for.

Bailiffs Andrews, Betts and Brown were before the Commissioners in regards to the disorderly conduct of James Coursey's Beer Garden. The Attorney for the Commissioners sat in on the discussion and advised the Bailiffs to have him arrested and if convicted, for the commissioners to revoke his license. This is the third complaint against James Coursey.

Postmaster B. F. Johnson came before the Board with permission to have the dead trees cut off the Post office lot on the Court House Green.

The Commissioners instructed their Attorney to write a letter to Senator Davis in reference to the Beer Question coming before the Legislative Council.

Mr. Deen, Attorney to the Commissioners read an opinion relative to increase of salaries of certain officers of Caroline and especially the office of the States' Attorney for Caroline County, Maryland. This opinion stating that the salaries of these offices cannot be used during the present term of office is on file in the office of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Deen also read an opinion in regards to Susan Scheers, lunatic, committed by the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County to Eastern Shore State Hospital at Cambridge, Md. He advised that a letter be written to the Board of Mental Hygiene and to the State Comptroller stating the facts of the case. This opinion is on file in the Office of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners instructed the Clerk to write to the Howard Clock Sales & Service Corporation in answer to their request to examine and inspect the Tower Clock. The Commissioners granted permission for the inspection.

The Commissioners signed for payment Bills # 87 to 98 inclusive. No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tues. Aug. 21st, 1945 at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 21st, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 99 to 103 inclusive.

Trial Magistrate Rickards was before the Board with a request for the said Board to pay one-half of the salary of his Clerk. This would cause an increase of \$20 per month in the Commissioners out-lay since Mr. Rickards has had to increase the salary of the Clerk. The Board now pays \$40 per month for the Trial Magistrates Clerk and reserved a decision to increase this allowance until some later date.

Mrs. Harris called the Commissioners notifying them that the wheat at the County Farm would be threshed in a few days. The Commissioners instructed Mrs. Harris to notify Hobbs & Jarman as soon as the wheat was ready to haul as they had bought the County's portion.

There being no other business the Board adjourned at 4:00 O'clock to meet at the regular meeting Tuesday Aug. 28th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. August 28th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
William L. DeFord

Mr. Hignutt was absent because he was in the midst of saving his hay.

The Board agreed to raise the salary of the Clerk to Trial Magistrate Dobson to the amount of forty dollars per month, beginning September 1, 1945.

The Clerk to the Board was instructed to make reservations with the President of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners Association for the members of this Board, their Attorney and their Clerk to attend the Convention to be held at Ocean City September 8 and 9 - 1945.

The decision of the Board concerning Trial Magistrate Rickard's Clerk was withheld until a later date due to the absence of Mr. Hignutt.

Bills #104 to 122 inc. were approved for payment.

Mr. Harry Whitby was before the Board to ask whether certain property could be exempt from taxation provided it was used for a civic purpose. The Board agreed to give this request further consideration if, and when, the said property was converted to a civic use.

No other business so the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 4, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Maryland Sept. 4, 1945.

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills #123 to 131, inclusive.

Final arrangements were made for the Commissioners, Clerk and Attorney to go to Ocean City, Saturday, September 8 to the Eastern Shore Commissioners summer meeting.

The States Attorney and the Attorney to the Board of Commissioners met with the Board to discuss again the raise in the States Attorney's salary. After hearing the discussion, the States Attorney agreed with the Commissioners to await their decision until after the meeting of the Eastern Shore Commissioners this Saturday at which time a general discussion of this question is to be held.

The Board instructed their clerk to write to Mr. Elmer Seese to put in the cement for the ash pit in the rear of the Court House as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 11, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept 11th 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers

Emmett Hignutt

William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #132 to 147 inclusive. After hearing discussion on the States Attorneys salaries at the Eastern Shore Commissioners Meeting at Ocean City on Sept. 8th., the Board agreed to withdraw a former opinion and pay the increase in the salary of the States Attorney. Mr. William Seeders was before the Board with a second request for funds to install a two-way radio in the truck used in Forestry work. No action was taken on this request by the Board.

The Board requested their Clerk to render a bill to the Eastern Shore Commissioners Association for their expenses caused by attending the meeting at Ocean City.

A copy of the following letter regarding Fowling Creek Mill Dam was sent to Mr. Brooks Nagel, Preston, Maryland.

"Dear Sir,-

In reply to your inquiry as to what the County Commissioners would be willing to do towards restoring your Dam at Fowling Creek Mill to a condition for public travel, would advise that this Board has given the matter due consideration as follows,-

If you will put the dam in safe condition for regular traffic by the public using that road and keep same in good repair and in safe condition, the County Commissioners, in consideration of this, will pay you the sum of Fifty Dollars per year as rent for the dam for a period of Five years, after which this agreement can be terminated by either party or renewed by a further agreement.

It is further understood that the County Commissioners assume no responsibility for any accidents which may happen to traffic on the dam which you are to keep safe at all times.

Please advise whether or not you will accept this proposal."

No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 18th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept 18th 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #148 to 156 inclusive.

The Board instructed their Clerk to order two Tons of fertilizer from Mr. P. W. Downes to be delivered at the County Farm.

Mr. Redden, the States Attorney, was before the Board with a client in reference to qualifications regarding application for Beer License. The client has not been a resident of this County for the Two Years required and was told by the Board that he could not apply for a Beer License in Caroline County until All the qualifications could be met.

Mr. Horace Shiveley was appointed Drainage Viewer for the Forge Branch Ditch to replace W. M. Ganey, deceased.

The Board instructed their Clerk to include the raise, as provided by the levy, in the salaries of the States Attorney, County Commissioners, and Judges of the Orphans Court.

No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 25th. 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept. 25th 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 157 to 182 inclusive.

The Board granted permission to the Sheriff to have the plaster repaired and the furnace repaired at the Jail.

No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet

Tuesday October 2nd. 1945

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
October 2, 1945

The Board met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board agreed to change the hour of the meeting from 1:30 to 1:00 P.M. beginning Tuesday October 9th. and to continue on until the Spring.

The Board approved for payment Bills #183 to 202 inclusive.

No other business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 9th, 1945.

The Board met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 203 to 218 inclusive, with the exception of # 215 which was in error. The Board instructed the Clerk to notify Mr. Wm. E. Seeders of the refusal of his request at a previous meeting for Five Hundred Dollars, the cost of installation of a two-way radio in a Forestry Truck, because of insufficient funds in the budget appropriation.

Miss Clopper of the County Welfare Board was notified there was to be no transfers from the original categories in the Welfare Distribution as provided in the County Levy.

The Board ordered 3 3/4 Tons of Fertilizer-3-12-6 from E. T. Orme & Sons to be delivered at the County Farm.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 16th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 18th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 219 to 230 inclusive. An invitation was extended to the Problems of Democracy Class, at the Ridgely High School, to attend a meeting of the County Commissioners, in relation to their study of the duties of the various County offices. The Class accepted this invitation and will be present at the regular meeting Tuesday Oct. 23rd, 1945.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 23, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

A delegation of students from the Ridgely High School attended the meeting in relation to the study of County Government. The duties of the office and its Board was explained by the Board in respect to the laws and their enforcement, by Mr. Bickel, the County Auditor in relation to taxes and finance and by the Clerk in relation to the duties in the office of the Commissioners.

A National War Fund drive is on and a delegation was before the Board with a request for a donation to that cause. The Commissioners agreed to give the same amount as last year which was \$500.00.

Col. Barrett, State Director of Disaster Relief of Maryland spoke before the Board and explained the Disaster Relief program. He asked that a county director of disaster relief be appointed and a telephone, now already in County use be designated as a relief aid, such telephone to be the Sheriff's

or some other office available for 24 hour service.

Mr. Wilbert Merriken, Attorney for R. E. A. was before the Board with a request to sub let a building from the Commissioners now used only one morning each week by the Social Security Board. The Board agreed to sub let the building with the agreement that the R. E. A. pay onehalf the rent for the time they use the building and all the expenses of the fuel and light.

The Commissioners ordered the Clerk to call the tenant of the County Farm to appear before the Board at the next meeting Tuesday Oct. 30th, 1945 to discuss the request for line needed at the farm.

Mr. Orme, the Treasurer, Mr. Bickel, the County Auditor and Mr. Deen, Attorney to the Board met with the Board in regards to the recent tax sale held by the Treasurer which was declared null and void by the Court. In as much as the expenses of the sale had previously been paid by the Treasurer out of Tax Sale Funds, the County Commissioners agreed to advance the necessary funds to the Treasurer in order that he could reimburse the purchase price to the purchaser of the various properties sold at the Tax Sale at which time the tax sale purchasers would release the property to the Treasurer.

Dr. Johnson, the County Health Officer of the County asked the County Commissioners for authorization to give a special serum to a patient now in the University Hospital, the cost of which is to be paid by the County. The Commissioners granted this authorization as the parents of the patient were unable to pay

The Board approved for payment Bills # 231 to 236 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 30th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. October 30th. 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #237 to 269 inclusive.

Mrs. Fairy Belle Beasley was before the Board to get her eleven year old feeble-minded son committed to Crownsville. Because she and her son have been residents of the State of Maryland since June 1945 only, the patient was not qualified and the Board refused to commit Hubert Baesley, 11 years of age, to the Crownsville asylum at the expense of the County and State.

The Board orderd 12 tons of Ground Burnt Lime from E. T.

Orme & Sons to be delivered to the County Farm, with the agreement with Mr. Harris that the County Commissioners are to receive one-half the conservation check from the A.A.A. Office.

Constable Harper was before the Board asking whether warrant fees collected by the Trial Magistrate for the Town Bailiff could be paid to the bailiff by the magistrate. The Board agreed the Magistrate could not pay the Bailiff but the Bailiff would be paid by the Commissioners on receiving a report from the Magistrate and a proper bill from the bailiff. No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 6th. 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #270 to 282 inclusive.

Mr. Deen, attorney, met with the Board and the Treasurer, to make plans to go to Salisbury, to attend the Fall Meeting of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners Association to be held on Friday, Nov. 9, 1945.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 13, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, clerk

Denton, Md, Nov.13, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #283 to 297 inclusive.

Three Representatives from Remington-Rand were before the Board to discuss a tax-billing installation prior to selling a tax billing machine and service to the County. No action was taken by the Board.

The Board agreed to abate the amount of One Hundred Thirty-four Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (134.94) on the account of Fred E. Covey- former Treasurer- for the entire difference between delinquent tax control and actual tax detail, for administration 1939 to 1943.

The Board authorized Dr. Walter Johnson, County Health Officer, to send any emergency cases to Sydenham Ho spital as he deems it necessary during such times as the Commissioners are not in session; Dr. Johnson to bring explanation before the Board at the first meeting following such action. This authorization is retro-active at the pleasure of the Commissioners.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned; the next meeting to be held Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 20, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved bills #298 to 313 inclusive.

A new motor was ordered for the stoker in the Court House and the old one is to be repaired for emergency use in the County Buildings. Mr. S. P. Nielson was before the Board and promised to pay the hospital expenses for his wife at the Spring Grove State Hospital. No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 27th.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland Nov. 27, 1945

The Board met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt

The Board approved Bills #314 to 342 inclusive.

Upon consideration of Commitment certificates from two local doctors for John Benjamin Wooters, the Board signed the commitment to send him to the Eastern Shore State Hospital, at Cambridge.

There being no other business of importance the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Dec. 4th.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 4th, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills # 343 to 364 inclusive. Instructions were given to the Clerk of the Board to write a letter to the City of Philadelphia Welfare Service notifying them of the fact that James Friend would be at that institution in a few days to take his sister Helen, now a patient there, to his own home near Preston. The transfer of the patient to be made at the expense of said James Friend.

A letter was sent by the President of the County Commissioners to Mr. Robert Reindollar, Chairman State Roads Commission in reply to request for an appointment with the Commissioners to discuss the Post War Road Program; stating that inasmuch as Mr. Reindollar has discussed the same program at a recent meeting which was attended by the Commissioners, they saw no need for a special appointment. A copy of the letter is on file in the office of the County Commissioners.

The Board agreed to reduce the assessment on the Bistrovich property in the First District now owned by Rudolph and Mary Spinka.

No other business before the Board, they adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 11th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 11th, 1945.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills # 365 to 373 inclusive.

The Board sent a letter to the State Roads Commission requesting the following roads to be added to the County Post War construction.

- A. 1.8 miles from Marydel to Mt. Zion beginning at a point on the present State Road, Route 311 just south of Marydel and running in a south westerly direction to Mt. Zion- known as the Marydel - Mt. Zion Road.
- B. 0.6 mile from a point about .3 mile north of Marydel on the Marydel - Templeville Road, Route 454 and running due south to intersect the present Marydel - Henderson Road, Route 311, known locally as the Marydel By-pass.

A copy of the letter is on file in the Commissioners office. A copy of the letter to the State Roads Commission, concerning funds set aside for the maintenance of County roads and for new construction, is also on file in the Commissioners office.

The Board instructed their Clerk to write to Haskins & Sells, Accountants, requesting an explanation of an error they have made in the disposition of certain funds in the County Audit. A copy of the letter is on file.

No other business at hand, the Commissioners adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 18th, 1945.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 18, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 374 to 401 inclusive.

The Caroline Soil District Managers met with the Board at the request of Mr. Morris Sneider, who is desirous of having some drainage done on the site of his new business location on the Denton-Hillsboro Road. Mr. Sneider agreed to finance the cost of the work if it was permissible to be done. The Board agreed to allow the work to be done on that basis and the Soil District agreed to make a survey of the grounds and report to Mr. Sneider in regards to the type of work necessary for the particular project.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday Dec. 26th, Tuesday being Christmas Day.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 26th, 1945

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. Roland Towers was absent because of illness.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 402 to 410 inclusive.

Due to the illness of Mr. Harris, the Janitor, the Board hired Charles W. Boston to substitute until Mr. Harris was able to return to work.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday Jan. 2nd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 2nd, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills # 411 to 419 inclusive.

Mrs. Harris reported there was 800 baskets of corn at the County Farm ready to be sold.

No other business, the Board adjourned to meet Jan. 8th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 8th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 420 to 431 inclusive and voided bill #418 in the week of Jan. 2nd, which was made in error and corrected in this weeks payroll.

A committee of three men from the State Roads Commission, including Mr. Waldorf presented a map of the post war road prospects for Caroline County before the Board which was approved.

The Board ordered 300 copies of the Auditors report printed after certain corrections in the report was made. The Board instructed the Clerk to return the original reports to Haskins & Sells, Accountants for these corrections, they having charged the Treasurer with erroneous commission collections.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Jan. 15th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 15th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills # 432 to 445 inclusive.

Mr. Ted. Nadeau, Engineer for the Tower Clock Service of Springfield, Ohio was before the Board and submitted a proposal to the said Board to electrify the Court House Tower Clock. After a thorough discussion with Mr. Nadeau and after considering a proposal recently submitted by another company to repair the clock and not electrify it, the Board signed a contract with Mr. Nadeau to electrify the clock for the sum of Six Hundred, Thirty-five Dollars (635.00). The contract is on file in this office.

The Clerk was ordered to answer the letter from Col. Henry S. Barrett in regard to Disaster Relief Program now being set up- appointing Austin R. Murphy the County Director for Disaster Relief for this County.

Mr. Harris, Janitor, tendered his resignation to the Board, having to give up work because of his age and poor health. The Board accepted his resignation and appointed Charles W. Boston to fill the vacancy.

The Board sold the corn at the County Farm to Chris Nagel at Harmony.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Jan. 22nd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 22nd, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 446 to 453 inclusive.

The Board instructed the Clerk to notify Mr. D. W. Banning to appear before said Board at the next meeting Tues. Jan. 29th, 1946.

No other business at hand, they adjourned to meet Tuesday Jan. 29th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 29th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

Mr. D. W. Banning was before the Board in reference to transfer of his Beer License - he having sold it to Vernon L. Swann. The Board told him the license was not transferable by law and that the new owner would have to make application for a new license in his own name.

The Caroline Soil District Organization was before the Board making a plea for one-half the purchase price of a new caterpillar tractor for the Drainage project which would cost the County \$3000.00, the full price being \$6000.00. After hearing the plea, the Board agreed to give the matter careful consideration and give their answer to Mr. Rogers by February 12, 1946 who would inform the Organization of the decision.

Judge Knotts was before the Board to express his appreciation in behalf of the Court on the action taken by the Board to electrify the Tower Clock on the Court House.

Bills # 454 to 481 inclusive were approved for payment.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet February 5th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 5th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 482 to 495 inclusive.

The Board authorized Mr. Waldorf to see if he could, through State priorities, locate a tractor such as the Drainage Association requests at a cheaper price than the Drainage Association quoted.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tues. Feb. 12th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 12th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 496 to 508 inclusive.

In reference to the tractor transaction of last week, Mr. Waldorf reported the location of several at the Timonium Fair Grounds. This information was turned over to the Drainage Association who delegated a committee to investigate conditions under which one could be obtained.

The Board, after hearing the discussion presented by several members of the Welfare Board agreed to allow Sixty Dollars additional for Aid to the Needy Blind up to July 1st, 1946 and also allow One Hundred Dollars additional for Administration to pay a fourth worker from March 1, 1946 to July 1st, 1946. This agreement was made with the provision that the unexpended funds in all categories be turned over to the Commissioners at the close of the present fiscal year.

Mr. Oswald of College Park and Mr. Rogers - County Agent were before the Board in regard to an increase in their budget for the coming fiscal year, said increase to include an additional appropriation for a full time secretary and a raise in the salary of the County Agent. The Board reserved the decision until such time as they set the levy.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Feb. 19th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 19th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment bills # 509 to 515 inclusive.

Mr. Ralph Lednum was before the Board with commitment papers to admit his mother Mrs. Laura Lednum of Preston to the Easton Shore State Hospital at Cambridge. Mr. Lednum agreed to pay the full County maintenance and the Board granted the commitment.

The Board instructed their Clerk to write a letter to Hon<sup>s</sup>. Roe and Tydings asking for any help they may be able to give in helping the County secure a Tractor from the Surplus War Property for the Caroline Soil District.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Feb. 26th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 26th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 516 to 542 inclusive.

The Board issued a permit to the Volunteer Fire Co of Greensboro to hold a Fireman's Carnival in the town of Greensboro, Md.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet March 5th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 5th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 3:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board attended the funeral of Mr. J. Frank Lane- former County Commissioner - earlier in the afternoon and did not convene until three o'clock.

Bills 543 to 559 inclusive were approved for payment.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 12th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, M d. Mar. 12, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved Bills #561 to 565 inclusive.

Miss Clopper of the Welfare Board was before the Board to ask if there was not some way the County Commissioners could not provide additional funds made necessary by the fact that the State had over expended its Budget and refused to allow the balance. The Commissioners agreed they could not pay the State's share but would write a letter to the Governor requesting his assistance in the matter.

In reply to a request at the County Farm for screen, the Commissioners decided to visit the Farm on Tues. Mar. 19th. prior to their regular meeting.

There being no other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 19th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 19th., 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #536 to 574 inclusive.

After visiting the County Farm in the morning the Commissioners agreed to furnish new screen for the porch provided Mr. Harris would furnish the labor.

The Board instructed the Clerk to notify Mr. Hopkins Moore of the U. S. Employment Service to meet with them at the next meeting to discuss the renting of a larger office for the purpose of interviewing War Veterans and other unemployed.

Mr. Harry Nuttle was before the Board in regards to the case of Olan Stevans, for whom Mr. Nuttle is the trustee. As the Stevans funds are depleted, Mr. Nuttle asked <sup>ask</sup> from the Board. In as much as there are no funds levied for this purpose the Board referred Mr. Nuttle to the Welfare Board.

Russum Orme, local chairman of the Red Cross was before the Board for the annual contribution. The Board agreed to give the same amount as last year which was \$250.00.

There being no other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 26th. 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 26th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #575 to 604 inclusive.

Mr. Hopkins Moore met with the Board as per request. After discussing the rental situation the Board agreed to allow the same rent towards a larger office they are paying now, any balance needed is to be paid by the Employment Service.

No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 2nd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 2, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #605 to 623 inclusive.

There being no other business before the Board, it adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 9th. 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 9th. 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present : H. Roland Towers  
 : Emmett Hignutt  
 Absent : William L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #624 to 633 inclusive.

The Board, in the absence of Mr. DeFord, made the following dates for the reviewing of Assessments of Real Estate in the Third Election District: April 17th; 19th; 24th; 25th.

The Board made arrangements to attend the Eastern Shore Commissioners meeting to be held at Cambridge, Md. on April 15th, and invited Mr. Irvin Brumbaugh, the County Assessor and Mr. William S. Orme, the County Treasurer to be their guests.

No other business at hand the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 16th. 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 16th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
 Emmett Hignutt  
 Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 634 to 647 inclusive.

A delegation, representing the nine real estate tax payers whose property is on South Second Street Extended, was before the Board presenting a petition to the said Board requesting an investigation of plans for paving and improving the street by the Commissioners of Denton to the end that the County could continue the paving from the boundary line of the corporate limits of Denton to the end of said street running past the respective properties of said delegation. The petition presented is on file in this office.

After meeting the site of the proposed street with Mr. Waldorf, the County engineer, the Commissioners agreed to levy \$500.00 for said paving. Mr. Layman J. Redden, of the delegation was to take care of any agreement to be made with the construction contract.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 23rd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 23rd, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
 Emmett Hignutt  
 Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 648 to 662 inclusive.

Mr. Wesley Thawley, Attorney to the County Treasurer, came before the Board to resign as Counsel to the Treasurer, time and health not permitting to do the necessary work. Mr. W. B. Deen, Attorney to the Board was authorized to act as counsel to the Treasurer as of this date.

The Caroline Soil District delegation was before the Board requesting money for the maintenance of an extra dragline made available to Caroline County by loan from another County.

TAX DITCH ORGANIZATIONS IN CAROLINE COUNTY

Spring Branch

Managers-

W. Byron Poore, Greensboro  
John W. Greenlee, Greensboro

Treasurer-

John C. Brown, Greensboro

Edinburgh Ditch

Managers-

~~Ashton G. Drake~~  
~~Tyson Heather~~  
Norman Seward, Goldsboro  
Harold K. Shults, Henderson  
Robert McGinnis, Marydel

Treasurer-

L. C. Drake, Barclay

Cool Spring Ditch

Managers-

E. C. Gooden, Henderson  
Nathan Marvel, Marydel

Treasurer-

Charles A. Miller, Marydel

Ober-Schuyler Ditch

Managers-

R. E. Ober, Goldsboro  
Andrew Ultis, Henderson  
Harvey Hubbard, Henderson

Treasurer-

George M. Collier, Goldsboro

Bears Ditch

Managers-

John J. Horvath, Henderson  
J. W. Thompson, Henderson

Treasurer-

W. E. Stubbs, Henderson

Garey Mill Pond Ditch

Managers-

George Steward, Greensboro  
Freeborn Ellwanger, Greensboro

Treasurer-

Samuel Ellwanger, Greensboro

Forge Branch

Managers-

John Greenlee, Greensboro  
J. Boone Jarrell, Ridgely

Treasurer-

John F. Stevenson, Greensboro

Hickman Ditch

Managers-

John Bacsak, Denton  
James E. Foxwell, Denton

Treasurer-

Leslie Scott, Denton

Smith-Leslie Ditch

Managers-

J. Virgil Leslie, Marydel  
H. E. Thompson, Marydel

Treasurer-

Melvin Legates, Marydel

Upper Long Marsh Ditch

Managers-

Ralph Hall, Marydel  
C. H. Shannon, Marydel

Treasurer-

Robert McGinnis, Marydel

Bottom Range Ditch

Managers-

E. Dukes Henning, Denton  
Martin C. Voss

Treasurer-

Burnt Mill Ditch

Managers-

Joseph Eaton, Hillsboro  
Harry R. Klotz

Treasurer-

Charles Hammer, Greensboro

Morgan Pike Ditch

Managers-

M. E. Potts, Hillsboro  
D. J. Kern, Denton  
Robert Magrogan, Ridgely  
Linden Duffey, Greensboro

Treasurer-

Paul Fisher, Denton

Duffy-Lister Prong

Managers-

Joseph Bacsak, Denton  
James A. Willoughby, Denton

Treasurer-

Joseph Willoughby, Denton

Hynson Tax Ditch

Managers-

Butler Nichols, Federalsburg  
Fred Frase, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

John M. Whayland, Federalsburg

Jordan Branch

Managers-

W. H. Bramble, Federalsburg  
C. R. Clark, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

J. Herman Noble, Federalsburg

Tanyard Branch Ditch

Managers-

H. C. Stevens, Federalsburg  
James Ricketts, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

Claude Liden, Federalsburg

Quillen-Hecks-Shults Ditch

Managers-

Tyson Heather, Marydel

Treasurer-

Harold K. Shults, Henderson

American Corner

Managers-

H. H. McMahan, Federalsburg  
H. L. Sullivan, Denton

Treasurer-

E. H. Collins, Federalsburg

Marydel

Managers-

James H. Scotten, Marydel  
H. R. Buttls, Marydel  
T. E. Heather, Marydel

Treasurer-

George W. Moore, Marydel

Bee Tree

Managers-

Edward Schuyler, Henderson  
John H. Harris, Henderson

Treasurer-

Clifton Walls, Henderson

Burrsville Ditch Main Prong

Managers-

R. H. Stafford  
James Willoughby, Denton  
Joseph Bacsak, Denton  
Roland Corkell, Denton

Treasurer-

Walter Cannon, Denton

Krueger-Butler

Managers-

F. A. Krueger, Preston  
Leon C. Bulow, Preston

Treasurer-

Conrad Fuchs, Preston

Miles Branch

Managers-

Carl D. White, Federalsburg  
William Lane, Federalsburg  
Guy Wheatley, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

Broadway

Managers-

H. D. Shively, Goldsboro  
John T. Milby, Goldsboro  
Clifford Hughes, Goldsboro

Treasurer-

Smithville

Managers-

Dawson Liden, Federalsburg  
Norwood Melvin, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

Miss Elizabeth MacDonald, Denton

Henderson

Managers-

Rudolph Spinka, Henderson  
John Radich, Henderson  
Louis Antal, Jr., Henderson

Treasurer-

John Carter, Henderson

Twiford Meadows

Managers-

Hobart Wheatley, Federalsburg  
W. G. Hassett, Federalsburg  
Fred Hulliger, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

Harry Kinder, Federalsburg

Gravelly Branch

Managers-

Joseph B. Kibler, Greensboro  
J. H. Ward, Greensboro

Treasurer-

Alfred Bilbrough, Greensboro

Schmick-Taylor

Managers-

Edward Schmick, Preston  
O. M. Taylor, Federalsburg  
Henry A. Boevers, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

William G. Loewe, Federalsburg

Harrington-Beaver Dam

Managers-

T. J. Pippin, Marydel  
T. H. Richard, Marydel

Treasurer-

Wright Robinson, Marydel

Tull Branch

Managers-

Claude Howard, Federalsburg  
Byron Griffith, Federalsburg

Treasurer-

Harvey Nichols, Federalsburg

Griffith Branch Public Drainage  
Association

Managers-

Christian Nagel, Federalsburg - Chairman (3 yrs.)  
Joseph K. Smith, Federalsburg - (2 yrs.)  
Perry Collins, Federalsburg - (1 yr.)

Joiner Branch Public Drainage  
Association

Managers-

W. Richard Garey, Denton - (3 yrs.)  
Robert L. Dulin, Denton - (2 yrs.)  
Alex Karpenski, Greensboro - (1 yr.)

Griffith Branch N. W. Prong Public  
Drainage Association

Managers-

Lacy Meredith, Federalsburg - (2 yrs.)  
John Ischer, Federalsburg - (3 yrs.)  
Christian Nagel, Federalsburg - (1 yr.)

Treasurer-

Jonestown Public Drainage Association

Managers-

William Kleinwachter, Preston - Chairman - (1 yr.)  
Emil Rieck, Preston - (3 yrs.)  
Edwin Dietrich, Preston - (2 yrs.)

Treasurer-

Piney Branch Public Drainage Association

Managers-

Frank Stevenson, Ridgely - Chairman (1 yr.)  
Richard Blackburn, Ridgely - (3 yrs.)  
Robert Dean, Ridgely, - (2 yrs.)

Towers-Trice Public Drainage  
Association

Managers-

Brantley H. Trice, Federalsburg - Chairman (1 yr.)  
Irving Trice, Federalsburg, - (3 yrs.)  
Leon Cox, Preston - ( 2 yrs.)

The Board reserved decision until the next meeting.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet April 30th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 30th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 663 to 693 inclusive.

In reference to the Caroline Soil District request for maintenance on the extra dragline loaned to the County, the Board agreed to levy \$1500.00 for 1946-47 and also to pay one-half <sup>purchase price</sup> on the tractor ordered from the War Assets Corporation in Feb. 1945.

The Commissioners ordered their Clerk to notify Walter Aershaw to appear before their Board on Tuesday May 7th, 1946 at 2:00 O'clock in reference to transferring his Beer License.

Their being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 7th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 7th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 694 to 704 inclusive.

The Board Approved Tax Ditch Organizations- list attached hereto.

There being no other Business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 14th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 14th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 705 to 723 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 21st, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 31st, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 724 to 733 inclusive.

A Delegation of farmers, whose lands bound on the Trice Ditch near American Corner, was before the Board regarding a drain across the State Road. It was reported to them that the drain was not going to be used in which case the drainage of the ditch would be practically valueless. The Commissioners told the delegation the problem in question was between the State Roads Engineer and the Drainage Engineer and a meeting was arranged to discuss the matter with the proper parties.

The Lions Club of Federalsburg was before the Board with a request for a donation of \$500 towards the purchase of an ambulance to be given to the use of the Federalsburg Volunteer Fire Co. The Board refused to grant the request but agreed to levy \$200.00 annually for the maintenance when the ambulance was put to use in the County.

Walter Kershaw asked to have his Beer License renewed but in-as-much as they do not expire until June- the Commissioners could not renew ~~them~~ ahead of time.

After hearing a Delegation from the Medical Society and the Farm Bureau Planning groups concerning the urgent need for a County Sanitarian, the Board agreed to include in the 1946 levy the salary of a Sanitarian.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 28th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 28, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 734 to 756 inclusive.

The Board signed a commitment of transfer of L. Douglas Fooks from the Eastern State Hospital at Cambridge to the Springfield State Hospital at Sykesville.

A Delegation representing various towns of the County was before the Commissioners asking for an increase of \$40,000 in the levy for Schools which would raise each teacher \$300 with the remainder to increase the pay of janitors and bus drivers. Because of a prior agreement with Mr. Fitzgerald, Supt. of Schools, with whom the Board had agreed to include in the levy for schools \$14,000 which would increase the teachers pay \$100, the Board reserved the answer to this request.

The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on the Edinburgh Public Drainage Association on July 2, 1946 at 2:00 P. M. and instructed the Clerk to have notice of same advertised in a County paper.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet June 4th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 4th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 757 to 770 inclusive.

Upon consideration of the request of a Delegation before the Board at the previous meeting and after conferring with Mr. Fitzgerald, Supervisor of Schools, who told the Commissioners the neighboring Counties (Talbot, Queen-Anne, and Dorchester) had agreed to meet this demand for increased pay for teachers, the Board unanimously agreed to grant the additional \$40,000.00 to the School Board to be included in the levy for Schools. The agreement to this request conforms precisely, as it has in the past, to the 100 % cooperation of the County Commissioners with the School Board to meet its needs in the Levy for Schools.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet June 11th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 11th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 771 to 788 inclusive.

Mr. Tyson Heather was recommended by the Board to replace Mr. Seward as manager on the Edenburg Ditch, as Mr. Seward has sold his farm and moved away.

A permit was granted the Preston Volunteer Fire Company to hold a Carnival during the month of July.

Mrs. Nuttle and Miss Clopper of the Welfare Board submitted the Budget for Welfare Distribution for 1946-47 to the Board for approval prior to its inclusion in the 1946-47 Levy.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 18th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 18th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 789 to 794 inclusive.

A Permit to hold a Camp Meeting at the Bell Chapel at Deep Branch was granted to the pastor of the Church.

Because Mr. Tyson Heather has sold his farm and is no longer on the Edinburgh Ditch, the Board appointed Ashton G. Drake as a manager on the said Ditch to replace Mr. Heather.

The Board reviewed the personal property schedules for the Third Election District.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 25th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 25th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 795 to 834 inclusive.

The Board agreed to meet in Special Session Friday June 28th, 1946 to approve the Budget and set the County rate for the next year.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Friday.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

The County Commissioners of Caroline County met in Special Session with full Board present on Friday June 28th, 1946 and set the tax rate for the ensuing year at \$1.37 on each \$100 of assessable personal property and real estate, an increase of 25% over last years levy. The items contributing to the increase are as follows:

Caroline Soil District increase of	\$1500.00
Schools " "	\$42,225.00
Health Dept. for Sanitation Officer	1800.00
Registration and Elections	3000.00
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	\$48,525.00

There being an increase of \$567,000.00 in the assessable basis which held the rate to \$1.37 per \$100. The State rate is 10¢ per \$100 of assessable basis.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 2nd, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bill # 1 to 24 inclusive.

In compliance with the Public Drainage Law the Board held a hearing on the Edinburgh Ditch for the purpose of adjusting the program so that work might soon be started. After hearing a roll call of the taxables on the Ditch, it was found necessary to cut off two prongs on which the taxables objected, also to adjust the acreage on one property on the main Ditch and to add an additional tributary to the main Ditch. L. A. Drake and Son presented the one objection to the acreage. The Drainage Viewers and the Engineer agreed to meet Mr. Drake and go over his land in order to adjust his acreage and assessment. The Prongs cut off were on the lands of Christian Nielson and Joseph M. Kotowski.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 9th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 9th, ,946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 25 to 36 inclusive.

Mr. C. Brooks Nagel was before the Board in regard to the Road wash-out at Deens Mill. The Board agreed that the best thing to do, since the State Roads Commission had to approve any plans, was to contact the State Engineer and make the necessary plans to repair the Mill Dam and road.

The Board approved the committment of Hubert Beasley to Crownsville State Hospital.

The Board also agreed to allow the Welfare Board to transfer any monies from one category to another as needed.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 16th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 16th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmet Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills 37 to 49 inclusive.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Drake and Attorney presented their agreement of the change in acreage of the land assessable by the Edinburgh Ditch. The reduction of acreage was made by the Drainage Viewers and is on file in this office.

The Board ordered the Clerk to notify the Eastern Shore State Hospital to discontinue cases from Caroline County not officially recommended by the Board.

There being no other business. the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 23rd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 23rd, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 50 to 59 inclusive.

Three representatives of Haskins & Sells, Certified Public Accountants began work on the Audit of County records for the year ending June 30th, 1946.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 30th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 30th, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt

Mr. DeFord was called out of town and was unable to attend the meeting.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 60 to 84 inclusive.

Trial Magistrate Dobson's salary was raised to \$100.00 per month by unanimous consent.

The Board authorized Mr. Rogers and Mr. Merrick of the Caroline Soil District to move the dragline to Federalsburg at once to help a strategic situation caused by the many washouts. The dragline work is to be done at operating cost only.

The Board approved the reductions in assessments presented by the Treasurer in the amount of \$463.25.

The application of Harold M. Harding as a Forest Warden was approved.

A permit was granted to the Pastor and Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church to hold a Camp Meeting. Petition on file.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 6th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 6th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 85 to 96 inclusive.

The Board agreed unanimously to raise the Constable's (Harper and Murphy) salary to \$900.00 per year *each*.

The Board instructed their Clerk to notify Jack Lepore of Marydel to appear at the next meeting of the Beer License Board which is Sept. 3rd, 1946 in defense of a protest against his Beer License.

No other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 13th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 13th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #97 to 104 inclusive.

The Board granted a ten day vacation beginning Sept. 9th, 1946 to their Clerk, which was accepted, it being the first time off since taking office, June 26th, 1945.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 20th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 20th, 1946

The Board met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 105 to 113 inclusive.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 22nd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 27, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 114 to 138 inclusive.

The Clerk was instructed to order One and three-fourths tons of Fertilizer for barley for the County Farm.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., Sept. 4, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 139 to 152 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., Sept. 10, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 152 to 164 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 1946.

Pearl L. McAllister,  
Acting for Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., Sept. 17, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 165 to 179 inclusive.

There being not other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 1946.

Pearl L. McAllister,  
Acting for Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., Sept. 24, 1946

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 180 to 209 inclusive.

The Clerk to the Board returned to her duties after spending a very enjoyable ten day vacation in Florida for which she herewith expresses her thanks and appreciation to the Commissioners.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 1st, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 210 to 225 inclusive.

Mr. Rogers, the County Agent was before the Board in reference to the use of the dragline on private work in an area where a Drainage project was in effect/ The Board agreed to allow the dragline to do any private work in an area where the dragline was in operation provided the private work was ready to do as the dragline was not to be kept waiting for private work before it could proceed to another drainage project.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Oct. 8th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 8th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 226 to 240 inclusive.

The Board was called before the Grand Jury in reference to a report on the County Farm. Report of the Grand Jury made to the Court a Copy of which is on file in this office.

No other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Oct. 15th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION  
STATE OF MARYLAND

Account of a meeting held at Brooks Nagle (Deens) Mill Pond on October 7, 1946.

Those present included,-- The 3 members of the Board of County Commissioners,--Roland Towers, Pres., Emmett Hignuttand William L. Deford, Commissioners,-- Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Hull Engineers of the Soil Conservation Commission, Mr. Townshend and Mr. Waldorf of the State Roads Commission and Mr. Brooks Nagle and Mr. Wilea neighbor.

The meeting was called or requested for by Mr. Nagle the Mill owner in order to find out how high the county road could be built as that would determine the height of the proposed new dam and the subsequent head of water which would be available. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Hull explained to those present that in order to give Mr. Nagle the head of water that he required to operate his mill that it would be necessary to raise the county road about 3 feet at the intersection opposite the dam and that the fill would be about 1000 feet long. This 3 foot fill would be that much higher than the road was before the storm of June 30, 1946 and the County Commissioners immediately decided that the County should not make this expenditure which would be for the sole benefit of the millowner.

Mr. Nagle and Mr. Wile then asked the County Commissioners if they would make this additional fill if they received a contribution for the additional cost to the County. After deliberation the County Commissioners decided that they would make this additional fill if the extra cost was paid by the adjacent property owners and also provided that these adjacent property owners gave the County the necessary additional rights of way. Mr. Nagle and Mr. Wile were furnished copies of short forms for the right of way, for their consideration. Nothing definite was decided upon by Mr. Nagle but there was much additional conversation about several alternatives which Mr. Nagle could decide upon. One of these was a plan of carrying a head of water 9 feet deep or less and eliminate all power from the water source and use pond as a fish storage lake and in this case he would not have to have any permit from the State Board of Water Resources.

The other plan was a possible change from an overshot wheel to a under-shot wheel which would require less head of water.

Mr. Nagle offered to give the county sufficient clay from the rim of his pond to construct a clay core on the side of the road facing the dam but not to include the dam which was to be the obligation of Mr. Nagle. There was to be no charge for this clay should the county decide to use same.

There was also some conversation between the County Commissioners and Mr. Nagle and Messrs. Jarvis and Hull about how to proceed in cleaning out the channel between the Mill and the State Road under the drainage laws and practice.

Although there was nothing definite decided upon by any of the parties, the County Commissioners indicated that they were anxious to fill in the washout at the mill on the County road in order to restore traffic at the earliest moment possible if some kind of agreement could be reached between the County Commissioners and Mr. Nagle which would be fair to the taxpayers and equitable to all parties concerned. The Board requested that a copy of this account of what transpired be sent to Mr. W. B. Deen its Counsel, who was unable to be present at the meeting, in order that he might be made familiar with the facts and which would help him in trying to reach an agreement with Mr. Nagle and which the Board could approve when submitted to it, and which also could be approved by the State Board of Water Resources if the matter came under its jurisdiction under the Laws of the State of Maryland.

The meeting adjourned about 1.30 P.M., with the County Commissioners expecting a definite proposal from Mr. Nagle in the near future based upon what his final decision would be as to the type of dam he would construct.

Note. My version of the events at this meeting  
written at request of the County Commissioners

*W. J. Waldorf*

OCTOBER 15th, 1946.

WHEREAS, Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler, his wife, have tendered to the County Commissioners of Caroline County a deed for all that 40-foot street entering from Carter Avenue in the town of Denton in the Third Election District of Caroline County, Maryland, to the Circle and the 40-foot Circle surrounding Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as shown on plat known as "Subdivision of the Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler Land, South Denton", which said plat is duly of record in Liber D.R.H. No. 108 Folio , one of the Land Record Books for Caroline County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County that the said 40-foot street leading from Carter Avenue to the Circle and the 40-foot Circle surrounding Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as shown on the above mentioned plat, be and the same are hereby taken over and accepted by the County Commissioners of Caroline County to be used as a part of the public road system of Caroline County.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, that the aforesaid deed for said 40-foot road leading to the Circle and said 40-foot Circle surrounding Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as shown on the aforesaid plat, for road purposes, be accepted and that said conveyance be recorded among the Land Record Books for Caroline County.

*By Roland Towles*  
*Committee*  
*Wm L. G. Ford*

County Commissioners of Caroline County.

Denton, Md. Oct. 15th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 241 to 253 inclusive.

Miss Clopper and Mrs. Nuttle of the Welfare Board presented a request that the Commissioners agree to advance additional money to their program to allow for a 25% increase in food and clothing grants on their Relief rolls. The Board withheld their decision.

The Board accepted a deed for a 40 ft. street in the Louis Butler Subdivision from Carter Ave. to the Circle and the 40 ft. around the Circle surrounding Lots # 75 to 87 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 22nd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 22nd, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 254 to 258 inclusive.

A petition was presented to the Board requesting a hard-surfaced road at Smithson. The Commissioners have recommended this road for improvement and the petition is on file in this office.

After many conferences with Mr. Nagel at Deens Mill concerning the repair of the Mill Dam and road- no concrete agreement has as yet been reached. As it now stands the State Roads Commission and the County are waiting to see what Mr. Nagel does with the Mill Dam, as he would not meet with any of the suggestions that the State Roads Commission offered that would guarantee the Dam would not wash out again.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Oct. 29th, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 29th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 259 to 290 inclusive.

A petition was presented to the Board requesting a hard-surfaced road from Henderson School to the Delaware State Line. This piece of road was recommended to the State Roads Commission and petition is on file, also see minutes on April 4th, 1944 concerning road, same location.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday Nov. 6th, 1946, Tuesday being the day of the General Elections.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 6th, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 291 to 301 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Nov. 12, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 12, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #302 to 334 inclusive.

The Board agreed to allow Three Hundred, Fifty Dollars to fix the Lockerman School Road so as to make it passible for School busses.

Judge Fooks of the Orphan's Court was before the Board requesting a reduction on the bill of L. Douglas Fooks, Est. which was for his maintenance at the State Hospital. After a discussion of the matter with Judge Fooks, the Commissioners decided he should pay the bill at the original figure.

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RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS "SUBDIVISION  
OF THE LOUIS C. BUTLER AND MILDRED C. BUTLER LAND, SOUTH  
DENTON".

WHEREAS, Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler have caused to be surveyed and laid off in building lots a certain tract of land adjacent to the Town of Denton known as "Subdivision of the Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler Land, South Denton", a plat of said property as surveyed being duly of record in Liber D.R.H. No. 109 Folios 16-17, one of the Land Record Books for Caroline County, which surveys shows an inlet or street leading from Carter Avenue in the Town of Denton to said property, and also certain streets and alleys as appear on said plat, and

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of October, 1946, the County Commissioners of Caroline County did agree to accept said inlet or street leading from Carter Avenue to said property and also the 40-foot road or circle which surrounds Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as shown on said plat, for County road purposes, all of which will appear by a deed from the said Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler, his wife, to the County Commissioners of Caroline County bearing date the 15th day of October, 1946, and duly of record in Liber D.R.H. No. 108 Folio 565, one of the Land Record Books for Caroline County, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that said inlet or road leading from Carter Avenue in to said property and said 40-foot road or circle surrounding Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as aforesaid, shall be improved by a clay and gravel surface, the expense of which is to be paid partly by Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler and partly by the County Commissioners of Caroline County as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, that in consideration of the grant to them of the aforesaid inlet or road from Carter Avenue in to the aforesaid property and the 40-foot road or circle surrounding Lots Nos. 75 to 87, inclusive, as aforesaid, that when the said inlet or road and said 40-foot road or circle, as aforesaid, have been improved by a clay and gravel surface as above mentioned (same to be paid for by the said Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler when completed), the County Commissioners of Caroline County will reimburse the said Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler to the extent of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) of the expense of said grading and surfacing of said roads and streets, to be paid to the said Louis C. Butler and Mildred C. Butler at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each building erected upon said lots as soon as said building is completed, for the first twelve (12) lots so improved.

H. Roland Travers  
Ernest H. Hignitt  
Wm. L. Ford

County Commissioners of Caroline County.

The Board agreed that each of its members should receive the sum of Twenty-five Dollars a year for overseeing the County Farm and should be paid for two years - 1945 and 1946.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 19, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 19, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 335 to 345 inclusive.

The Resolution regarding the County Road in the Butler development was signed by the Commissioners. Resolution is herewith attached.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 26, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 26, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills #346 to 371 inclusive.

Miss Clopper was before the Board in reference to a request made at an October meeting in regard to a 25% increase in food and clothing costs for the Welfare Program. The Board unanimously agreed they could not grant this request as the County received no benefit whatever in their budget made possible by the increase of money expended by Federal Government - the State taking the full increase to reduce their portion.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 3rd, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 3, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 2:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: H. Roland Towers  
Emmett Hignutt  
Wm. L. DeFord

The Board approved for payment Bills # 372 to 392 inclusive.

There being no other business the old Board adjourned.

The newly elected Board assumed control. The new Board members are Emmett Hignutt, Jerome Brown and Webster Todd. On motion duly made and seconded Emmett Hignutt was made President and Jerome Brown was made Vice-President. On motion duly made and seconded Rachel Collison was appointed Clerk to the Board for a term of four years. On motion duly made and seconded K. Thomas Everngam was appointed Attorney to the Board for a term of four years. On motion duly made and seconded Webster Todd was elected to serve on the Welfare Board.

The Board agreed to hold the regular meeting on Monday Dec. 23rd instead of Dec. 24th.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 10, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 10, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
Webster Todd

Mr. Emmett Hignutt, the newly appointed President was absent to attend his mothers funeral. Cards were sent by the Commissioners.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 393 to 404 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday De. 17, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 17, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 405 to 410 inclusive.

Dr. Johnson and Mr. Fletcher of the County Health Dept. was before the Board to get a Bill concerning the testing of cattle for Bangs disease, presented at the new legislature. The Board approved the plan and asked the Attorney to the Board to draft a bill accordingly.

A delegation of Club Workers of the various Clubs of the County and Home Demonstration Agents was before the Board asking for a full time Secretary for each Agent instead of the one who works for both now.

The Delegation asked for \$285.00 for the salary of the new secretary up to the close of the fiscal year, the balance being paid by the State. The Board shall render a decision to Mr. Rogers at a later date.

The Sheriff was before the Board requesting beds, mattresses and blankets for the Jail, also some repairs to its building. The Board agreed to comply with the request and instructed the Clerk to get price lists on items needed. The Board also instructed the Sheriff to get the necessary repair work done as soon as possible.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday Dec. 23, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 23, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 411 to 418 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday Dec. 30, 1946.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 30, 1946.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 419 to 441 inclusive.

Mr. Patchett was before the Board requesting the use of the road machinery, at no charge to him, to fill in the hole in his property caused by the wash-out at Nagels Mill. Since this <sup>mach-</sup>~~prop-~~  
<sup>inery</sup>~~erty~~ is State owned, the Commissioners told Mr. Patchett he would have to contact the State Road Engineer for the County, who is Mr. Waldorf.

Upon consideration of the recommendation of a delagation before the Board on Dec. 17th and after further study of the program the Board unanimously agreed to allow the Extension Service an amount not to exceed \$285.00 on the salary of a Secretary to the Home Demonstration Agent up to July 1, 1947.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 7, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 7, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 443 to 462 inclusive.

The Board agreed to buy paint for the interior of the Jail.

The Board authorized Mr. Everngam, the Attorney to the Board to get information necessary to recall the outstanding Bonds and re-issue at a reduced rate of interest.

The Attorney also reported work had started on the delinquent taxes preparatory to have a tax sale in the Spring.

The Attorney discussed with the Commissioners the reports turned in by the Constables for their mileage expense and received approval for a more complete report on the miles traveled per case.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Jan. 14, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 14, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 463 to 478 inclusive.

Mr. Waldorf of the State Roads Commission was before the Board and explained the road situation in the County to the New Board.

A Delegation from the Welfare Board of Directors was before the Board with a request for \$2000.00 to supplement their budget for the balance of the fiscal year. The break down of the request is as follows:

\$725.00	O. A. A. - food increase of 25%
125.00	G. P. A. " " " "
<u>1150.00</u>	Foster care program present case load
\$2000.00	

The Commissioners reserved a decision.

Dr. Johnson of the Health Department was before the Board to request its co-operation with a Health regulation making it necessary for all places that serve Beer to have a Sanitation inspection before a License can be granted or renewed. The Board agreed to enforce said regulation.

States Attorney James a Wise and Sheriff Wm. E. Andrew was before the Board in reference to the Compensation of the Sheriff. Mr. Wise stated it was his opinion that since the Sheriff was not on an annual salary and that since a certain new amendment went into effect in December - Our Sheriff is without compensation since all fees collected are, according to this amendment, turned into the County Treasury, and he suggested for the Commissioners to present a bill in the present General Assembly providing the Sheriff with a yearly salary of \$2400.00. After conferring with the Attorney to the Board, the Commissioners agreed to get an opinion on the Amendment from the Attorney General before introducing such a Bill.

Rev. Herman Drews was notified to refill the fire extinguishers in the Court House - the cost not to exceed \$10.00.

County Agent F. M. Rogers reported to the Board that he could get leased to the County at no cost, - a sprayer used to combat Japanese Beetles. The Commissioners agreed to get the Sprayer if the Farm Bureau or some Farm Organization would sponsor the operation of the machine making charges only for the up-keep and materials used.

In regard to the calling and re-issue of certain outstanding Bonds at a reduced rate of interest mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting the Attorney to the Board advised said Bonds are not callable.

The Board named the following dates to set as a Board of Control & Review of the Real and Personal property in the 8th Election District:

Jan. 29- / - H  
 Jan. 30- 1 - R  
 Feb. 5- S -Z

The Board also approved the following deductions and allowances to the County Treasurer:

1943	\$ 6.10
1944	8.05
1945	26.49
1946	<u>983.11</u>
Total	\$1023.75

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Jan. 21, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 21, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
 C. Jerome Brown, Jr.  
 Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 480 to 494 inclusive.

According to an opinion from the Attorney General by our Attorney it is necessary that an emergency Bill be passed in the present General Assembly providing the Sheriff with an annual salary. In regards to this situation the Board agreed on an annual salary of \$2000.00 and had Mr. Everngam prepare a bill to that effect for presentation to the Assembly.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Jan. 28, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 28, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 495 to 527 inclusive.

In protest to the proposed salary of \$2000.00 for the Sheriff a petition was presented to the Board requesting an annual salary of \$2400.00 on the recommendation that fees ordinarily collected would net from \$2200 to \$2400.00 per year. The County Commissioners agreed, as a final decision, to raise the amount to \$2200.00.

Mr. Wise, the States Attorney was before the Board requesting \$145. for Books for his library in connection with the Criminal work as States Attorney. The Board refused this request as the County supports the Law Library and he has easy access to same. ✓

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet February 4th, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 4, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 528 to 545 inclusive.

The Board asked their Attorney to contact Judge Dobson of Federalsburg and see if he wouldn't set at Denton for Judge Rickards while he is ill.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 11, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 11, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 546 to 564 inclusive.

The Board approved the amount of \$150.33 allowances and errors on the Treasurers account.

The Board granted a permit to the Greensboro Volunteer Company to hold a carnival this summer.

Mr. Redden, former States Attorney was before the Board in behalf of a request to furnish the new States Attorney some law books, in as much as he wants to retain the books obtained for him.

Mr. Calvert C. Merriken and Mr. Wm. S. Orme were before the Board regarding the opening of a road through a new development now being opened by Mr. Orme. The road in question was referred to Mr. Waldorf - Road engineer, for investigation.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 18, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 18, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills 565 to 569 inclusive.

Mrs. Hubbard, the Deputy Treasurer, was before the Board requesting a raise in her pay, which has to be done through the General Assembly. The Commissioners agreed to recommend a raise but no definite amount was decided at this meeting.

The Commissioners approved the appointment of Thomas Ober and John Richard both of Henderson as Forest Wardens.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Harris at the County Farm to remove the hay and grain, etc. now stored in the Sleeping Quarters Building from that building.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 25, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 25, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 570 to 598 inclusive.

The Clerk to the Board was instructed to notify R. C. North to appear before the Beer License Board at ten O'clock on Tuesday March 4, 1947.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 4, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Mar. 4, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 599 to 613 inclusive.

It was omitted from last weeks minutes that Mr. Harvey Harris was before the Board as per previous request regarding the materials stored in the Sleeping Quarters. ✓

The Board ordered bids sent to K. W. Short and Fred C. Brown to paint the ceiling and side walls of the Court Room.

The Board agreed they could not at this time allow any money for advertising the County in the "County Office" magazine.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 11, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 11, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 614 to 628 inclusive. Marvin H. Smith was before the Board as County Chairman of the National Red Cross Drive notifying of a drive for funds to begin next week. The Board agreed to make a donation, the amount not decided at this time.

Richard W. Roden of Henderson was named as a Viewer on the Coolspring Ditch to replace Mr. Scotten who is a taxable on the Ditch.

Mr. David Sloan of Federalsburg was appointed to serve on the Welfare Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jerome Framptom.

The Board agreed it could not allow additional funds for the Welfare Program in any of the categories requested.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 18, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 18, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 629 to 635 inclusive. The Treasurer submitted a report of Errors and Insolvencies in the amount of \$ 132.96 which the Board approved.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 25, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 25, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 636 to 665 inclusive.

There was no other business, the day being a legal holiday with most of the offices closed.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 1, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 1, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 666 to 680 but ordered check # 680 withdrawn and credit allowed. This credit is to be allowed as extra levy to Board of Children in the Welfare Budget and drawn on monthly as needed,

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 8, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 8, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 681 to 689 inclusive.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 15, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 15, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 690 to 700 inclusive.

During the past week, the "Wye Oak Seedling" which was given to the County by Mr. Frank Adams, was planted on the west side of the Court House Green by the Business and Professional Womens Club of Denton who is sponsoring the tree. A protective guard is placed around the seedling and later on a suitable marker is to be placed there for identification.

The Board allowed errors and insolvencies to the County Treasurer in the amount of \$100.92.

Eight tons of lime was ordered for the County Farm.

A representative of Haskins & Sells put in a bid of \$900.00 to do the annual County Audit. The Board agreed to accept this bid.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 22, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 22, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 701 to 716 inclusive.

A letter was sent by the Commissioners to the State Roads Commission presenting the program for the oiling of roads for the summer.

Mr. William E. Seeders - Forest Warden Supervisor presented Herman Trice of Templeville as a new Forest Warden. His appointment was approved by the Commissioners.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 29, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 29, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 717 to 749 inclusive.

The Bond of W. J. Rickards- Trial Magistrate was approved by  
The Board.

Upon request and recommendation of the Citizens of the Town of Greensboro, the Board appointed Howard Usilton as Constable for the Second District for a two-year term- said term to expire May 1, 1949.

The University of Maryland Extension Service presented their Budget for the year 1947-48, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners.

Upon the full recommendation and unanimous consent of the State Central Committee, the Board appointed the Following Constables at Large for Caroline County : William H. Neal, Sr. for the Denton Trial Magistrate and Floyd Porter for the Federalsburg Trial Magistrate.

The Bonds of both Appointees approved by the Commissioners.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 6, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 6, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 750 to 766 inclusive.

Upon the request and recommendation of the Town Commissioners of Hillsboro, the Board re-appointed Kemp Stewart as Constable for the Sixth District for a term of two years - said term to expire May 1, 1949. Mr. Stewart's Bond was presented and approved by the Commissioners.

The following persons were named as Board of Viewers on the Noble Public Drainage and notices mailed for approval:

Chris Nagel	Federalsburg, Md.
Carl Reagan	" "
Carl Bradley	" "

The Board approved the following Errors and Insolvencies and allowed same to credit of Treasurers charge of tax collections:

State	\$ 8.03
County	<u>89.21</u>
Total	\$97.24

W. A. Stewart Wright presented his Bond as substitute Trial Magistrate which was approved by the Board .

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 13, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 13, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 767 to 781 inclusive.

According to a new Law, the Commissioners were informed by the State Roads Engineer, the Board would not have to levy for Incorporated Towns as a portion of the Gas Tax was sent them directly from the State Comptrollers office. The Board asked their Attorney to report on this Law before time to make the Annual Levy.

William H. Neal, Sr., recently appointed Constable - at Large offered his resignation so he could accept a job in another County. The Board accepted the resignation.

A delegation of the Town Commissioners of five Towns in the County namely: Denton - Federalsburg - Ridgely - Preston and Greensboro, presented a resolution to the Board requesting the County proclaim this entire section on Daylight Saving Time in order that each town would not have to make an individual proclamation. The Board took no action as an opposition group asked to be heard before such action was made.

A delegation of the Caroline County Tax Ditch Managers Association was before the Board requesting a Twenty-five Hundred Dollar appropriation for a third dragline - the proposition being two draglines for tax ditches and one for private work. This would make the annual levy for this item amount to Seventy-five Hundred Dollars. The decision was left open pending a further discussion of the entire County levy.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned

TAX DITCH ORGANIZATIONS IN CAROLINE COUNTY  
FOR 1947

Spring Branch

Managers:

W. Byron Poore, Greensboro  
John W. Greenlee, Greensboro

Treasurer:

Carlton Carter, Greensboro

Cool Spring Ditch

Managers:

E. C. Gooden, Henderson  
Nathan Marvel, Marydel

Treasurer:

Charles A. Miller, Marydel

Ober-Schuyler Ditch

Managers:

Thomas Ober, Goldsboro  
Andrew Ultis, Henderson  
Harvey Hubbard, Henderson

Treasurer:

George M. Collier, Goldsboro

Bears Ditch

Managers:

John J. Horvath, Henderson  
J. W. Thompson, Henderson

Treasurer:

W. E. Stubbs, Henderson

Garey Mill Pond Ditch

Managers:

George Steward, Greensboro  
Freeborn Ellwanger, Greensboro

Treasurer:

Walter Steward, Greensboro

Forge Branch

Managers:

Charles Hammer, Greensboro  
J. Boone Jarrell, Ridgely

Treasurer:

John F. Stevenson, Greensboro

Hickman Ditch

Managers:

John Bacsak, Denton  
James E. Foxwell, Denton

Treasurer:

Leslie Scott, Denton

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Smith-Leslie Ditch

Managers:

J. Virgil Leslie, Marydel  
H. F. Thompson, Marydel

Treasurer:

Melvin Legates, Marydel

Upper Long Marsh Ditch

Managers:

Ralph Hall, Marydel

Treasurer:

Robert McGinnis, Marydel

Bottom Range Ditch

Managers:

E. Dukes Henning, Denton  
Martin C. Voss, Denton

Treasurer:

Thomas Wyatt, Denton

Burnt Mill Ditch

Managers:

Joseph Eaton, Hillsboro  
Harry R. Klotz, Ridgely

Treasurer:

Charles Hammer, Greensboro

Morgan Pike Ditch

Managers:

M. E. Potts, Hillsboro  
C. J. Kern, Denton  
Robert Macgrogan, Ridgely  
Linden Duffey, Greensboro

Treasurer:

Paul Fisher, Denton

Hynson Tax Ditch

Managers:

Butler Nichols, Federalsburg  
Fred Frase, Federalsburg

Treasurer:

John Whayland, Federalsburg

Jordan Branch

Managers:

W. H. Bramble, Federalsburg  
C. R. Clark, Federalsburg

Treasurer:

C. Jerome Brown, Jr.

Tanyard Branch Ditch

## Managers:

H. C. Stevens, Federalsburg  
James Ricketts, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Claude Liden, Federalsburg

American Corner

## Managers:

H. H. McMahan, Federalsburg  
H. L. Sullivan, Denton  
Alva Fishell, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Harry Tull

Marydel

## Managers:

James H. Scotten, Marydel  
H. R. Butts, Marydel

## Treasurer:

T. F. Heather

Bee Tree

## Managers:

Edward Schuyler, Henderson  
John Harris, Henderson

## Treasurer:

Clifton Walls, Henderson

Burrsville Ditch Main Prong

## Managers:

R. H. Stafford, Denton  
James Willoughby, Denton  
Joseph Bacsak, Denton  
Roland Corkell, Denton

## Treasurer:

Walter Cannon, Denton

Krueger-Butler

## Managers:

Leon C. Bulow, Preston  
W. F. Bennett, Preston

## Treasurer:

Conrad Fuchs, Preston

Miles Branch

## Managers:

Carl D. White, Federalsburg  
William Lane, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Guy Wheatley, Federalsburg

Broadway

## Managers:

H. D. Shively, Goldsboro  
John T. Milby, Goldsboro

## Treasurer:

Clifford Hughes, Goldsboro

Smithville

## Managers:

Dawson Liden, Federalsburg  
Norwood Melvin, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Elizabeth MacDonald, Denton

Henderson

## Managers:

Rudolph Spinka, Henderson  
John Radich, Henderson  
Louis Antal, Jr., Henderson

## Treasurer:

*Mary S. Coker*  
~~J. E. Vernon~~, Henderson

Twiford Meadows

## Managers:

Hobart Wheatley, Federalsburg  
W. G. Hassett, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Harry Collins, Federalsburg

Gravelly Branch

## Managers:

Joseph B. Kibler, Greensboro  
Clifford Shulties, Greensboro  
Frank Schreiber, Greensboro

## Treasurer:

James Ward, Greensboro

Schmick-Taylor

## Managers:

Edward Schmick, Preston  
O. M. Taylor, Federalsburg  
Henry A. Boevers, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

R. B. Turner, Preston

Harrington-Beaver Dam

## Managers:

T. J. Pippin, Marydel  
T. H. Richard, Marydel

## Treasurer:

Wright Robinson, Marydel

Tull Branch

## Managers:

Claude Howard, Federalsburg  
Byron Griffith, Federalsburg

## Treasurer:

Harvey Nichols, Federalsburg

Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association

## Managers:

Christian Nagel, Federalsburg (2 yrs.)  
Joseph K. Smith, Federalsburg (1 yr.)  
Perry Collins, Federalsburg (3 yrs.)

Joiner Branch Public Drainage Association

## Managers:

W. Richard Garey, Denton (2 yrs.)  
Robert L. Dulin, Denton (1 yr.)  
Alex Karpenski, Greensboro (3 yrs.)

Griffith Branch N. W. Prong Public Drainage Association

## Managers:

Lacy Meredith, Federalsburg (1 yr.)  
William Bailey, Federalsburg (2 yrs.)  
Christian Nagel, Federalsburg (3 yrs.)

Jonestown Public Drainage Association

## Managers:

Wm. Kleinwachter, Preston (3 yrs.)  
Emil Rieck, Preston (2 yrs.)  
Edwin Dietrich, Preston (1 yrs)

Piney Branch Public Drainage Association

## Managers:

Frank Stevenson, Ridgely (3 yrs.)  
Richard Blackburn, Ridgely (2 yrs.)  
Charles Dean, Ridgely (1 yr.)

Towers-Trice Public Drainage  
Association

Managers:

Brantley H. Trice, Federalsburg, (3 yrs.)  
Irving Trice, Federalsburg (2 yrs.)  
Leon Cox, Preston, (1 yr.)

Edinburgh Public Drainage Association

Managers:

William Jansen, Goldsboro (1 yr.)  
Robert McGinnis, Marydel (2 yrs.)  
Harold K. Shults, Henerson (3 yr.)

to meet Tuesday May 20, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 20, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 782 to 787 inclusive.

The Board of Education invited the Board of County Commissioners to meet with them next Tuesday morning to discuss the proposed School Budget for the new tax year 1947 - 48. The Board agreed to meet at 10:30 O'clock, A. M.

A delegation representing the Farm Bureau, the Farm Bureau Planning Groups and the Grange was before the Board in opposition to the County wide adoption of Daylight Saving Time. After hearing the opinions of this delegation and the one at a previous meeting in favor of it, the Board agreed, that while it is confusing to use both kinds of time in the same community, there was no ruling to permit them to change the time one way or the other - therefore no action was taken.

The Board set the dates for the general review of Assessments in the Fourth District for June 4 - 5 - 6 - 1947 from 10 to 2 o'clock.

The County Commissioners, with Mr. Hignutt not voting, appointed Sam Cloud as Constable-at-Large to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Neal, Sr.

The Tax Ditch Organization for 1947 was approved- see list attached hereto.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 27, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 27, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 788 to 816 inclusive.

Mr. Waldorf, the State Roads Engineer, presented a map to be signed by the Commissioners showing the reported County Roads.

✓ This map was duly signed and returned to the State Roads Commission.

Mr. Framptom was before the Board with a request to include in the next Budget an allowance for the Federalsburg Ambulance equivalent to the fund now allowed the Denton Ambulance which is \$200.00 per year.

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 3, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 3, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 817 to 826 inclusive.

The following Errors and Insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

State	\$ 9.59
County	<u>93.61</u>
	\$103.20

There being no other business at hand, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 10, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 10, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 827 to 841 inclusive.

Kemp L. Harper was appointed Constable for the Fifth Election District and his Bond was approved by the Board.

States Attorney James A. Wise was before the Board with a petition requesting that he be allowed Six Hundred Dollars in his expense for secretarial help. Inasmuch as the Budget for the coming year has not been made, no decision was given.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 17, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 17, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 842 to 850 inclusive.

The Bradley - Todd Tax Ditch Hearing was held in this office at 2:00 O'clock. The list of taxables was approved except for the John Nabb land which is not drained by the Ditch and therefore was stricken from the ditch levy.

Mr. George Clendaniel and Mr. W. Stewart Fitzgerald were before the Board and presented program and aims of the Recreation Association now being organized for the summer training of the teen-age children. It is their idea - both said - that it may in the future become a part of the regular school program and it was with this idea in mind that they appeared before the Board with this presentation.

Hearing was set for protests for additional assessments on new or re-developed properties, but there were no protestants.

The Board ordered "Pin-ball Licenses" printed in concurrence with a new Law passed last General Assembly.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday June 24, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 24, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 851 to 882 inclusive.

A hearing on the Coolspring Branch Tax Ditch was held. As only twelve of the taxables were present the approval of this Ditch was withheld until further notice.

The Board decided to meet in special Session on Saturday afternoon - June 28th - to make the levy for the coming year.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned until the next meeting.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 28, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board met in Special Session to fix the Tax Rate for the 1947 Levy. After making up the Budget of appropriations, the tax rate was set at \$1.30 on each \$100.00 of assessable property.

The Board then adjourned to meet in regular session on Tuesday July 1, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 1, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 883 to 892 inclusive, dated June 30, 1947 due to the fiscal year ending same date.

Mr. Hignutt then asked to be excused to attend the funeral of Mr. Henry Beck, former County Official.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 8, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 8, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1 to 15 inclusive.

The Drainage Viewers and Petitioners of the Fowling Creek Tax Ditch were before the Board for the regular hearing of the list of Taxables. The Ditch was approved by the Board as there were no protests.

Dr. Riley and Dr. Johnson of the State Health Department were before the Board notifying the Board of the transfer of Dr. Johnson to Dorchester County. In as much as there is no one available at this time to fill the vacancy caused by this action, Dr. Johnson will still continue as Health Officer in this County in a part time capacity.

Mr. DeWeese Carter was before the Board with a request that the Board investigate the matter of a summons from the Board of Health to Miss Ella Carter to install sanitary toilets on her property located near the Milk Plant. Upon consideration of this matter the Board took no action.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 15, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 15, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 16 to 32 inclusive.

The Board agreed to grant a permit for a Camp Meeting at the Union, M. E. Camp from Aug. 3rd to Aug. 10, 1947 inclusive.

States Attorney Wise was before the Board requesting a \$25.00 grant to pay an informer for information regarding a man in another State who is wanted in this State for murder. The Board refused the grant but suggested he contact and cooperate with the F. B. I. in this matter.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr. C. D. Lynch of Ridgely Md. for permission to submit his name as a nominee for selection of a Uniform Accounts Commission.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 22, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 22, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 33 to 45 inclusive except # 36 which is withheld being a duplicate.

The Board notified Dr. Johnson of the Health Department to appear before this body next Tuesday July 29th in order to better understand what action should be taken in the matter of the situation now existing between Miss Ella Carter and the Health Department, as presented in a previous meeting.

On letter received from Mr. Lynch saying he would rather not serve on the Md. Commission of Uniform Accounts, the Board contacted Senator Geo. W. Beck, who agreed to serve if selected.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet July 29, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

BOARD OF LICENSE  
COMMISSIONERS  
for  
CAROLINE COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

The Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County has adopted the following rules and regulations for the conduct of retail licensees in Caroline County, pursuant to authority conferred by Chapter 401 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1947.

The Board has the power and authority to suspend, revoke, or restrict licenses of all persons, firms, corporations or associations who wilfully violate any of these rules and regulations.

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR CAROLINE COUNTY

EMMETT HIGNUTT

C. JEROME BROWN

WEBSTER TODD

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No license holder shall sell any of the beverages described in said Act to any person under the age of 21 years; and any license holder selling such beverages shall do so at his own risk and shall take full responsibility that the person to whom the sale is made is over the age of 21 years.
2. No license holder shall sell any of the beverages authorized by his license to any person under the influence of liquor or beer or who shows the effects of such liquor or beer.
3. All licensees shall operate their establishments in such a manner as to avoid the disturbance of the peace, safety and quiet of the neighborhood where located. All unnecessary noises, including the playing of music, loud talking and singing at unreasonable times are prohibited.
4. No license holder shall permit any person to consume any alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises other than those where the license permits to be sold thereon.
5. No license holder shall have in his possession, nor shall there be in the possession of his agents, servants or employees, at any place on the licensed premises or in the building in which the licensed premises are located, any alcoholic beverages not per-

mitted to be sold under his license.

6. No person under the age of 21 years shall be employed by any license holder in the sale of the beverages permitted under this Act.

7. Every license holder shall be the actual owner or operator of the business conducted on the licensed premises.

8. No license holder shall permit patrons to consume any of the beverages permitted by his license after 12 o'clock midnight, except that such alcoholic beverages as have been purchased and paid for before the closing hour of 12 o'clock midnight may be consumed on said premises until one-half hour after said closing time, in the discretion of the proprietor. No patron shall be allowed to enter the premises of a license holder after the closing hour for sales of said beverages, and all patrons must leave the premises within the half-hour "grace period" herein allowed, except for the sale and purchase of food.

9. No license holder shall have any connection, whatsoever, with any manufacturer or wholesaler, nor shall any manufacturer or wholesaler have any interest, whatsoever, in the establishment or business of the retail license holder.

10. No license holder shall sell alcoholic beverages on the day of any general, primary or special election, and the word "day" is construed to mean the entire twenty-four hours of said day.

11. Every license holder shall display his license in a suitable frame placed on the wall in the main room of his establishment, in full view of the public at all times.

12. Every license holder shall provide separate toilet facilities for each sex and color and the approaches and entrances to said toilet rooms shall be separated as far as is practicable. Such toilet rooms must be kept clean at all times. All license holders having outside toilet facilities must have the building in which such facilities are located properly screened, and provided with self-closing doors and kept clean at all times.

13. No license holder shall employ on the licensed premises any person afflicted with an infectious or contagious disease or a convicted felon.

14. All license holders must properly screen the licensed premises during the warm months, when doors and windows are open, and must keep the kitchen and dining rooms on said premises free from rodents, flies and insects.

15. No license holder shall sell any of the beverages permitted to be sold under his license to any person or persons known by him to be, or whom he has reason to suspect of being a bootlegger for the purpose of unlawful re-sale without a license, and the frequency in which such person purchases said beverages and the quantities which he purchases shall be considered in determining whether or not such person is purchasing said beverages for the purpose of unlawful re-sale, and will be sufficient cause to put the said license holder on notice of inquiry in all of such instances.

16. Any license holder found guilty by the said Commissioners of violating any of the aforesaid rules and regulations, or of any rules or regulations which may hereafter be passed by the said Commissioners or of any other provision of this law, upon hearing of charges for

any such violation, will be subject to a suspension, restriction, or revocation of his license in such manner and for such duration as the Commissioners may prescribe and their decision in such cases shall be final.

17. No license holder shall be permitted to sell beer on Sunday. No beer shall be sold between the hours of 12 o'clock midnight and 7 A.M. on week-days.

18. Hotel in Caroline County shall be defined as any licensed public establishment having sleeping accommodations and/or serving food for consumption on the premises to the public.

19. Restaurant in Caroline County shall be defined as any licensed public establishment serving food for consumption on the premises to the public.

20. These rules and regulations shall take effect as of July 29, 1947.

Denton, Md. July 29, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 46 to 70 inclusive.

A permit to hold a Camp Meeting was granted to the Trustees and Stewards of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church of Ridgely, Md. ✓

In regard to the case of the Sanitary toilet installation existing between the Health Department and Miss Ella Carter, as reported in a previous meeting, Dr. Johnson stated there was no intent to be discriminatory in the matter and Mr. DeWeese Carter, speaking for Miss Ella, stated the toilets would be installed as requested.

The Board adopted a set of New Regulations for the Local Beer License Board, in which capacity they also act. A copy of the regulations is on file in this office. ✓

The assessment on the real estate of Edw. S. Cowen was reduced by \$100.00 by the Board. Mrs. Cowen was before the Board regarding this matter. ✓

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 5, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 5, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 71 to 86 inclusive.

The Board agreed to allow the Treasurer, Wm. S. Orme, the differences between control and detail of delinquent taxes for the years 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46 and 1946-47 on County and automobile assessments. ✓

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 12, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 12, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 87 to 98 inclusive.

The Board agreed to allow the Clerk of the Court to make his report and refund of License fees annually to the Commissioners of Caroline County instead of monthly.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 19, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 19, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 99 to 106 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 26, 1947.

Full Board present.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 26, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 107 to 135 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 2, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 2, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 136 to 146 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Sept. 9, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 9, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'Clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 147 to 152 inclusive.

Application for permit to hold a Colored Church Camp at Thomas-  
town was approved and permit mailed to Rev. McQueen.

Mr. Rogers appeared before the Board regarding action on Cool-  
spring Ditch. The Board suggested that this matter be held in abey-  
ance until a future date, Mr. Rogers to write letters to interested  
parties to that effect and leave copy in this office.

Application was made by Dukes and Doris Meeks for a commitment  
of son Thomas Aquilla Meeks to Rosewood Training School. Application  
approved and commitment granted. Mr. Meeks is to pay the County  
share of maintenance.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Sept. 16, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 16, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 153 to 160 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 23, 1947.

The Clerk to the Board hereby expresses her thanks and appreciation for a most enjoyable vacation.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 23, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 161 to 179 inclusive.

Eight Tons of Fertilizer, 3-12-6 analysis, was ordered sent to the County Farm for barley and wheat.

A Delegation from the Nuttle Lumber & Coal Co., recently incorporated, with their Attorney was before the Board to ask that a Resolution be passed by this Board to exempt raw materials of Corporations from assessment and taxation. The Board reserved decision until their next meeting.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 30, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

EMMETT HIGNUTT, President  
C. JEROME BROWN  
WEBSTER TODD

} Commissioners

RACHEL COLLISON, Clerk

K. THOMAS EVERNGAM, Attorney

OFFICE OF THE  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
OF CAROLINE COUNTY

DENTON, MARYLAND, \_\_\_\_\_ 194

WHEREAS, by Section 7 (24) of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as enacted by Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1943, raw materials on hand and manufactured products in the hands of the manufacturer in any city and/or County of this State may be exempt from county and/or city taxation, provided the same is made exempt by law, resolution, or ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County, concurring in the policy permitted in the statute aforesaid, deem it advisable, for the purpose of encouraging the growth and development of the manufacturing industry in Caroline County, thereby promoting the general welfare of said County, do exempt from assessment and from county taxation in this State all raw materials in the hands of the manufacturer in Caroline County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, That, beginning on October 1, 1947 and thereafter, all raw materials on hand in Caroline County, Maryland, owned by any person, firm or corporation, and used or to be used entirely or chiefly in connection with manufacturing in Caroline County, shall be exempt from assessment and from county taxation in this State.

AS WITNESS, the seal of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, and the hands and seals of its Commissioners.

ATTEST:

Emmett Hignutt (s)

President

Rachel Collison (s)

Clerk  
Seal

C. Jerome Brown (s)

Passed September 30,  
1947

Webster Todd (s)

County Commissioners of Caroline  
County, Maryland

Original filed with State Tax  
Commission.

Denton, Md. Sept. 30, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 180 to 211 inclusive.

After consideration of the request of the Nuttle Lumber & Coal Co. at the last meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt a resolution to exempt from assessment and taxation the raw materials of Corporations and instructed their Attorney to present such Resolution at the next meeting for approval and signature, said Resolution to become effective Oct. 1, 1947. ✓

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 7, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 7, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 212 to 221 inclusive.

The Board agreed to buy a new stove for Judge Dobson's office and either sell or trade in the old one, which is too small to be advantageous. ✓

The Board agreed to raise the Salary of Judge Dobson \$100.00 per year making the annual Salary \$1300.00 ✓

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 14, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Omitted from above meeting: The following Errors and Insolvences were allowed: County taxes (1944) \$1.15, (1945) \$1.12, (1946) \$1.37, (1947) \$ 203.47. State Taxes (1947) \$ 10.41.

*RC*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 21, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 250 to 256 inclusive.

David Holsinger was before the Board requesting this body appoint a Special Sheriff or Constable to preserve Law and Order in the Seventh District since the shooting incident occurring at his place early in September. The Board reserved action until a later meeting.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 28, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 28, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

Bills # 257 to 264 inclusive were approved for payment.

Morgan K. Bennett was before the Board requesting repair of about 200 yards of Hog - Island -- Tanyard road. Mr. Bennett assured the Board he would agree to pay the difference in the price of the gravel between the actual cost and the State limit. The Board agree to get in touch with Mr. Waldorf and have the place in the road fixed.

Mr. Townshend and Mr. Waldorf were before the Board in regard to the County Roads program. The Committee and the Board revised the road construction program for 1947-48 and advised the State Roads Commission same by detailed letter, copy of which is on file in this office. The Board at this time also discussed with Mr. Townshend and Mr. Waldorf their feelings on the rights of way acquisition in this County and made certain recommendations concerning same. The State Roads Commission was advised by letter of these recommendations - copy

Denton, Md. Nov. 18, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills 314 to 319 inclusive.

A Right of way to build a piece of road at the end of the Hog Island road was ordered recorded among the Land Records of Caroline County. The original grant is on file in the office of H. Waldorf, County Engineer.

Commitment certificates were approved to send Sarah Jane Evans to Rosewood Training School and Sallie Bradley to the Eastern Shore State Hospital at Cambridge.

The Board approved the bid which was submitted by Kirkman W. Short to repair and paint the Court Room for the sum of Five Hundred, Fifty Dollars.

The following Board of Viewers were appointed to serve on the Northwest Prong of the Griffiths Branch Tax Ditch:

H. L. Sullivan	Denton, Md.
Brantley H. Trice	Federalburg, Md.
R. Lee Murphy	Preston, Md.

Two of the managers on the Bradley - Todd Ditch were before the Board requesting said ditch be eliminated from the Tax Ditch program. The Board requested a letter to this effect be signed by the Board of Managers and filed in this office.

The Board allowed the following Errors and Insolvencies to the County Treasurer:

State	\$ 579.59
County	<u>2913.36</u>
Total	\$3492.95

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 25, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 25, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 320 to 350 inclusive, save and except # 336 which was voided.

Notices were ordered sent to J. Leon Todd and Clarence Parker to appear before the Beer License Board on Tuesday Morning Dec. 2, 1947 at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

A letter was received from the Managers of the Bradley-Todd Public Drainage Association requesting the County Commissioners to rescind all action taken in connection with the drainage of this ditch and to cancel the levy for ditch taxes on said ditch, the Board of Managers agreeing to pay the costs involved to date. The Commissioners took favorable action on this request and instructed the Treasurer to cancel the taxes levied against the ditch.

Mr. Harris, at the County Farm, asked for lime for one field. The Board agreed to order same.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 2, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 2, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 352 to 366 inclusive.

Mr. Waldorf, County Engineer, was before the Board requesting one or more members to meet with him and the Dorchester County Roads Board. Mr. Hignutt agreed to attend the meeting with him which was scheduled for Thursday Dec. 4, 1947.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 9, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 9, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #367 to 381 inclusive.

An application for committment to send Mary Johns to the Ritchie Hospital was approved by the Board and returned to the Health Department.

The Board agreed to order six mattresses for the Jail.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 16, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 16, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 382 to 390 inclusive.

The Bond of Trial Magistrate Chas. H. Dobson was approved by the Board.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 23, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 23, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 391 to 403 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Dec. 30, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 30, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 180 to 211 inclusive.

After consideration of the request of the Nuttle Lumber & Coal Co. at the last meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt a resolution to exempt from assessment and taxation the raw materials of Corporations and instructed their Attorney to present such Resolution at the next meeting for approval and signature, said Resolution to become effective Oct. 1, 1947.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 7, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 7, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 212 to 221 inclusive.

The Board agreed to buy a new stove for Judge Dobson's office and either sell or trade in the old one, which is too small to be advantageous.

The Board agreed to raise the Salary of Judge Dobson \$100.00 per year making the annual Salary \$1300.00

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 14, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

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*RC*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the County Commissioners of Caroline County was held on October 9, 1947 at 6:30 P. M. , which meeting was called by Emmett Hignutt, President. Present were Commissioners Emmett Hignutt and Webster Todd. Commissioner C. Jerome Brown was notified to be present but was unable to attend due to being out of the County.

Upon request of the Commissioners of Ridgely, and pursuant to Provisions of Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1947, the Sheriff of Caroline County was authorized and empowered to employ and appoint up to SIX deputy sheriffs to serve in Ridgely and up to SIX deputy sheriffs to serve in Federalsburg, at a salary of Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day, as may be necessary for law enforcement due to the current strikes and public disorders in said Towns.

The Special Meeting was then adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 14, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 222 to 249 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 21, 1947.

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 31, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 250 to 256 inclusive.

David Holsinger was before the Board requesting this body appoint a Special Baliff or Constable to preserve Law and Order in the Seventh District since the shooting incident occuring at his place early in September. The Board reserved action until a later meeting.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 28, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 28, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

Bills # 257 to 264 inclusive were approved for payment.

Morgan K. Bennett was before the Board requesting repair of about 200 yards of Hog - Island -- Tanyard road. Mr. Bennett assured the Board he would agree to pay the difference in the price of the gravel between the actual cost and the State limit. The Board agree to get in touch with Mr. Waldorf and have the place in the road fixed.

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There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 4, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 4, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 285 to 299 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to  
meet Wednesday Nov. 12, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 12, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 300 to 313 in-  
clusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday Nov. 18, 1947.

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 18, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Everett Hignett  
C. Jerome Brown  
Walter Todd

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Total	\$3492.95

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 25, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 25, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 320 to 350 inclusive, save and except # 336 which was voided.

Notices were ordered sent to J. Leon Todd and Clarence Parker to appear before the Beer License Board on Tuesday Morning Dec. 2, 1947 at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

A letter was received from the Managers of the Bradley-Todd Public Drainage Association requesting the County Commissioners to rescind all action taken in connection with the drainage of this ditch and to cancel the levy for ditch taxes on said ditch, the Board of Managers agreeing to pay the costs involved to date. The Commissioners took favorable action on this request and instructed the Treasurer to cancel the taxes levied against the ditch.

Mr. Harris, at the County Farm, asked for lime for one field. The Board agreed to order same.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 2, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 16, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 382 to 390  
inclusive.

The Bond of Trial Magistrate Chas. H. Dobson was approved  
by the Board.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday Dec. 23, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 23, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 391 to 403  
inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to  
meet Dec. 30, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 2, 1947

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 352 to 366 inclusive.

Mr. Waldorf, County Engineer, was before the Board requesting one or more members to meet with him and the Dorchester County Roads Board. Mr. Hignutt agreed to attend the meeting with him which was scheduled for Thursday Dec. 4, 1947.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 9, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 9, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #367 to 381 inclusive.

An application for commitment to send Mary Johns to the Ritchie Hospital was approved by the Board and returned to the Health Department.

The Board agreed to order six mattresses for the Jail.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 16, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 16, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 382 to 390 inclusive.

The Bond of Trial Magistrate Chas. H. Dobson was approved by the Board.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 23, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Dec. 23, 1947.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 391 to 403 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Dec. 30, 1947.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 6, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 428 to 445 inclusive.

After a conference with Judge Knotts and Mr. Horsey, Clerk of the Court, the Board ordered the Clerk to give notice to Miss Spafford to vacate the office she now uses in the Court House in order that facilities may be made ready for the use of the Court, particularly a retiring room for the Ladies of the Jury.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County

Treasurer:	Nov. 1947 - State tax	\$ 1.78
	County tax	<u>53.63</u>
		\$55.41
	Dec. 1947 - State tax	\$ 17.85
	County tax	<u>248.83</u>
		\$ 266.68

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Jan. 13, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 13, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 446 to 471 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Jan. 20, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 20, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 472 to 482 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Jan. 27, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Jan. 27, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 483 to 507 inclusive.

The Clerk to the Board was directed to notify the Board of  
Managers of the Edinburgh Public Drainage Association to elect  
the Manager or Managers on the ditch whose terms had expired.  
This was in compliance with a request from a delegation of taxables  
on the Ditch appearing before this Board.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Feb. 3, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 3, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 508 to 520 inclusive.

The Board signed a lease between the County Commissioners of  
Caroline County and J. DeWeese Carter and Ella M. Carter for  
office quarters for Miss Bessie M. Spafford - Home Demonstration  
Agent. A copy of the Lease is on file in this office.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet

Tuesday Feb. 10, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 10, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present; Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 521 to 532 inclusive.

The Board was notified the following Managers were elected  
on the Edinburgh Public Drainage Association:

William I. Rhodes	3 years
Harold K. Shults	2 years
Robert McGinnis	1 year

Mr. Horsey of the Clerks office and Mr. West of the Office of the Orphans Court were before the Board with respect to closing the County Offices on certain Holidays as set aside by the State as Legal Holidays, on which days the above mentioned offices are closed. The Board agreed to respect these Holidays and close the County offices on such days.

The Board approved an erroneous assessment on Bel Whit Products Inc. State tax \$25.43, County tax \$330.59 as recommended by the State Tax Commission.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 17, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 17, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 533 to 540 inclusive.

The following three men were appointed to act as the Board of Viewers on the Jordan Branch Ditch:

J. Edwin Rosser  
J. O. Williams  
Harold Layton

Miss Spafford was before the Board regarding Janitor service at her new office and an allowance on the Venetian Blinds in her office. The Board agreed to allow her \$20.00 for the Blinds, but did not allow for the Janitor service as no ne has been provided for the other County offices outside the Court House.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 24, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Feb. 24, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 541 to 564 inclusive.

The Board authorized the Welfare Board additional money in the amount of \$43.50 for care of Dawson H. Roe for one month only.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 2, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 2, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

Bills # 565 to 581 inclusive were approved.

A delegation of taxables on the Griffith's N. W. Prong Tax Ditch was before the Board to know why the prong is being re-organized. The Board requested the delegation to wait until the meeting on the ditch was called and get the proper understanding at that time.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 9, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 9, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 582 to 588 inclusive.

A delegation of residents was before the Board presenting a petition allowing rights of way and requesting a new road known as the Goose Pond road to be included in the next road program plan by the County.

Aside from complaints about the condition of the dirt roads, which the County Engineer is getting repaired as quickly as possible, there was no other business.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 16, 1948.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk.

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Denton, Md. March 16, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills 589 to 595 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday March 23, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 23, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 596 to 604 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday March 30, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. March 30, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 605 to 629 inclusive.

Mr. U. Lee Harmon was before the Board to ask if he could  
get the dragline to clean out his private ditch. The Board agreed  
they could give him no definite answer as to the time in view of  
the long tax ditch program already scheduled for the machinery.

The Farm Bureau presented a recommendation - not at a reg-  
ular meeting - that an advisory Board of Farm Bureau members meet  
with the County Commissioners to approve the County Roads program.

The Board did not approve this plan and turned down the recommendation of the Farm Bureau Advisory Board.

Dawson Roe was before the Board for financial help. He wanted \$40.00. In view of the fact that he is not eligible for assistance from the County Welfare Board and his family physician claims he is competent, the Board refused the request.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 6, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 6, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 630 to 646 inclusive.

H. K. Shults was before the Board to get permission to move a portion of the line of the Edinburgh Ditch out of the way of the R E A power line. This permission was granted provided it did not change the length of the ditch.

A delegation from Federalsburg was before the Board to get about one mile of road hard - surfaced from the Town limits of Federalsburg towards the Dorchester line. As most of this particular road is in Dorchester County and this same delegation is to appear before their Board, this Board agreed to match to this milewhatever service the Dorchester Board gave to the balance of the road.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 13, 1948.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk.

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Denton, Md. April 13, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 649 to 664 inclusive. Wilbert Voss of Federalsburg was approved by the Board as an applicant as patient at the Ritchie Hospital.

David King and Melvin Kinnamon were approved as State Forest Wardens in the First District.

A delegation from the Town of Goldsboro - after having a disastrous fire and being desirous of organizing a fire Company - came before the Board for financial aid. The Board suggested they contact Senator Beck and submit a bill for their allotment during the coming special session of the State Legislature.

Miss Clopper of the Welfare Board was asked to do a financial investigation on Antonia Silveria, recently admitted to Eastern Shore State Hospital from Easton Memorial Hospital as an emergency patient.

Mr. Langford of the Extension Service submitted the Budget for the Japanese Beetle Control for the 48 - 49 levy. An increase of \$150.00 was shown on the request as no Federal Funds are available for use of this project. The Board withheld approval of the Budget presented.

C. C. Oliphant of Laurel, Del., roofers were contacted by the Board and instructed to repair the roof on the Inmates Home at the County Farm.

Tax Ditch Organizations presented a list of their officers for the year 1948 -49.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed by the

Board:	State	\$ 4.65
	County	64.96
		<u>\$69.61</u>

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 20, 1948.

Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 20, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 665 to 680 inclusive.

The Board authorized Mr. Fletcher, the County Sanitarian to see that proper sanitary facilities were installed on grounds where Camp Meetings are held.

On hearing that one of our local Welfare workers, who has been doing a commendable job for 18 months or more, is subject to replacement by an "eligible" worker from out of the County, the Board recommended to the State Director of Public Welfare that an exception be made and Mrs. Osteen, our present worker in question, be given the required examination so she may be accepted as eligible.

A Farm Bureau delegation was before the Board regarding the appointment of a Road Advisory Board and to request that taxes be raised as much as 10¢ per \$100.00 to allow the County to buy machinery to work the roads. The Board agreed that since the State maintains the roads, the County would not levy extra money to buy machinery for the State use. The Advisory Board ~~idea~~ was also turned down.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 27, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. April 27, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present; Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #681 to 705 inclusive.

The Clerk and Attorney to the Board of Election Supervisors were before the Board to get a salary schedule for the Election officials. The Board agreed to allow the Clerks and Judges of Elections \$10.00 per day with 60¢ per hour allowance for aver-

time, and to allow \$6.00 per day rental for polling places including cost of putting up booths.

After an investigation on Antonia Silveria by the local Welfare Board which showed he had no funds, the Board committed him to the Eastern Shore State Hospital as a County charge.

Mr. L. J. Redden, representing Walter E. Harrold, was before the Board requesting payment for damages done to a tractor from falling through a broken place in the road. The Board did not allow the damages due to the fact the road was not reported to the County Engineer as needing repair.

Mr. John Rue and Joe Ross were before the Board requesting a special permit to sell Beer at the Armory for two days the Guard is holding Open House. Because the State Law will not allow such a license in Caroline County, the Board refused the request.

A representative of the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. presented a new contract for the lights on the Denton Causeway at a flat rate per year instead of a metered rate which constitutes an approximate savings of \$25.00 per year. The Board signed the contract.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 4, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 4, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 706 to 721 inclusive.

The petition presented by the taxables on the Mt. Zion tax Ditch was not approved by the Board pending a conference with Mr. Layton of the Caroline Soil District and Mr. Rogers, the County Agent.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 11, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 11, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 722 to 850 inclusive.

The Board agreed to allow a salary increase of \$7.50 monthly to the Secretaries of the Trial Magistrates beginning with the May salary.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the Treasurer:

State	\$ 11.02
County	<u>211.03</u>
	\$222.05

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 18, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 18, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 851 to 861 inclusive.

A delegation representing the Goldsboro Volunteer Fire Company was before the Board with a request for an appropriation bill for \$1400.00 annually as other fire companies and also for an emergency fund for immediate use. The Board approved the bill for the annual appropriation but did not allow the emergency fund.

The Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester and Caroline Counties met in joint session to settle an agreement on the Hunting Creek County line bridge. These bodies agreed to erect a new bridge 18 feet wide and agreements were drawn up and signed by both Boards.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 25, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. May 25, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 862 to 894 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday June 1, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 1, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 895 to 904 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday June 8, 1948.

Mr. Brown <sup>was</sup> absent because of State Convention in Baltimore.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 8, 1948.

The Commissioners met 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #905 to 922 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were approved:

State	\$ 7.81
County	<u>110.69</u>
	\$118.50

Cpl. Gus Koste of the Md. State Police was before the  
Board to request the County pay the service charges on a phone  
to be used in the Caroline County Detachment Headquarters.

The Board agreed to pay for the service until the State funds were available but said phone service is not to include any toll calls.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 15, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 15, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P;M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 923 to 933 inclusive.

The application of Johnson Bonner of Preston for forest warden was approved by the Board.

The Board recommended the appointment of G. H. Fooks as County Maintenance Engineer of the State Roads Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Harry Waldorf.

The Board directed the Clerk to write to Dr. Riley of the State Health Dept. in compliance with requests from various civic organization to appoint a deputy Health Officer for Caroline County.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 22, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 22, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 934 to 947 inclusive.

The Board of Drainage Viewers of the Noble - Brown Public Drainage Association held a public hearing of the taxables on the Ditch before the Commissioners for the purpose of approving said

ditch. All the taxable land owners being present or represented and being in favor of its organization - the Board of County Commissioners approved the ditch.

Resolutions of respect in the memory of Mr. Harry Waldorf were ordered put in each County paper and a copy sent to the immediate family.

A lease was signed between J. DeWeese & Ella Carter and the County Commissioners for the use of an office to hold conferences and meeting for the County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent.

The Chamber of Commerce of Denton presented a resolution expressing the opinion of that organization in regard to the need of a Senior High School System for the County.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet in Special Session to fix the tax rate on Saturday June 26, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

#### Special Meeting

The County Commissioners of Caroline County met in Special Session on Saturday June 26, 1948 at 2:00 o'clock P. M. to fix the Tax Rate for the 1948 Levy. After making up the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate was set at \$1.25 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis. The rate fixed by the State is \$.1113 on each \$100.00.

The Board adjourned to meet in regular session on Tuesday June 29, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. June 29, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 948 to 997 inclusive.

The Board approved the following errors and insolvencies:

State	\$ .42
County	<u>6.70</u>
Total	\$7.12

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday July 6, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 6, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1 to 14 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday July 13, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 13, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 15 to 32 inclusive.

George S. Clendaniel, Jr. recent farm owner and Ditch taxable  
was appointed manager on the Edinburgh Public Drainage Association  
to replace W. I. Rhodes, resigned.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday July 20, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. July 20, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 33 to 45 inclusive.

The County Commissioners confirmed the election of Everett Gambrill, C. Jerome Brown and Norman Glime as managers of the Noble - Brown Public Drainage Association as of Friday July 16, 1948.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 27, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md., July 27, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 46 to 75 inclusive.

Mr. Hignutt being absent, no other business was transacted.

The Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 3, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug. 3, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 76 to 98 inclusive.

The Board agreed to accept a right of way for a county road now being laid out in a new building subdivision by Wm. S. Orme. Resolutions to be drawn up and signed when deed for same is executed.

The Board also agreed to refund Elias W. Nuttle \$100.00

for resurfacing a part of Tenth Street not in Corporate Town Limits.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 10, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 10, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 99 to 111 inclusive.

A delegation was before the Board to ask that the Commissioners do what they could to give priority to the Jones Corner road on the current road construction program. The Commissioners ordered the Clerk to send a letter to the State Roads Commission with this request.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 17, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 17, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #112 to 121 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 24, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 24, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 122 to 125 inclusive.

The only bid submitted for painting exterior woodwork on the Court House was opened. The price on the bid was \$980.00 and being considered too high by the Board, was held over.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 31, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Aug. 31, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 125 to 150 inclusive.

Miss Phyllis Beauchamp was appointed clerk to the Supervisor of Assessments, at a salary of \$1500.00 per year. She will assume duty Sept. 20, 1948.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 7, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 7, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills 151 to 161 inclusive.

The County Commissioners agreed to paper the living room and hall and repair porches at the County Farm, after having visited there in the morning.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 14, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 14, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 162 to 165 inclusive.

The County Welfare Board Committee was before the Board with a request of \$1700.00 additional funds for the year or for \$400.00 for the current use.

The Board denied both requests but did allow funds already levied to be transferred from one category to another.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 21, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 21, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #166 to 178 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 28, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Sept. 28, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 179 to 222 inclusive.

The Commissioners agree to grant \$1700.00 additional funds for salary of Health Officer in order to get one full-time in this county. Delegations from all Service Clubs in the County met with the Commissioners to hear Dr. Robert H. Riley - Mr. James P. Slicher, Dr. Carl S. Huff and Dr. Harry B. Smith discuss the Health program and its need for a full time Health officer.

The Board agreed to allow funds not to exceed \$751.50 for grading, shaping and applying two applications of asphalt and stone chip on the road and gutter leading from High Street to the Colored High School.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 5, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 5, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 223 to 242 inclusive.

A letter was sent to the State Roads Commission expressing the desire to have construction of the Andersontown - Jones Corner Road expedited. The County Commissioners agreed to make up the deficiency in the County share of construction cost of this road under the minimum standards.

The following error was allowed the County Treasurer to

be credited to his 1947-48 account: State .69  
County 8.97  
\$9.66

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 12, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 12, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 243 to 261 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Oct. 19, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 19, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 262 to 274 inclusive.

The Board agreed to continue using the 1940 census to pro  
rate the tax raising revenue to the Incorporated towns.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Oct. 26, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Oct. 26, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 275 to 300 inclusive.

Due to the next regular meeting day being the day of the  
General Election, the Board decided to meet on Monday Nov. 1, 1948.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 1, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 301 to 316 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 9, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 9, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 317 to 345 inclusive.

The Board allowed the Treasurer the following Errors and  
Insolvencies on uncollected taxes:

1947 -	State	2.39
	County	<u>39.52</u>
		\$41.91

1948-	State	142.99
	County	<u>1171.49</u>
		\$1314.48

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 16, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 16, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 346 to 461 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 23, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 23, 1948.

The Commissioners Met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 462 to 474 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 30, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 30, 1948.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 475 to 504 inclusive.

Mr. Rogers, the County Agent, was before the Board to request that the Commissioners give consideration to the fact that an assistant County Agent could be hired for Caroline County if the Board agreed to levy \$1700 for one-half the salary beginning July 1, 1949. The Board agreed to allow the \$1700.00 in the levy for the coming year.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 7, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 7, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 505 to 519 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 14, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 28, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 546 to 576 inclusive.

A request from a delegation from in and around Preston asked that the Preston Constable be made Constable-at-Large. The Board denied the request because the County already has the required number of two Constables-at-Large.

The Commissioners of the town of Greensboro requested a survey be made of the population of the new portion of town just taken into the corporate town limits, for the purpose of receiving additional "<sup>per capita</sup> ~~pro rata~~" funds from the racing revenue. The Board agreed to the survey and asked the Town Commissioners to certify their findings to this office.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 4, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 4, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 577 to 595 inclusive.

The Board granted an additional levy of \$115.35 to the General Public Assistance program for the care of one indigent person until July 1.

A delegation from West Denton was before the Board to get ten lights for the populated area just over the Bridge. Inasmuch as the County does not pay for any lighting except over a traffic lane, the Board denied the request.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 11, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

*Omitted from Jan 4. minutes*

*The Board approved the personal bond of Samuel E. Cloud in the amount of 4000.00, after the previous bond having been cancelled by E. Shea, Orme agent, and released by the County Commissioners. R.C.*

Denton, Md. Nov. 23, 1948.

The Commissioners Met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

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There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 30, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk.

Denton, Md. Nov. 30, 1948.

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Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

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There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 7, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 7, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 505 to 519 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 14, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 14, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 520 to 532 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 21, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 21, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown

Mr. Todd was absent due to illness.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 533 to 545 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, December 28, 1948.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

The minutes of the December 28 and January 4 meetings  
will be found on page 158.

Denton, Md. Jan. 11, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 596 to 622 inclusive  
except # 612 which was omitted.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, January 18, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 28, 1948

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 546 to 576 inclusive.

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The Commissioners of the town of Greensboro requested a survey be made of the population of the new portion of town just taken into the corporate town limits, for the purpose of receiving additional "<sup>per capita</sup> ~~pro rata~~" funds from the racing revenue. The Board agreed to the survey and asked the Town Commissioners to certify their findings to this office.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 4, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 4, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 577 to 595 inclusive.

The Board granted an additional levy of \$115.35 to the General Public Assistance program for the care of one indigent person until July 1.

A delegation from West Denton was before the Board to get ten lights for the populated area just over the Bridge. Inasmuch as the County does not pay for any lighting except over a traffic lane, the Board denied the request.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 11, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

*omitted from Jan 4. minutes*

*The Board approved the personal bond of Samuel E. Cloud in the amount of 4000.00, after the previous bond having been cancelled by E. Ives Orme, agent, and released by the County Commissioners. R.C.*

Denton, Md. Jan. 18, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 623 - 642 inclusive.  
The following errors and insolvencies were approved:

1947	State	4.73	1948	State	14.61
	County	64.03		County	187.12
		<u>68.76</u>			<u>201.73</u>

The Board agreed to have the walls and ceiling of the office of the State Roads Commission, in the Court House, repainted and notified Mr. Fooks, the maintenance engineer, to have work started at once.

A letter was ordered written to the State Dept. of Public Welfare for an eligible list of members to serve on the Welfare Board to replace two resignations effected by removal from State.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 25, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 25, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 643 to 674 inclusive.

A resolution was passed recommending that the State Roads Commission erect a new garage and workshop on the property the State Roads Commission recently purchased in Denton; due to the inadequacy of the present county shop and garage, a communication stating this resolution and request was forwarded to the State Roads Commission.

The Board agreed to organize an additional spur to #5 Tributary on the Noble-Brown Fox Ditch.

A delegation of about seventeen men in the Seventh Election District was before the Board concerning the road situation in that District and made the following presentation:

WHAT WE HAVE

1. No lead roads into Ridgely improved (macadam).
2. Roads traveled by school buses in terrible condition.
3. Feeder roads into lead roads are very badly in need of repair and graveling.

WHAT WE WANT ( not necessarily in order as presented).

1. Holsinger lane from Ridgely to crossroads by George Butler Farm to be macadamized 1.5 miles
  2. Continuation of macadam on Mason's Branch road to Masons Branch 1.8 miles
  3. Macadamize road from Ridgely along Railroad to Brick House Corner and from there to Crouses Mill Pond road with the ultimate aim to complete macadamization on to the Mill Pond 2.5 miles
- Total. . . 5.8 miles

4. Improve the Feeder roads to the above macadam roads, particularly those traveled by School buses, with regular grading and drainage to make them reasonably smooth

WHY WE WANT ABOVE REQUESTS

1. Repairs to automotive traffic could be paid in Taxes.
2. Substantial improvements to a short distance of road each year will give us better roads and in the long run save Taxpayers more money.
3. If the State Roads Commission cannot furnish enough equipment to properly grade and drain our roads at the proper time, we suggest that the County purchase equipment to do this.
4. Ridgely is the only incorporated town in Caroline County that does not have one foot of macadam road leading into it.

The Board appreciates the sentiment of the delegation but could give no definite answer as to when said requests could be included in the road construction program due to lack of funds.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 1, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Feb. 1, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 675 to # 697 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 3, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Feb. 8, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 693 to # 711 inclusive.

The following names were approved and notified of appointment to serve as Directors on the County Welfare Board:

Mr. William B. Collier      Henderson  
Rev. J. Francis McDonough      Ridgely

The Resolution regarding the County road in the Orme Development was signed by the Commissioners and is herewith attached.

Letters were ordered written to Senator Beck and Delegates McDaniel and Banning asking certain changes in bills now before the General Assembly namely :

1. The club License for Beer & Light Wines, have the light wines stricken out and the fee and regulations for operation be the same as Class B Licenses.
2. That the law relating to the \$ 200.00 flat sum to Greensboro be repealed as other laws have made this one obsolete.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the Treasurer on 1948 tax Collections:

State . . . . .	\$ 1.79
County. . . . .	32.50
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	\$ 34.29

There being no other business the Board agreed to meet on February 15, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. February 15, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 713 to 718 inclusive.

There being no other business the board agreed to meet on Monday, February 21, 1949-; Tuesday being a Legal Holiday.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

RESOLUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY KNOWN AS "SUBDIVISION  
OF THE WILLIAM S. ORME LAND", SOUTH DENTON.

WHEREAS, William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme have cause to be surveyed and laid off in building lots a certain tract of land adjacent to the Town of Denton known as "Subdivision of the William S. Orme Land", a plat of said property as surveyed being duly of record in Liber D.R.H. No. 109, Folio 229, one of the Land Record Books for Caroline County, which survey shows a street or roadway leading southerly from Second Street Extended, south of Denton, and also certain other streets or roadways, as appear on aforesaid plat, and,

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of February, 1949, the County Commissioners of Caroline County did agree to accept such street or roadway leading southerly from Second Street Extended and also those other certain streets or roadways as shown on said plat, for County Road purposes, all of which will appear by deed from the said William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme, his wife, to The County Commissioners of Caroline County bearing date the 8th day of February, 1949 and of record in Liber D.R.H. No. 112, Folio 181, one of the Land Record Books for Caroline County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, that in consideration of the grant to them of the aforesaid street or roadway leading south from Second Street Extended, and also those other certain streets or roadways as appear on aforesaid plat, and as referred to in aforesaid deed, that upon proof of payment by the said William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme of expenses for improving aforesaid roadways or streets, the County Commissioners of Caroline County will reimburse said William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme to the extent of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) of such expense of grading and improving said roads and streets, to be paid to the said William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each building erected upon said lots fronting on aforesaid roads or streets, for the first twelve (12) lots so improved.

Ernest Hignett  
Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

County Commissioners of  
Caroline County.

Denton, Md. Feb. 31, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 719 to 742 inclusive.

Walter Morris was appointed constable of the Fourth Election District and his personal bond was approved by the commissioners.

There being no other business the Board agreed to meet on Monday, March 1, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 1, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
Webster Todd  
C. Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 743 to 758 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 8, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 8, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 759 to 770 inclusive.

Mr. Calvin Lynch was before the Board expressing his views as opposed to the School Board issue now being discussed by the Public-at-Large. As the County Commissioners have never been contacted in any particular concerning this matter, the Board accepted the view of Mr. Lynch without comment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 15, 1949

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 771 to 784 inclusive.

The Board approved the Bill now being proposed before the General Assembly calling for a Bond issue of \$ 750,000.00 for Schools providing the bill carried a referendum for vote in the General Election of 1950.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 22, 1949.

Full Board present.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 22, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 785 to 790 inclusive.

The Board changed their opinion on the School Bond Issue Referendum from the General Election of 1950 to a special Election, to be held in May 1949, if the bill becomes a law.

The following three men were appointed the Board of Viewers on the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association:

Ralph Meredith  
Emitt Potts  
Stephen Wood

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 29, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 15, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment of Bills # 791 to 800 inclusive.

✓ The 1949 managers on the organized Tax Ditches for Caroline County were approved.

The Board appointed the following three men as a Board of Viewers on the Pike Morgan Public Drainage Association:

Henry Kern  
John W. Altfather  
Irvin T. Sparalin

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 5, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 5, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 O'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 829 to 851 inclusive.

Mr. Charles A. Hammond, Town Baliff of Ringely, was appointed Constable for the Seventh District.

John Robert Payne, Beer Licensee, was ordered to appear before this Board April 12, at 2:00 P.M.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 12, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 12, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 852 to 865 inclusive.

The Taxables and Viewers on the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association met with the Board for approval of the Organization. Calvert Merriken asked to be eliminated as the ditch does not touch his land. E. R. Colhee wanted the ditch straightened and put on line of his farm. Mr. Bradley wanted No. 20 F. eliminated. Of the 58 taxables 15 voted against the organization. The Board did not approve the set-up as it now stands.

John Robert Payne was before the Board as ordered last week and warned to take every precaution against selling Beer to minors.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 19, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 19, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
Webster Todd  
C. Jerome Brown

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

The Board approved for payment bills # 864 to 871 inclusive.

A representative from Haskins & Sells, accountants submitted their estimate for the 1949 audit. The figure being considerably higher than previous years, the Board withheld decision until contact with other firms could be made.

The Beer License of Lula Dunlavy was suspended for 90 days or until the first Tuesday in August.

Mr. H. H. Rieck, W. S. Carroll & Clayton Roe were before the Board requesting additional money for the Caroline District as follows:

\$ 1500-\$ 1600 more per year to operate two draglines.

\$ 7000-\$ 8000 on new dragline.

The Board took no action on this request.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 26, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 26, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment bills # 872 to 893 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 3, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 3, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for Payment Bills # 894 to 923 inclusive.

The Bonds of Trial Magistrates Wright and Johnson were approved.

The following two Constables-At-Large were appointed:

Floyd H. Porter  
Frank Dennis

The County Commissioners designated May 24, 1949 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. E. S. T. as the date of the Special Election to be held in Caroline County pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 501 of the acts of 1949.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 10, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 10, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
Webster Todd

Mr. Brown was absent due to urgent business in Baltimore.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 924 to 943 inclusive.

The following men were appointed District Constables:

Charles A. Hammond---Seventh  
Walter Morris-----Fourth  
C. Kemp Stewart-----Sixth

*Their Bonds approved and ordered recorded.*

The Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County today designated the Special Election Notice which was ordered to be published in all the four weekly newspapers published in Caroline County, Maryland, in conformity with Chapter 501 of the Acts of 1949.

The Bond of Harold Klehold, substitute Trial Magistrate, was approved.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 17, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 17, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 943 to 950 inclusive.

Howard Usilton, Sheriff of the town of Greensboro, was appointed Constable of the Second District.

The list of taxables on the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Tax Ditch, held up since April 18th, was approved by the Board. *Co. Agent Rogers ordered by Board to notify taxables on Ditch of the Boards approval.*

After hearing figures from several different accounting firms for the Annual County Audit, the Board agreed to let Mr. Joel Mott do the work for his submitted price of \$ 950.00

The Board agreed to allow Sherman L. Tribbitt, County Treasurer, the sum of \$ 143.62 which was an overall amount on Tax sale property.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 24, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 24, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 951 to 976 inclusive.

Howard Usilton, Bailiff of the Town of Greensboro, was appointed constable for the First *and* Second Election Districts; his Bond approved by the Board and ordered recorded by the Clerk of the Court.

John Frederick Jarvis, Beer licensee, having been found guilty of selling Beer to minors by the Court, was called before the Board and his license suspended until the first Tuesday in July, 1949.

A delegation from the Caroline Soil District requested that additional money be included in the 1949-50 levy to allow \$1300.00 additional for maintenance and \$ 8000.00 toward the purchase of a new dragline. The Board agreed to allow the \$ 1300.00 for maintenance and to allow \$ 4000.00 in the 1949-50 levy and \$ 4000.00 in the 1950-51 levy towards the purchase of the new dragline.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 31, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison

Denton, Md. May 31, 1949

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 977 to 992 inclusive.

Mr. Everngam, Attorney to the Board, and Mr. Fitzgerald, Supt. of Schools, met with the Commissioners to discuss the \$ 750,000 School Bond Issue which was approved by popular vote at the Special Election on May 24th, 1949. The County Commissioners of Caroline County authorized Mr. Everngam and Mr. Fitzgerald to take the necessary steps for the issuance of the Bonds for the \$ 750,000 School Loan.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 7, 1949.

*Rachel Collison, clerk*  
Rachel Collison

Denton, Md. June 7, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 993 to 1131 inclusive.

Mr. Redden and Mr. Smith, representing the Caroline Bar Association, were before the Board requesting this Body to consider laying a covering over the cement floor in the vault of the Clerks office. The Board recommended Mr. Redden to contact Mr. Cooper and Mr. Coulby to submit prices on the types of covering suitable for the purpose. There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 14, 1949.

*Rachel Collison, clerk*  
Rachel Collison

Denton, Md. June 14, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1132 to 1150 inclusive.

The Board approved the appointment of Claude H. Towers-Ridgely and Charles Dean,-Preston as Forest Wardens in their respective districts.

The Election of the following members of the northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association was duly approved by the Board for the stated terms.

Wm. F. Bailey - 3 years  
Lacey Meredith - 3 years  
Chris Nagel - 1 year

The County Treasurer was allowed errors and insolvencies as follows:

1947	County Taxes	5.85
1948	State Taxes	21.91
1948	County Taxes	262.99
Total		\$ 290.75

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 21, 1949.

*Rachel Collison, clerk.*  
Rachel Collison

Denton, Md. June 21, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1151 to 1155 inclusive.

A delegation of taxables, namely: Andrew M. Malick, Lane Hughes, Harry P. Willis, Lee McMahan, Virgil Andrew, Roland McMahan, Harold Andrew, Earl Towers, James L. Jones, Carl Reagan W. F. Bailey, Erman J. Bradley and Kemp Noble; of the N.W. Prong of the Griffith Branch Ditch was before the Board to request a *revaluation* of the property benefitted by the Tax Ditch, inasmuch as some of the taxables have felt their assessment is excessive. The Commissioners approved the request and appointed the three following men as Viewers to go upon the lands and reevaluate same:

Harry L. Sullivan . . . . Denton  
R. Lee Murphy . . . . . Preston  
Hudson Taylor . . . . . Preston

*Mr.* Paul Nystrom, Associate Director of Extension Service of the University of Maryland and Mr. Rogers, County Agent were before the Board to present and ask consideration for a project now in process of formation. This plan is to have a colored county agent and Home Demonstration agent to work among the Colored people of Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester Counties, the office of each agent being centrally located. The Board was also asked to give consideration to a request to include \$ 300 in the coming levy for part of the maintenance and control of the project.

Mr. Fitzgerald, County Superintendent of Schools presented the Board of Education's appointment of Malone and Williams as architects for the \$750,000.00 School Construction project. The Board approved the appointment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 28, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 28, 1949  
The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock, P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1156 to 1193 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County

Treasurer:		
	1948 State taxes	\$ 12.39
	" County "	181.50
		<u>\$193.89</u>
	1947 State taxes	\$ 3.21
	" County "	59.87
		<u>\$ 63.08</u>

The County Commissioners passed a resolution " That all raw materials, including poultry being reared and conditioned for processing in poultry processing plants in Caroline County, Maryland, owned by any person, firm or corporation in connection with manufacturing including poultry and chicken processing plants, located in Caroline County Maryland, shall be exempt from assessment and from County taxation". A copy of said resolutions was ordered sent to the State Tax Commission. 1949-2

The County Commissioners passed an order rescinding the decision ( dated April 12-1949 approved May 17-1949 ) on the Northwest Frong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association and further ordered the new Board of Drainage Viewers to proceed with their duties and a viewing of said tax ditch land as provided by law. Original order filed-copies mailed to Attorney for appellants and Attorney to Commissioners.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet in Special Session Thursday, June 30th to set the Tax Rate for the coming year.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

The County Commissioners of Caroline County met in special session on Thursday, June 30-1949 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. to fix the Tax Rate for the 1949-50 Levy. After making up the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate was set at \$ 1.30 on each \$ 100.00 of assessable basis. The rate fixed by the State is \$ .1115 on each \$ 100.00.

The Board adjourned to meet in regular session on Thursday, July 5, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 5, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1 to 24 inclusive.

The County Commissioners ordered a letter written to the Superintendent of the Rosewood Training School refusing the release of Adrian Fishell, incompetent to his mother.

Charles T. Bean, Frank M. Stevenson and Richard Blackburn were before the Board on behalf of the Piney Branch Public Drainage Association to borrow \$ 5500.00 on the faith and credit of said Tax Ditch. The Commissioners passed a resolution granting the above named men the right to borrow the necessary money on the Ditch.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 12, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland, July 12, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #25 to 50 inclusive.

The Board agreed to put a new furnace in the County Jail, converting the present coal stoker to an oil burner. Offers for bids were extended to S. D. Crouse, Denton; *Diamond Supply Co. Denton.* Leroy Nichols, Federalsburg; and J. Frank Patchett, Preston. The date of finality for the bids is July 19, 1949.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 19, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, clerk

Denton, Md. July 19, 1949

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 51 to 60 inclusive.

Upon investigation of the home life and financial status of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Fishell Sr. the Board authorized the release of their son, Adrian, Jr. from the Rosewood State Training School to them.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 26, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 26, 1949

The County Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

Mr. Hignutt absent due to business out of town. The Board approved for payment Bills # 61 to 96, Inclusive.

The Board granted a permit to the Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church and the Trustees of the Bell Chapel to hold Camp meetings on their grounds.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 2, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. August 2, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 97 to 106 inclusive.

The Board allowed the following errors and insolvencies to the County Treasurer:

State tax	\$ 5.57
County tax	<u>\$62.50</u>
	\$68.07

A delegation from the Caroline Poultry Council was before the Board to ask that a poultry veterinarian be located in Caroline County

due to the uprise of disease in the poultry industry. The Board discussed the expense of having a full time veterinarian and agreed — that as it would be <sup>a costly</sup> proposition-to ask the Poultry Council to confer with the Dorchester County Commissioners in regard to sharing one between the two Counties. The delegation consented to this offer and to bring in a report of their findings at a later meeting.

Mr. Porter, constable at Large, was called before the Board in regard to his mileage from Federalsburg to Harmony. The Board told him they would pay him for only one trip daily from Harmony to Federalsburg or from Harmony to Denton.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 9, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. August 9, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 107 to 124 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 16, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. August 16, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 125 to 140 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 23, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland August 23, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 141 to 150 inclusive.

The Board passed a resolution stating that Finished products are not exempt from County tax. Copy of the resolution sent to the State Tax Commission.

The Board agreed to let the Piney Branch Tax Ditch remain as planned and approved by the Board at the original organization meeting.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 30, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. August 30, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 151 to 193 inclusive.

Wm. R. Hallowell was called before the Board and warned not to sell Beer to persons already under alcoholic influence. This warning was made after ~~after~~ complaints were made before the Commissioners and Hallowell was cautioned that further complaints would call for suspension or revocation.

There being no other Business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. September 6, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 194 to 207 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 13, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept. 13, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 208 to 220 inclusive.

The Managers of the North Prong of the Griffith Branch Tax Ditch ~~was~~ were before the Board for approval of a resolution to borrow \$ 1000.00 from the Peoples Bank on the faith and credit of the North Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association. The Board approved the request.

Fred C. Brown was low bidder on the contract to paint the exterior wood and metal trim of the Court house. His price was \$ 600.00 - the next low bid was \$700.00.

The County Commissioners passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Whereas, on September 13th, 1949, the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County did request of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, One hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ( \$187,500 ) from the Grant-in-Aid Fund under Chapter 502, laws of Maryland, 1949, and Five Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ( \$562,500 ) from the General Public School Construction Loan of 1949, under Chapter 488 of the Laws of Maryland 1949; and

WHEREAS, this request was in agreement and concurrence with the program of school needs as promulgated by the Board of Education of Caroline County; and

WHEREAS, local funds are currently unavailable;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, that it approve, and does hereby approve, of the building projects for which financial assistance is requested of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland; and

FURTHERMORE, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby declare its intention of entering into the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland in order to participate in said state financial assistance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of this Board be directed to promptly forward to the Board of Public Works a certified copy of this resolution.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

SEAL'S PLACE

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

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Clerk to the County Commissioners of  
Caroline County

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 20, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept. 20, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 221 to 225 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, September 27, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept. 27, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

Mr. Hignutt absent to attend funeral of a neighbor.

The Board approved payment of Bills #226 to 278 inclusive.

The Board agreed that Dr. Hupp still receive his salary  
as Health officer while he is on leave of absence for study at  
Hopkins University, provided Caroline County be supplied with a  
satisfactory substitute Health officer. There being no other  
business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 4, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Oct. 4, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 279 to 304 inclusive.

Two tributaries added to the Piney Branch Tax Ditch were approved.

The Baker Printing Company was awarded the bid to print the  
auditors report for the year ended June 30, 1949.

A Memorial Portrait of the late Hon. Chief Judge J. Owen Knotts  
was unveiled in the Court Room on Monday afternoon the 3rd of October  
and the following words of acceptance by Mr. K. Thomas Avernum -  
attorney for the Commissioners were ordered spread upon these minutes:

"Speaking for and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County and as their attorney, we take great pride in presenting this portrait of the beloved Chief Judge J. Owen Knotts.

The present Board of County Commissioners, for themselves and their successors in office, do hereby obligate themselves to preserve protect and take custody of this fine portrait. Suitable minutes will be spread upon the official record of the Board to this effect.

Representing all the citizens of Caroline County as they do, the County Commissioners have requested me to say for them, that they appreciate this gift which the family of Judge Knotts have so graciously tendered. It will be a living reminder of a great man who was a credit to his family, to his friends, and to Caroline County."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Oct. 11, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 305 to 317 inclusive.

Mrs. Fisher who rents a building to the State Health Department was before the Board stating she was having difficulty in receiving rentals and asked to know why this should occur. The Board ordered a letter written the State Dept. asking for some explanation as certain monies are set aside specially for rentals.

The board approved the removal of the shutters from the County Jail as soon as possible to find someone to do so.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Oct. 18, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Oct 18, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment bills # 318 to 331 inclusive.

The Board allowed the Treasurer the following errors and insolvencies:

1949	State taxes	204.01
"	County "	2487.79
1948	" "	3.13
1947	" "	<u>3.25</u>
	Total	2698.18

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 25th, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Oct 25, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present, Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 332 to 383 inclusive.

At the hearing, before this Board of the taxables on the Henderson Tax Ditch four taxables objected to the proposed ditch due to a misunderstanding of notices mailed. The Commissioners ordered a review of these properties involved and also ordered a new hearing of the taxables. There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 1, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 384 to 401 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 8, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 402 to 418 inclusive.

The Drainage Viewers review of the Henderson Ditch was presented and the Board ordered a new hearing set for Tuesday, November 22, 1949 at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. Fitzgerald was before the Board to find the sentiment of the County Commissioners to borrow money for repairs to schools independent of the \$750,000 school Construction Bond issue ahead of the State availability of the money on the School Construction Bonds. The Board reserved a decision until a conference could be held with their attorney.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 15, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 15, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #419 to 427 inclusive.

Mr. Everngam, attorney to the Board notified the Commissioners of a joint meeting with the School Board and their attorneys on Thursday evening Nov. 17th at 8:00 o'clock in this office to discuss the issue of borrowing money.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 22, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved Bills #428 to 434 inclusive.

A hearing on the re-survey of the taxables on the Henderson Tax Ditch was held; the taxables or their proxies being present. After hearing the taxables- pro and con - the Commissioners reserved the decision until Nov. 29th.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Nov. 29, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #435 to 476 inclusive.

A request was granted the County Welfare Board to transfer funds from one category to another as the need arises during the present fiscal year.

The Commissioners approved the report of the resurvey of the Henderson Tax Ditch, heard last Tuesday. All taxables were notified and Dec. 12, 1949 date was set for election of the Board of Managers.

The County Commissioners agreed on a course of action to take concerning the financing of the School Construction program until such time as there was a necessary outlay of money to necessitate Bonding the County for the \$750,000. This procedure was taken to save the expense of issuing more than one series of Bonds and to expedite the Construction program. Letters were sent the members of the Board of Education - the Superintendent and their attorney giving them this information.

The Welfare Board was granted an increase of \$120.00 on heat and rent to be allowed on the 1950-51 levy.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 6, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

December 6, 1949 Denton, Md.

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #477 to 497 inclusive.

Six taxables on the Henderson Tax Ditch who were apposed to its organization were before the Board to ask if the Board could not reconsider rescind its decision on the approval of said organization. After conferring with Mr. Eversgan, Attorney to the Board, the Board stated it was not in their power to rescind the decision and therefore would stand as approved.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 13, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. December 13, 1949

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills \$498 to 516 inclusive.

Mr. Rogers requested consideration of the purchase of a projector and screen for use of veterans farm training, adult education and other extension work. Because this work is very pertinent to our way of life in the County the Board allowed Mr. Rogers to proceed with the purchase and arrange for contract payments.

The Board of Viewers of the Piney Branch Public Drainage Association petitioned the Commissioners for permission to borrow \$862.00 on the Tax Ditch. The Board signed the required certificates.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

State Tax	1943	\$	2.36
County Tax	1943		39.64
County Tax	1944		39.68
County Tax	1945		90.73
County Tax	1946		214.63
Total Allowances.....		\$	387.04

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 20, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 20, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #518 to 529 inclusive.

Mrs. Beulah Carter of the Welfare Board explained to the Commissioners that the Emergency Session of the Legislature in December appropriated \$300,000.00 additional money for grants to "employable relief." This money is to be divided into the counties where matching funds are available. Inasmuch as the unemployment situation in this County appears not to be strategic, the Commissioners decided not to make application for the State funds in this category.

Mr. Van Sant Returned the Treasurers Bond for approval of the Board as it has to be re-recorded to conform to the letter of the Law.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported to the Board it was necessary to make application to the State for \$200,000.00 between now and July 1. The application was ordered submitted.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Dec. 27, 1949

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
C. Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills #530 to 570 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned at 3:30 P.M.  
to meet Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1950.*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 3, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #571 to 593 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned at 3:30 P.M.  
to meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1950.*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 10, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
~~C. Jerome Brown~~  
Webster ToddMr. Brown Absent to attend a funeral. The Board approved for payment  
Bills # 594 to 605 inclusive.

The Board allowed the following insolvencies to the Treasurer:

1949	state tax	6.98
"	County "	108.75
1948	State "	.78
"	County "	11.25
1947	County "	<u>2.60</u>

Total \$ 130.36

There being no other business the Board adjourned at 3:30 P.M.  
to meet Tuesday, January 17, 1950.*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 17, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster ToddThe Board approved for payment Bills # 606 to 623 inclusive  
except #610 to 611 which was marked void.There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1950.*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. January 24, 1950

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 624 to 639 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Jan. 31, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 640 to 685 inclusive.

Mr. Paul Nuystrom of the University of Maryland Extension Service introduced Beatrice Bianchi and Eliot Robbins to the Board. <sup>They are</sup> colored extension workers who are to work among the colored groups of Dorchester-Talbot and Caroline Counties.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on  
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1950

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. February 7, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 686 to 703 inclusive.

The Board approved the following error and insolvency allowances to the County Treasurer:

1948 State Tax	.22
1948 County Tax	2.50
1949 State Tax	6.44
1949 Co. Tax	94.45
	<u>\$ 103.61</u>

*Mr. Lacy Meredith, a manager of the Suffolk Branch Public Drainage Assoc., appeared before the Board stating he no longer wished to serve as manager. The Board accepted his resignation. There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1950. Called by phone and requested Mr. Murphy be left on as manager. Mr. Murphy is left on as manager. Carl Reagan, appointed by Board in place of Lacy Meredith.*

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison

Denton, Md. February 14, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 704 to 717 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on  
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. February 21, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 718 to 721 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. February 28, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 722 to 765 inclusive.

The taxables on the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association met to organize a tax ditch but as there were some protests about acreages and some of the taxables on tributaries wanted to be eliminated, the Board requested a review of the ditch and a new hearing was set for Tuesday, March 14, 1950.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 7, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 7, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 766 to 781 inclusive.

A seven man delegation was before the Board to request that the Wilkins Bridge be relocated as it makes traffic hazardous. The Board had to inform the delegation there were no funds either to rebuild or relocate the Bridge, that the existing bridge would be kept in repair for the time being.

The Board agreed to help finance a memorial to World Wars I and II Veterans on request of Marvin H. Smith on the recommendation the overall cost of said monument would not be in excess of One Hundred and Fifty dollars.

The Board allowed the following errors and insolvencies:

1948 state tax	6.68
County tax	75.00
1949 state tax	5.85
County tax	69.36
	<u>\$ 156.89</u>

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 14, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 782 to 806 inclusive:

The taxables on the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association met for a re-adjustment review continued from February 28th. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Merrick reported the changes made and a vote was taken and taxables marked by yes or no. The Board withheld its decision until Tuesday, March 21, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 21, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 807 to 814 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 28, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. March 28, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #815 to 837 inclusive.

The Board approved the organization of the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 4, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 4, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 868 to 885 inclusive.

Mr. U. G. Todd filed application for organization of a tax ditch to be known as the Jones Corner Public Drainage Association.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, April 11, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 11, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #886 to 900 inclusive.

The 1950 officers on the Tax Ditch Organizations were approved by the Board and are on file in the Tax Ditch file.

Marvin H. Smith, Commander of the American Legion Post presented a plan for a memorial to be erected in honor and memory of the Veterans of World War I and II. The Incorporat<sup>ed</sup> Town Boards and the County will be contacted to help share the cost approximat<sup>g</sup> \$250.00. The Board agreed to pay \$100.00 towards the cost.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday April 18, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 18, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #901 to 914 inclusive.

Seven Tons of Ground limestone was ordered for the County Farm for the land to be put in corn.

A delegation of the following:

Mrs. Mary Horsey	- Homemakers Club
Mrs. Lynch	- Associated Farm Women
Miss Edwina Rosser	- 4-H Clubs
Mrs. Sarah Covey	- 4-H Leader
Mr. Harry Rieck and Mr. J. O. Williams	- Youth Leadership

was before the Board to request that \$1800.00 be included in the 1950 levy to be used for the salary and travel of an assistant Home Demonstration Agent for Caroline County. The Board reserved a decision until more study could be given the budget for the coming year.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 25, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 25, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 915 to 962 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 2, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 2, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 963 to 979 inclusive.

The appointment of Emory Walston as forest warden for the county was approved by the Board and confirmation sent the District Supervisor of Forests and Parks.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 9, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

May 9, 1950 Denton, Maryland

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved the payment of Bills #974 to 996 inclusive.

The Commissioners sat as a Board of Control and Review to hear complaints on the assessments of additional new buildings of taxpayers not previously assessed.

Mrs. Morsey and Mrs. Lynch were back to see what action had been taken regarding the levying of additional funds for an assistant Home Demonstration Agent. Inasmuch as state funds for this item would not be available until the 1952 levy the Board agreed no action could be taken this far in advance of the actual need.

Mrs. Carter of the Welfare Board asked this Board for permission to use enough of the unexpended funds in any category of the welfare distribution program to buy a dictaphone for their office, which would cost approximately \$1000.00.

The clerk was instructed to write to the State Dept. of Budget and Procurement to say that there was not a great enough need in this county to set up a relief distributing station to give surplus commodities to persons on relief and did not wish to participate in the program.

The Board approved the following errors and insolvencies charged to the County Treasurer.

1949 county tax	1300.00
1949 State tax	3.53
1948 county tax	4.38
1948 state tax	<u>.28</u>
Total	\$ 1308.19

Articles of dissolution of the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association filed here May 2, 1950 were presented to the Board, who turned same over to attorney to the Board for advisement.

Griffith Branch (H.W. Prong) Public Drainage Managers Bailey, Nagel and Reagan requested approval to employ an attorney to take legal action against Elmer Cohee and any owners necessary to carry out their duties as Managers. The Board approved the request of action of the managers.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 16, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 16, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

In the morning the Commissioners traveled the county with the Caroline Soil District Board to view the work done on the drainage program.

The Board approved for payment bills #997 to 1008 inclusive.

Mr. John Magruder, Miss Spafford and Mr. Rogers of the University of Maryland Extension Service presented the proposed budget for the 1950 levy.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 23, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 23, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment bills # 1009 to 1016 inclusive.

Two and one-half tons of fertilizer was ordered for the County Farm .

A hearing of the petition of dissolution of the Tuckahoe Public Drainage was set for July 25, 1950 at P.M.E.D.T. and a notice was ordered put in the paper and individual notices sent to taxables, Viewers and managers of said ditch.

A permit was granted to the Preston Volunteer Fire Co. to hold a Carnival from July 31 to Aug. 7, 1950 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Monday, May 29, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

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Denton, Md. May 29, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett H. Nutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board met this day due to the regular meeting day being a Legal Holiday.

Bills # 1017 to 1054 inclusive were approved.

The following resolution regarding the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association was passed:

Resolution of Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, passed at its' meeting on May 29, 1950, in order to clarify the Board of Managers of the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association.

On February 7, 1950, Lacy Meredith resigned and the Board of County Commissioners appointed Carl Regan in his place & stead on the same date.

On April 11, 1950, the Board of County Commissioners appointed persons to fill all the vacancies in all the twenty five (25) drainage associations in Caroline County, & for the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association appointed Christian Nagel for a term of three (3) years to succeed the vacancy on said Board of Managers caused by the expiring term of Chris Nagel. As is usual we confirmed the appointment of the other Board of Managers for the balance of their term to wit: Carl Regan for 1 year (to succeed Lacy Meredith, resigned) and William Bailey for 2 years.

On May 9, 1950, the Board of County Commissioners by their Resolution intended to confirm the prior appointments, so that there would be no question that the members & terms of said Board of Managers would be:

Christian Nagel for 3 years  
William Bailey for 2 years  
Carl Regan for 1 year (in place of Lacy Meredith, resigned)

The Commissioners requested, Mr. Everngam, Attorney to the Board, to ask advice of the Circuit Court in regard to the decision in the case of William Temple Dean at the Oasis and to report back at their next meeting.

Dr. Welty presented the Budget of the Caroline Health Dept. for adoption into the 1950-51 levy. He also reported the resignation of Dr. Hupp, our Health officer and the efforts of the State Health Dept. in replacing him.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 6, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 6, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #1055 to 1082 inclusive.

The job of making the annual audit of the County was given to Mr. J.A. Mott for the sum of \$850.00.

The Clerk was ordered to notify Wm. Temple Dean to appear at a hearing on June 20th at 2 P.M. to show cause whether his Beer License should be suspended or revoked. Notices of said hearing ordered sent to Dean's attorney (Mr. VanSant) and to States Attorney, J.A. Wise.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 13, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 13, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1083 to 1095 inclusive.

The Board unanimously agreed that it would not approve any ditch organized prior to the 1941 new drainage law unless a resolution signed by the managers of the ditch in question was presented to this Board stating the necessary funds for the work to be done on said ditch was posted with the Treasurer of Caroline County prior to the actual beginning of work.

The Board allowed the following errors and insolvencies:

1949	County taxes	\$172.00
1949	State "	11.24
1948	County "	66.87
1948	State "	5.62
1947	County "	37.70
1947	State "	<u>2.90</u>

Total taxes \$296.33

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 20, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 20, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1096 to 1105 inclusive.

A permit to hold a Camp Meeting was granted to the official Board of the Union (Colored) Church near Goldsboro.

Wm. Temple Dean was called before the Board to show cause why his Beer License should not be suspended or revoked after he had been found guilty on violation charges by the Circuit Court. Because there is an appeal pending the Board reserved decision.

The Board members of the Fire Companies of Denton and Federalsburg were before this Board requesting \$500.00 additional levy to each company for ambulance maintenance. The Board took no action but offered consideration at the levy meeting.

Mr. Rogers, County Agent, wanted permission to move his office out of the Court House but the Board agreed not to rent additional outside offices at this time.

The Board agreed to sit in special session on Saturday, June 24, 1950 to make up the Budget and set the County Tax rate for the year beginning July 1, 1950.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Saturday, June 24, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 24, 1950

Special Meeting of County Commissioners

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The County Commissioners of Caroline County met in Special Session on Saturday June 24, 1950 at 9:00 o'clock to fix the Tax Rate for the 1950-51 Levy. After making up the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate was set at \$1.30 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis. The rate fixed by the State is \$ .1239 on each \$100.00.

The Board adjourned to meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 27, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 27, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1106 to 1158 inclusive.

The Board allowed the Treasurer the following errors & insolvencies:

1949 County taxes	\$ 82.87
1949 State "	2.54
1948 County "	108.31
1948 State "	6.37
1947 County "	115.79
1947 State "	<u>6.15</u>
Total taxes	\$322.01

The taxables and Viewers on the Marien-Bolt tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Marien-Bolt Public Drainage Association."

The taxables and Viewers on the Ober-Pruitt tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Ober-Pruitt Public Drainage Association".

The taxables and Viewers on the Hughes-Andrews tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Hughes-Andrews Public Drainage Association."

A permit to hold a camp meeting was granted to the official Board of the Mt. Zion Methodist (Colored) Church.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Monday, July 3, 1950 instead of the 4th which is a legal Holiday.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 3, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1 to 12 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 11, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 11 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #13 to 39 inclusive.

The taxables on the Ober- Pruitt Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Tyro Pruitt to serve 3 years  
Frank Ziemenski to serve 2 years  
Charles Downes to serve 1 year

The Board approved this action.

The taxables on the Marien-Bolt Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Jos. Marien to serve 3 years  
Tyro Pruitt to serve 2 years  
Elmer Bolt to serve 1 year

The Board approved this action.

The taxables on the Hughes- Andrews Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Lane Hughes to serve 3 years  
Roland McMahan to serve 2 years  
Virgil Andrews to serve 1 year

The Board approved this action.

Wm. and Anna Frettered were before the Board by reason of a complaint entered against the order kept at the Tower Grill-their place of business. The Board warned them they must maintain law and order at all times inside and outside on their premises, as a second complaint would cause license to be suspended or revoked.

The Board approved the request to transfer funds between categories in the Welfare Distribution program.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 18, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 18, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 PM.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 40-74 inclusive.

Mr. Marvin Smith asked for permission to use the Courtroom for an open meeting for the Republican party on Friday evening, July 28, 1950. Permission was granted.

Mr. Greenwood, County Chairman for the Maryland Commission for Youth reported a meeting will be called to approve committees to organize a youth program in this county.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 25, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 25, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 PM.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills #75-122 inclusive.

The Bonds for the County Treasurer and deputy were approved and ordered immediately filed.

A permit to hold a camp meeting was granted the official Board of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church.

Mr. Talmage Strong was given permission to remove the dead holly tree from the front yard of the Courthouse for the wood.

A public hearing of the taxables of the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association was held for the organization. The viewers, managers, and a majority of the taxables were present. The majority vote was in favor of dissolution but the Board reserved a decision until August, 1st.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 1, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug 1 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 123-134 inclusive.

The Board affirmed the vote of the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association taxables, to dissolve the organization and ordered the required notice put in the newspaper.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 8, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug 8, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 135-152 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 15, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug 15, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 153-163 inclusive.

The appointment of Fred F. Wright as a Forest Warden for Caroline County was approved.

Miss Mattie Smith of the local Health Dept. was before the Board requesting admission to Deers Head Hospital for Mrs. Zula V. Cherry. The Board assured her as soon as necessary financial investigations were made, the commitment would be approved.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Aug 22, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug 22, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present : Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 164-~~170~~<sup>169</sup> inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Aug 29, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Aug. 29, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present : Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 170 to 209 inclusive.

The taxables and Viewers on the Willis- McMahan tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Willis-McMahan Public Drainage Association."

The agreement between the State Board of Education and the State Board of Public Works which will make available to Caroline County the sum of Five-Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Dollars, under the provisions of the "General Public School Construction Loan of 1949," was approved and signed by the Caroline County Commissioners.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1950

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept. 5, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 210 to 224 inclusive.

Mr. Lee W. Noble of Preston was appointed to serve on the local Welfare Board in place of C. Brooks Nagel who found it impossible to serve.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept 12, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 225 to 239 inclusive.

A petition signed by ten leading colored citizens of the county was presented requesting an appropriation of \$300.00 for Extension work among the Colored people. As there was a confusion of the purpose of this appropriation, no action was taken at this time.

The taxables on the Willis- McMahan Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Harry P. Willis to serve 2 years.  
Lee D. McMahan to serve 1 year.

The Board approved this action.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. Sept 19, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 PM.

Present : Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd

The Board approved Bills # 240-243 inclusive.

Mr. Brown absent due to business.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 26, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 244 to 404 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, October 3, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 3, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 405-438 inclusive.

The Grand Jury report for the October term of Court was  
filed with the Commissioners.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, October 10, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 10, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 439 to 452 inclusive.

Fertilizer and lime was ordered for the County Farm.

The Commissioners concurred with Governor Lane's Proclamation  
to have the week of October 15-21 known as Business and Professional  
Women's Week.

Mr. H.H. Downes appeared in behalf of the American Legion to  
know why the American flag is not displayed on the county school  
buildings. The Commissioners referred Mr. Downes to the School

Board for further consideration.

The County Treasurer was allowed the following errors and insolvencies on the tax roles:

State tax	\$ 17.20
County tax	<u>260.11</u>
	277.31

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 17, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 17, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 453 to 472 inclusive.

The printing of the annual county audit was awarded to the Baker Printing Company and 250 copies ordered printed.

The following letter was ordered sent to the County Treasurer regarding the money on deposit for the Public School Construction:

Oct. 17, 1950

Sherman L. Tribbitt,  
County Treasurer of Caroline County  
Denton, Maryland  
Dear Mr. Tribbitt:

It has been called to our attention that the over \$500,000 which was received for Caroline County's share of the state school bond issue for new school construction in this county has been deposited in a local depository without interest. It has also been stated to us that this money will not all be necessary for some months, as school construction proceeds.

We have been informed that this money ( or a portion thereof) might be invested in some form of government securities, which would pay some interest to the county and recoup part of the interest being paid by the county on the school bonds.

We are advised that the Board of County Commissioners has no authority or control over this money, but this power is vested in the County Treasurer. We do not pass on the advisability or merits of this matter but are referring it to you as County Treasurer for such action as you deem legal and proper.

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A copy of a letter dated October 5, 1950, from C. A. Riebling, Vice President of the Equitable Trust Company of Baltimore to E. Theodore Orme, Cashier of the People's Bank of Denton, is enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

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There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 24, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 24, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Webster Todd  
Jerome Brown

The Board approved for payment Bills # 473 to 482 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 31, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

\*(Omitted from above)

The petition to establish the Brickyard Public Drainage Association was filed with the Board and the following Viewers appointed:

Lane Hughes - Federalsburg  
Virgil Andrew- "  
Carl Reagan - "

R.C. *Rachel Collison, clerk*

Denton, Md.  
Oct 31, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 482 to 525 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, Nov. 6, 1950.

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 6, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown

Mr. Todd was absent to attend a funeral.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 526 to 547 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 14, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 548 to 688 inclusive.

Robert Lane was committed to the Eastern Shore State  
Hospital at Cambridge, Maryland.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 21, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 689 to 699 inclusive.

A delegation from in and around Preston asked to have a  
heavy duty black top road built on the Preston cut-off which is  
about one and one-half miles long from the Coffman's Tydol  
filling station to the state road at Hudson Taylor's place. The  
Board reserved decision.

The Board ordered notice to bid on painting the interior  
of the Court House put in the Denton Journal this week.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 28, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
C. Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 700 to 743 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
Dec. 5, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Jerome Brown  
Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment Bills # 744 to 772 inclusive.

A right of way on the Goldsboro-Henderson State Road to the property owned by the county and tenanted by Smith Shockley was given to the State Roads Commission for improvements on said road.

There being no other business, the old Board adjourned, and the New County Commissioners are:

Emmett Hignutt  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

On motions duly made and seconded, Emmett Hignutt, was made President, and John W. Eveland was made Vice-President for a term of four years. On motion duly made and seconded, Rachel Collison was appointed Clerk to the Board for a term of four years. On motion duly made and seconded, Robert W. Downes, Jr. was appointed Attorney to the Board, the term to be the pleasure of the Board. On motions duly made and seconded, Mr. Edward D. Sparks was elected to represent the Board at the Health Department meetings and Mr. Emmett Hignutt is to serve on the Welfare Board. All decisions were unanimous.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
December 12, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P. M.  
Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment, Bills # 773 to 787 inclusive.

As a result of the Eastern Shore Civil Defense Area Meeting in Easton on December 11, 1950, Mr. Edward D. Sparks was named County Civil Defense Director for Caroline County and the State Director, Col. McIntosh was notified by letter.

Fred C. Brown was awarded the bid to paint the interior of the Court House first floor and hall of the second floor.

The Ninth Grade Civic's class of the Ridgely High School came in the Court House to visit the several offices in line with their study on County Government, and met the Board in session. It was a real pleasure to discuss with this group, the work of this office and the duties of its officers. From the many pertinent and intelligent questions asked, the Board felt that the class carried away a better knowledge of their local government.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 19, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
December 19, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P.M.  
Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 788 to 819 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 26, 1950.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
December 26, 1950

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.  
Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 820 to 847 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 2, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
January 2, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 848 to 861 inclusive.

Mr. Rogers reported an applicant was available to serve as assistant county agent in the county. The Board agreed not to accept this service as funds are too limited to allow the county share of the salary.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 9, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
January 9, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 862 to 881 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County

Treasurer:

1950	state tax	\$ 20.42
1950	county tax	235.63
		<u>\$256.05</u>

The attorney to the Board was requested to write to Attorney General for an opinion regarding the fees to be paid the attorney to the Treasurer for tax sale work.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 16, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
January 16, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 882 to 904 inclusive.

The Taxables and Viewers on the Brickyard tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Brickyard Public Drainage Association."

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The Taxables and Viewers on the Christopher-Meredith tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Christopher-Meredith Public Drainage Association."

The Taxables and Viewers on the Towers-Hubbard tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Towers-Hubbard Public Drainage Association."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 23, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
January 23, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #905 to 914 inclusive.

Judge Carter and a committee from the County Bar Association were before the Board requesting additional space be made available in the Court House for the use of the Law Library. The County Commissioners agreed to give further study and consideration to the situation.

The Commissioners agreed to introduce a bill in the General Assembly to increase the salary of the deputy-Treasurer to \$1500.00 annually.

A delegation from the Caroline County Poultry Association was before the Board requesting approximately \$1500.00 annually to cover costs of rentals, light, heat, phone, etc. for the setting up of a livestock laboratory in Caroline County. The Board withheld decision on this request.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 30, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
January 30, 1951

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The Commissioners met at 1:00<sup>30</sup> o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 915 to 963 inclusive.

The taxables on the Towers-Hubbard Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch.

Ollie Hubbard to serve 3 years  
Earl Towers to serve 2 years  
Harry P. Willis serve 1 year

The taxables on the Christopher-Meredith Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Leon Meredith to serve 3 years  
Harry Christopher to serve 2 years  
Roland McMahan to serve 1 year

The Taxables on the Brickyard Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of said tax ditch:

Roland McMahan to serve 3 years  
Leon Meredith to serve 2 years  
Charles Cook to serve 1 year

Attorney Marvin Smith was before the Board to express an opinion in protest of the appointment of Floyd Porter as Constable-at-Large for Caroline County.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 6, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
February 6, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment bills # 964 to 984 inclusive.

The Taxables and Viewers on the Morris-Keeler tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Morris-Keeler Public Drainage Assoc."

The Taxables and Viewers on the Cook-Andrew tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Cook-Andrew Public Drainage Assoc."

The Taxables and Viewers on the Cook-Nagel tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. As there was no protest the Board approved the organization of the tax ditch to be known as the "Cook-Nagel Public Drainage Assoc."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet

Tuesday, February 13, 1951.

*On 7/6/51 the above ditches were ordered advertised for hearing on April 24-1951*

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

*See minutes May 1-1951 for withdraw from minutes (RC)*

Denton, Maryland  
February 13, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approve for payment bills # 985 to 994 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1947 state taxes	.05
county "	.65
1948 state taxes	2.51
county "	30.62
1949 state taxes	6.49
county "	81.90
1950 state taxes	10.02
county "	127.92
Total	<u>\$ 260.16</u>

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet

Tuesday, February 20, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
February 20, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 995 to 1004 inclusive.

The Board agreed to subscribe Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to the County Health Building fund.

A delegation from the Denton Chamber of Commerce was before the Board requesting exemption of county taxes on new businesses coming into the county. The Board agreed that according to our present assessment levels this would not be very satisfactory nor agreeable to present established businesses and so could not allow said exemptions.

It was agreed to levy annually a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for use of Civil Defense Control during present emergency.

Articles of dissolution of the Henderson Public Drainage Assoc. was filed and notice ordered published in the county paper.

Representatives of the Maryland Mental Hygiene Society presented a request for One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to establish a four county psychiatric clinic. The Board agreed in cooperation with the other three counties- Kent, Queen Anne and Talbot.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, February 27, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison *clerk*

Denton, Maryland  
February 27, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:<sup>30</sup>~~00~~ o'clock P.M.  
Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board agreed for payment Bills # 1005 to 1050 inclusive with the exception of #1042 which was voided September 12, 1950.

It was agreed to assess broilers at 20 cents each for the capacity of the houses.

The Board approved the proposal of a bill into the General Assembly to allow Caroline County to borrow \$125,000.00 to supplement the present School Construction Fund for new buildings and repairs.

Miss Ella Carter, agent was notified that Miss Spafford would not need the additional office space after March 30th.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 6, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
March 6, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.  
Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1051 to 1066 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1948 state taxes	.81
1949 state taxes	1.05
1950 state taxes	.50
1947 county taxes	2.60
1948 county taxes	18.57
1949 county taxes	14.95
1950 county taxes	<u>7.80</u>
Total	\$ 46.28

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 13, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
March 13, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1067 to 1082 inclusive.

Mrs. Carter, of the local Welfare Board, who is serving as temporary chairman of the County Youth Commission suggested the name of James Bures to act as regular County Chairman and said she would be glad to contact him to find his sentiment toward accepting chairmanship. The Board agreed to this action.

The Board agreed it could not at this time support a bill providing increase in the pensions of retired teachers.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 20, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
March 20, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1083 to 1086 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 27, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
March 27, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1087 to 1133 inclusive.

A public hearing of the taxables of the Henderson Public Drainage Association was held for the organization. The viewers managers and a majority of the taxables were present and favored dissolution of the said tax ditch. The board affirmed the vote of the taxables to dissolve the Henderson Public Drainage Association and ordered the required notice put in the newspaper.

The following newly appointed Forest Wardens for Caroline County: were approved by the board:-

Paul Wright, Raymond Towers, John Nabb,  
Hobart Wheatley and Louis Antal.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 3, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
April 3, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1134 to 1152 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 10, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Maryland  
April 10, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1153 to 1174 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County

Treasurer:	1949 state taxes	1.34
	1950 state taxes	5.07
	1949 county taxes	15.80
	1950 county taxes	78.46
	total	<u>\$100.47</u>

The following resolution was signed by the Board and ordered recorded in the minutes of this meeting: 1951-1

RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners for Caroline County apply for Federal aid under the Hill-Burton Act Public Law 725 and amendments thereto for the construction of a Public Health Center and Group 2 and 3 Equipment in connection therewith. Said Health Center to be located at Denton, Caroline County, Maryland. The County Commissioners have available \$28,000.00 dollars as their contribution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, That the County Commissioners do hereby appoint Joseph Wright White to act in the name of the County Commissioners in the execution of all application forms, plans, specifications and any other necessary documents appropriate to carry out the foregoing.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 17, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 17, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1175 to 1189 inclusive.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday April 24, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. April 24, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1190 to 1238 inclusive.

The Taxables and Viewers were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the following tax ditches:

Morris-Keeler Public Drainage Association			
Cook - Andrew	"	"	"
Cook - Nagel	"	"	"

As there was no protest on any of the ditches the Board approved the organization of the above name tax ditches.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet, Tuesday, May 1, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 1, 1951

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1239 to 1268 inclusive.

Mr. Rogers and Committee presented the 1951-52 University of Maryland Extension Budget for the approval of the Board. ~~This Budget~~  
This budget will be acted on at the time ~~the time~~ the annual levy is made.

Three Tons of Fertilizer 2-12-12 was ordered for use on the County Farm.

The Mileage account of Walter Morris was held up pending an itemized account of trip to House of Correction.

Mr. Smith- member of the Caroline County Bar presented a plea to the Board to appoint a Constable at Large who had available free time to carry out the particular duties entrusted to him.

Mr. Eveland moved and Mr. Hignutt seconded the motion that C. Kemp Stewart be made Constable of the Sixth Election District. Bond approved and filed with Clerk of Court.

The Board approved the recommendation of the State Central Committee and appointed Walter Morris Constable-at-Large for the Federalsburg Trial Magistrate for a term of two years.

The Board approved - with Mr. Hignutt dissenting - the approval of the State Central Committee and appointed Charles L. Knott Constable-at-Large for the Denton Trial Magistrate for a term of two years.

The Board recommended an error in the minutes of February 6, 1951 concerning Three tax Ditches - namely- Morris-Keeler, Cook-Nagel, and Cook-Andrew, be stricken from the record.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, May 8, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 8, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1269 to 1282 inclusive.

A delegation representing the School Board and the County Parent-Teachers Association were before the Board requesting salary increases for the County teachers. Five proposed plans and their approximate costs were presented as follows:

Plan I "Across the board" increases to all of \$300.

147 x \$300 = \$44,100  
Approximate tax increase - \$.22

Plan II Raise minimum to \$2,500. Place all not making that much at that level and hold them there until experience places them there.

8 teachers need \$300 to make \$2,500 - \$2,400  
27 " " \$200 " " " - 5,400  
9 " " \$100 " " " - 900

103 Across the board of \$100 10,300

Total Cost \$19,000  
Approximate tax increase - \$.095

Plan III Same as Plan II, but with across the board to 103 teachers of \$200 \$20,600

To raise 44 teachers to \$2,500 minimum 8,700  
\$29,300  
Approximate tax increase \$.14

Plan IV Raise minimum to \$2,600. Place all not making that much at that level and hold them there until experience places them there.

8 teachers need \$400 to make \$2,600 - \$ 3,200  
27 " " \$300 " " " - 8,100  
9 " " \$200 " " " - 1,800  
6 " " \$100 " " " - 600

\$13,700

Across the board of \$100 to 97 teachers 9,700

Total Cost \$23,400  
Approximate tax increase - \$.117

Plan V Same as Plan IV, but with across the board to 97 teachers of \$200 \$19,400

To raise 50 teachers to \$2,600 minimum 13,700  
\$33,100

Approximate tax increase \$.16

The Board agreed to give an across the board increase of \$200.00 to all county teachers.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County

Treasurer:

1948 state tax	.56
" County "	8.75
1949 state tax	4.93
" County "	74.95
1950 state tax	5.91
" County "	87.37
Total . . . . .	\$182.47

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday  
May 15, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, clerk

Denton, Md. May 15, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1283 to 1303 inclusive.

Eliot Robbins, colored county agent presented budget for 1951-52  
fiscal year.

The County Commissioners passed a resolution allowing the Managers  
of the Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association  
to borrow \$2000.00 against the taxables on the said tax ditch.

Sen. Redden was before the Board in behalf of the sheriff to ask  
that a salary be levied for the deputy sheriff and that rate for the  
board of prisoners be raised. The Board withheld their decision.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday,  
May 22, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 22, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1304 to 1315 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on  
Tuesday, May 29, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. May 29, 1951

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The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Sparks absent on account of a business trip.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1316 to 1355 inclusive.

Mr. W. S. Carroll, Treasurer of the Caroline Soil District, reported that the annual levy for the soil district could be reduced by \$4000.00 as the purchase of equipment included in prior levies is all paid up.

The Board agreed to exclude a levy for the Japanese Beetle Control except to put traps in various vicinities for lease to farmers or persons interested.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 5, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 5, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1356 to 1379 inclusive.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, June 12, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 12, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1380 to 1396 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1948 state tax	.56
" county "	9.99
1949 state tax	2.67
" county "	46.09
1950 state tax	3.94
" county "	1208.10
Total	\$1271.35

A letter was ordered sent to the State Roads Commission requesting additional miles of county roads be taken into the Federal Aid Secondary System.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 19, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 19, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1397 to 1408 inclusive.

The Board cancelled all business and adjourned to attend the funeral of Judge T. Alan Goldsborough.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. June 26, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #1409 to 1465 inclusive.

Bids being duly advertised for construction of a County Health Building were opened by the Board at 1:00 P.M. The Base bids ran as follows:

Day and Company	\$ 56,690.00
A. W. Joseph Inc.	66,350.00
Samuel Nowell	59,876.00
Noble Shively	55,833.53
R. Patrick Turner, Inc.	67,370.00

The bid was awarded to Noble Shively. At this meeting were the County Commissioners, The State Dept. of Health Representative, Dr. Welty, and Mr. Harry Rieck, Bldg. Chairman.

A delegation consisting of:

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen Hoffman  
Mr. W. S. Carroll  
Mr. Charles T. Dean  
Mr. Wm C. Engerman &  
Mr. Francis M. Rogers,

was before the Board requesting funds be provided in the levy for for an assistant County Agent and an assistant Home Demonstration Agent. The Commissioners withheld decision until such time as the Board set to make the levy.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 3, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

June 30, 1951 Denton, Md.

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The Commissioners met in Special Session at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board met to fix the Tax Rate for the 1951 Levy. After making the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate stood at \$1.70 on each \$100.00 of assessable property. A discussion then ensued as to the advisability of adding \$.10 to the above rate to use for county road funds. Mr. Hignutt stated that in his opinion this was not the time to make such a demand on the taxpayers as there had never been money levied for this item since the State Roads Commission took our road program and that our county roads have shown tremendous improvement in the past few years and therefore disapproved the inclusion of the additional \$ .10 .

After further discussion Mr. Eveland moved and Mr. Sparks seconded that the additional 10¢ be included and the county tax rate be fixed at \$1.80 on each \$100.00 assessable property.

The meeting adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

July 3, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 1 to 24 inclusive.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Supt. of Schools, reported on a meeting to be held in Salisbury, July 18 regarding the continuance of the Incentive Fund for schools and urged the members of this Board to attend this important meeting.

Mr. Tribbitt - out going Treasurer - transferred his several tax accounts over to Mr. Orme, the new Treasurer.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to our roads maintenance engineer requesting 30 M.P.H. signs be put up in the recreation area adjacent to Nagels Mill Dam.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the account of Sherman L. Tribbitt, Treasurer:

1947 state taxes	\$ 1.28
1948 state taxes	3.75
1949 state taxes	4.45
1950 state taxes	8.49
1947 county taxes	18.53
1948 county taxes	45.81
1949 county taxes	56.52
1950 county taxes	107.87
Total	\$ 246.70

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 10, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Danton, Md. July 10, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present:

John W. Eveland, Vice P.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt was absent due to a call to Baltimore.

The Board approved for payment Bills # 25 to 47 inclusive.

The following public drainage Association tax rolls were certified to the Treasurer for Collection for the tax year 1951:

Trice - Towers  
Griffith Branch  
Piney Branch  
Northwest Prong of Griffith Branch

The following resolution concerning the exemption of certain items from county taxes was ordered placed in the minutes and a copy filed with the State Tax Commission.

WHEREAS, by Section 9 (24) of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as enacted by Chapter 293 of the acts of 1943, raw materials on hand and manufactured products in the hands of the manufacturer in any city and/or County of this State may be exempt from county and/or city taxation, provided, the same is made exempt by law, resolution or ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County, concurring in the policy permitted in the statute aforesaid, did on the 30th day of September, 1947, pass a resolution exempting all raw materials on hand in Caroline county, Maryland, owned by any person, firm or corporation and used, or to be used entirely or chiefly in connection with manufacturing in Caroline County, and,

WHEREAS, the said Commissioners of Caroline County, feel that said Resolution is ambiguous and wishing to clarify said Resolution do hereby repeal said resolution passed on the 30th day of September, 1947, and in its place and stead enact the following resolution to be effective from the date hereof:

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, that, beginning on the 10th day of July, 1951, and thereafter, all raw materials, goods in process, and manufactured products on hand in Caroline County, Maryland, owned by any person, firm or corporation, and used or to be used chiefly or entirely in connection with manufacturing in Caroline County shall be exempt from assessment and from county taxation in this State.

IN WITNESS, the seal of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, State of Maryland, and the hands and seals of the Commissioners.

Rachel Collison, Clerk to  
the County Commissioners

(s) Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks  
Commissioners of Caroline County

Passed July 10, 1951.

Original filed with State Tax Commission.

Stewart Wright, Trial Magistrate, was before the Board for an increase in the allowances of his salary, the salary of his secretary and the rental allowance for his office - Action on this matter was deferred until a full Board was present.

The attorney to the Board was asked to write a letter to the proper authorities of the State Roads Commission to request the addition of two certain pieces of road into the county roads system.

- (a) road leading from Denton-Greensboro State road to an intersecting road from Lockernan School - a distance estimated about 2,000 feet.
- (b) Second Street Extended - leading from corporate town limits of Denton to the subdivision of William & Martha Orme - a distance of approximately 400 feet.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 17, 1951

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 17, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 48 to 65 inclusive.

The Trustees of the following colored Churches filed petitions requesting permits to hold Camp Meetings:

Mt. Zion Colored Church near Marydel  
Union Methodist Church near Goldsboro  
Replanted Zion Methodist Church near Ridgely

In view of the trouble at one of the Camp Meetings last year and the considerable Court expense put to the County because of this trouble the Board refused to issue any of the above requested permits.

Mr. Fitzgerald came in and arranged to take the three Commissioners to Salisbury to attend an important meeting regarding the continuance of the School Incentive Fund.

Mr. Brumbaugh, Supervisor of Assessments, was before the Board telling of the need of an additional Assessor due to the assessing program being changed from a five year plan to a three year plan and also to the fact that maps or plats must be made of each assessment district. Mr. Brumbaugh stated such additional worker may be taken on now or Jan. 1, 1952 at the pleasure of the Board. The Board deferred decision on the matter.

The County Commissioners signed the Contract with Noble J. Shively, low bidder on the Health Center Building. Mr. Shively also filed bond thereby qualifying himself for the construction job.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 24, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Vice Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt absent due to illness.

The Board approved for payment bills # 66 to 85 inclusive.

The Trustees of the Mt. Zion Colored Church near Marydel, represented by Mr. Smith, were before the Board regarding the refusal at last meeting of a permit to hold a Camp Meeting. Mr. Smith requested reconsideration of the refusal according to Article 6 Section 76 of the 1930 Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board referred the matter to their attorney for advisement and opinion to be given at the next meeting.

Mrs. Margaret Smyers protested against her increase of real estate assessment and requested a reduction as the building was raised from \$4500.00 to \$7000.00. The Board allowed \$800.00 to be effective July 1, 1952 but let it remain as assessed for the year now in effect.

Mr. Mills, Supt. of C. & P. Tel. Co. explained to the Board that the service line to the County Farm was a private line and repairs would have to be done on a private property basis. He presented a bill for \$28.18 for replacing a pole and connecting service. The Board approved the bill.

Mr. Kerslake of the Denton Chamber of Commerce requested permission to use the front of the Court House grounds in conjunction with the drawing of a lucky number on "Appreciation Day in Denton" and also to hook up a public address system. The Board allowed the use of the ground but the Chamber of Commerce would have to find its own hook-up for the public address system.

The following telegram was received:

H.R. Bill No. 4484 to be reached July 25th for vote in the House of Rep. would confirm the ownership and Control of each of the 48 states to its submerged lands. Important that you contact your congressmen immediately. Urging support for this bill.

Kathryn J. Lawlor  
Acting Sec. for the Assoc. of  
the Co. Comm. of the State

and the following telegram sent this day to:

Honorable Edward T. Miller  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

We urge you to vote in favor of H. R. Bill  
No. 4484 soon to come before you.

John W. Eveland, Vice Pres.  
Caroline County Commissioners

C.C. Williamson of the Greensboro District was approved as a Fire Warden.

The Judges of the Orphans Court and Mr. West were before the Board requesting four new window screens and an electric fan. The Board ordered the Clerk to contact Mr. Jerome Brown and see if he could make the screens. The Board told Mr. West to first requisition the State Comptroller for the fan to see if the money couldn't be taken out of office funds.

Mr. Downes asked if it was the intention of the Board to exempt poultry processing plants from the exemption allowed other businesses. It is the intent of the Board and reference was made to the minutes of June 28, 1949.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday July 31, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. July 31, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 86 to 128 inclusive.

Jerome Fletcher offered to buy a parcel of land containing 1/3 of an acre which the county owned. The Board agreed to sell it for \$20.00, Mr. Fletcher to pay for the cost of the deed.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the Welfare Board, reported they had a tentative new office location at the rate of \$120.00 per month provided the County Commissioners would sign a long term lease. The Board would not sign a lease or guarantee any rent except their proportional share and also agreed that the rental was too high and decided that \$100.00 should be the limit.

Mrs. Helen Rue reported her resignation as Secretary to the County Agent and expressed her appreciation of the kindnesses extended her during the time she worked in the Court House.

The following roads were requested to be accepted as part of the State Maintained County Road System in Caroline County:

1. Second Street Extended from the Corporate Limits of the Town of Denton, South to the South edge of the intersection of Second Street and Sunset Drive also Sunset Drive which lies West of this portion of Second Street. This Right of Way was deeded to the Commissioners of Caroline County on February 8th, 1949, and recorded in Liber 112, Folio 181 and on June 6, 1919 and recorded in Liber 81, Folio 98 of the Land Records of Caroline County.
2. From Route 313 - North of Denton- Running in a Northwesterly direction to the limit of the dedicated Right of Way, same being the entrance to the Martha Short Property. This Right of Way was dedicated for public use and recorded July 23, 1937 in Folio 97, Liber 293 of the Land Records of Caroline County and has since been continually used as a public road.

Mr. Downes, Attorney to the Board, presented the following opinion regarding permits for Camp Meetings:

July 31, 1951

Commissioners of Caroline County  
Court House  
Denton, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Answering your recent inquiry as to whether or not, you as Commissioners, constituting the governing body of Caroline County, have the authority to refuse permits for Bush Meetings or Camp meetings, you are advised as follows:

Article 6, Section 76 of the Maryland Code of 1930 dealing with the subject sets forth the requirements for securing permits for Bush Meetings or Camp meetings as follows: application must be made at least 15 days prior to date of such meeting, petition in writing must accompany application. Said petition to be signed by at least 25 tax payers residing within three miles of the meeting site. This same section further authorizes the County Commissioners of Caroline County and various other counties to issue necessary permits; said section also vests in you as Commissioners authority to refuse to grant such permits when there is reasonable ground for believing that lawlessness will occur if the permit applied for should be granted.

It appears to me and I interpret the latter part of the section to mean that if you as Commissioners have good reason to feel that the granting of such a permit could in your belief possible lead to unlawful occurrences of any nature and in any way disturb the peace and quiet of the county, you may then properly refuse to grant the permit requested and notify the applicants in writing of your decision and set forth your reasons for refusal.

I trust that this has full answered your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Signature

Robert W. Downes Jr.

RWD, JR:b

On further conference the Board issued a permit to the Trustees of the Mt. Zion Colored Church to hold a Camp Meeting.

The Board agreed that the County should stand the expense of its delegation to the meetings of the State Association of the County Commissioners of Maryland.

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 7, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

August 7, 1951, Denton, Maryland

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 129 to 141 inclusive.

Mr. Wilmer Well Davis headed a delegation of twelve men and presented a request to improve and hard surface that portion of the road leading from Federalsburg to Greer's Cross-roads (George Nichols' Corner), suggested improvements to be undertaken at once. The petition accompanying the request was signed by landowners on the road giving the necessary right of way for the road to be made part of the Secondary County Road System. The delegation cited that this piece of road was a

heavily travelled farm-to-market road and recommended top-dressing similar to the Smithson road. This delegation went on record as saying the taxpayers on this road would raise \$2,000.00 to match county funds in order to expedite work until Federal funds could be obtained.

The Board ordered a letter written to Mrs. Carter, Director of the County Welfare Board to allow the transfer of funds from one category to another as the need arises.

r. Downes, Attorney to the Board, reported to the Board that the Treasurer could invest and reinvest the funds in the Public School Construction Account without a resolution from the Board and sent a written opinion to the Treasurer.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday, August 14, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md. August 14, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland

Mr. Sparks absent due to business.

The Board approved for payment bills # 142 to 158 inclusive.

As duly advertised, a hearing was called to hear objections to a Viewers Report of the Ober-Schuyler Tax Ditch. A question of acreages benefitted arose and no decision could be reached. The Commissioners instructed the Viewers to go upon the lands of the taxables and make a new report, to drop any taxables not desiring drainage and adjust acreages in the several other instances, and to return with said revised Viewers report on Tuesday, August 21, 1951 at 1:30 P.M. for a second hearing.

Letters of invitation to the State Association Banquet in conjunction with the Convention of County Commissioners of Maryland were ordered written to the State Senator and Delegates.

A questionnaire expressing the sentiments of the Board regarding teachers salaries and responsibility of financing salaries was filled out and returned to the Director of the Legislative Council, the sentiment being that the present salaries scale should be raised, and salaries paid for out of State taxes, or other State Funds.

*employee*

Mrs. Ray Towers reported that the State Roads Commission had broken a tile along her farm and her husband had bought new tile which the State Roads had put in place; she wanted to know if she should have to pay for the tile. The Board turned the matter over for the consideration of Mr. Fooks who said he would investigate and take care of the situation.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 21, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

August 21, Denton, Maryland

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, President  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 159 to 162 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1950 County Tax	473.20
1951 State Tax	.61
1951 County Tax	<u>26.46</u>
Total	\$ 500.27

Mr. Fooks, County road maintenance engineer, was before the Board in regard to a right of way of Irvin T. Sparklin on our road widening program. Because most of the width will come from his side of the road the Board agreed to grade and see the bank and replace two-thirds of the fence *on his property.*

Application for the grant money for Greensboro school in the amount of \$41,250.00 under the School Construction Program, was signed by the Board.

A Second hearing of the taxables of the Ober-Schuyler tax ditch was held as ordered. A vote was taken on the adjusted report and read - 57 in favor, 20 against. The Board approved the organization to be known as the "Ober-Schuyler Public Drainage Association."

Hansen Hoffmann's application for forest warden for the Henderson area was approved.

Miss Beatrice <sup>Bianchi</sup> ~~Branche~~ submitted a report of her work for 1950 as Home Demonstration Agent for Negroes in Caroline and Dorchester County. Eliot Robbins, County Agent for Negroes then introduced Mrs. Anne Allen Shockley as their Secretary.

It was decided to get the sentiment of the people in that area, regarding the installation of a blinking light, on the Hillsboro By-Pass at the Cross Roads at Flemings Filling Station.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 28, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton Maryland,  
August 28, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills # 163 to 203 inclusive. Senator Redden and Sheriff Andrew were before the Board with a request to raise the allowance on the Board of Prisoners. The board, according to Mr. Redden's interpretation, could not raise the board fee during the present term of office, but could make any extra expense allowance to help defray board costs. It was agreed to allow Mr. Andrew, a deputy expense account in the amount of \$400. for the present fiscal year—this agreement is not to set a precedent and may be terminated at the pleasure of the Board.

Mr. Fooks, County roads maintenance engineer, presented a problem relative to obtaining the proper rights-of-way on certain roads in the county because a few of the land owners wanted to sell their right-of-way. The Board advised Mr. Fooks that if the people were not willing to give the proper width on the road—then move on to another that was ready and people were willing to cooperate.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday September 4, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 4, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #204 to 213 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed  
the County Treasurer:

1951 State Tax	5.15
1951 County Tax	<u>187.92</u>
Total	\$193.07

Contracts of agreement were signed for the flooring  
and painting of the Denton Primary School.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday September 11, 1951.

*See page 231 under  
date Oct 2-1951 for  
resolution omitted here.  
R.C.*

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 11, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #219 to 236 inclusive

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the  
County Treasurer:

1951 State Tax	4.49
1951 County Tax	<u>144.09</u>
Total	\$148.58

There being no other business the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday September 18, 1951.

*The tables on the Aber-Schuyler  
Public Drainage Assoc. elected the  
following managers:  
Kenneth Partlow to serve 3 years  
Ed Schuyler to serve 2 years  
Lawry Jubb to serve 1 year*

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 18, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment bills #237 to 265 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the  
County Treasurer:

1951 State tax	1.65
1951 County tax	<u>69.30</u>
Total	\$70.95

The Board ordered the clerk to instruct John Kinggold, who  
lives in county owned property, that beginning Oct. 1, 1951 the  
rental would be advanced to \$20.00 per month.

Thomas Burkelow was approved as a forest warden for Caroline County.

The County Commissioners formally closed an old abandoned county road and conveyed the road bed to Earl M. Crouse— a petition having been properly filed and advertised according to the law; the description for said road bed is as follows:

BEGINNING for the outlines thereof on the north west side of old county road on line of Melvin Brown Land, thence with the west side of old road south 39 degrees 15 minutes west 520 feet to the west side of the Denton-New Bridge road; thence with same north 46 degrees 30 minutes east 235 feet; ~~thence with same north 46 degrees 30 minutes east 235 feet;~~ thence with the east side of old County road north 29 degrees 15 minutes east 290 feet to the land of Melvin Brown, thence with same north 63 degrees 45 minutes west 30 feet to the place of beginning, containing 13660 square feet, more or less.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 25, 1951

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 25, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #266 to 320 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 State tax	\$6.15
1951 County tax	<u>193.50</u>
Total	199.65

Francis E. Roberts was appointed Constable of the First and Second Districts, in place of Howard Usilton who resigned.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to the Law Library for a conference on the road system with the road engineer, and the Senator and Delegates for Caroline County

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 2, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #321 to 345 inclusive.

The taxables and viewers on the Upperco tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the said ditch. As there was no protest, the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Upperco Public Drainage Association".

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax	9.24
1951 county tax	<u>279.27</u>
Total:	288.51

The following self-explanatory ordinance was omitted from the minutes of the meeting of Sept. 4, 1951: 1951-3

WHEREAS, by Chapter #304 adding seven new sections to Article 73B of the Annotated Code (1947 Supplement), title "Pensions"; said new sections to be known as Sections 29 to 35 inclusive, to be under sub-title "Social Security Benefits", and,

WHEREAS, said new sections extend to employers of political subdivisions of the State of Maryland and to the dependents and survivors of such employees, the basic protection accorded to others by the Old Age and Survivors' Insurance system embodied in the Social Security Act of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners for Caroline County constituting a political subdivision as defined by Section 30, sub-section "f" of said statute; and,

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County desiring to receive the benefits accorded by said statute do enact the following resolution to be effective from the date hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, that, beginning on the 4th day of Sept., 1951, and thereafter, the Treasurer of Caroline County shall withhold from the wages of the County Commissioners of Caroline County a sum equal to the maximum permissible under the law for the purpose of deposit with the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of having the insurance system established by Title II of the Social Security Act (as amended in 1950) extended to services performed by individuals as employees of the political subdivision of Caroline County.

In witness the seal of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, state of Maryland, and the hands and seals of the commissioners.

Attest:

Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

Rachel Collison, Clerk to  
County Commissioners

John W. Eveland

Affix corporate seal

Edward D. Sparks  
Commissioners of Caroline County

Passed this 4th day of  
September, 1951

There being no other business the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday October 9, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 9, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #346 to 367 inclusive.

The Beer License application of Robert Leonard Magee which  
was held over from Oct. 2, was withdrawn with the intention  
to file a new application and re-advertise as required.

The following errors and insolvencies were allow-  
ed the County Treasurer:

1946 county tax	2.05
1951 state tax	.21
1951 county tax	11.70
Total	\$13.96

There being no other business the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday Oct. 16, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 16, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #368 to 375 inclusive.

The taxables on the Upperco Public Drainage Association elected the following as managers of the said tax ditch:

Wilbert Cain to serve 1 year  
Rudolph Spinka to serve 2 years  
Fred Boutin to serve 3 years

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 State taxes	1.71
1951 County taxes	<u>51.34</u>
Total tax	53.05

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 23, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 23, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #376 to 386 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 State tax	.53
1951 County tax	<u>16.02</u>
Total tax	\$16.55

The Board recommended the following roads for initial treatment:

Henderson-Melville	-2.0 miles - 1 E. D.
Boyce Mill Road	-2.0 miles - 2 E. D.
Holsinger Lane	-2.0 miles - 7 E. D.
Hobbs-Andersontown	-1.75 miles - 3 E. D.
Nichols to Griers Cross Rds.	-3.5 miles - 5 E. D.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 30, 1951

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk  
Oct. 30, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #387 to 431 inclusive.

Hon. John W. Logan was before the Board in reference to the status of the County on the zoning laws. This county has to have an Enabling Act passed in the General Assembly before zoning Commissioners can be established, the Board decided it would request such legislation be put through in January of 1952.

An application for a petition to establish the "Old Town Public Drainage Association", was filed with the Board.

The managers of the Upperco Public Drainage Association presented a resolution to borrow \$500.00 from the Denton National Bank. The Board approved the loan with the following resolution:

-RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Upper-Co Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$500.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage associaton.

Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

John W. Eveland

Edward D. Sparks  
BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

The Board allowed the County Treasurer the following errors and insolvencies:

1951 State tax	.72
1951 County tax	<u>21.60</u>
Total Tax	\$22.32

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday November 6, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 6, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #432 to 454 inclusive.

The County Commissioners signed the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland to participate in the "General Public School Construction Loan of 1949" to borrow Thirty-three Thousand Dollars to be used for the purpose of financing the construction of public school buildings and public school facilities and/or for the purpose of financing the purchase of real estate which may be required in connection therewith.

The County Commissioners signed a deed of easement to grant to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Roads Commission of Maryland a permanent easement through the lot known as the County Barn lot to excavate, construct, renew, repair and maintain the installation of a 24" RC Pipe.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 State taxes	1.90
1951 County taxes	<u>56.88</u>
Total taxes	\$58.78

Mr. Glen Davis and Martin Sutton were before the Board to request that certain Civil Defense money be used to help build an air-raid warning station to be put on the Ridgely-Athletic field. They agreed to get some definite cost information and report at a later meeting.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 13, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 13, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #455 to 466 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 20, 1951.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

NOTICE: It was unanimously decided to amend the minutes of October 23, 1951 regarding the roads recommended for initial treatment to read as follows:

1 - Boyce Mill Road	- 2.5
2 - Nichols-Griers Cross Rds.	- 3.5
3 - Henderson and Melvills	- 1.0

R. C.

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 20, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #467 to 484 inclusive.

The Board was asked to express an opinion on the stocking of live-trapped deer in Caroline County. It agreed that no appreciable damage would be done if open season for shooting were allowed in the county.

1951-5  
An amended Resolution regarding Social Security Coverage to include county employees was forwarded to the State Comptroller of Md.

The Commissioners agreed that additional machinery (not previously assessed), installed and ready for operations as of Jan. 1, 1952 at the Denton Shop of the Winstaff Corporation shall be exempt from County taxes for the following tax years: 1952-1953-1954-1955 and 1956, in order to further encourage the expansion of an established industry necessary to the continued growth and prosperity of Caroline County.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Nov. 27, 1951

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 27, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #485 to 531 inclusive.

A delegation from the American Legion Post was before the Board to request something be done about the dirt road leading to the Home before winter sets in as it will serve as an air spotter station and the road will be heavily used. It was suggested that this road be prepared for acceptance into the Federal-Aid Secondary system

A petition was filed by Mr. Calvert Merriken for improvement to certain roads near Houston Branch where he has developed several dwellings

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1951

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 4, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #532 to 558 inclusive.

The Bond of James L. Jones, for substitute Trial Magistrate in place of Emma V. Corkran who resigned, was approved and ordered recorded and filed with the Clerk to the Circuit Court.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 11, 1951

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 11, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #559 to 572 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax	4.28
1951 county tax	<u>124.74</u>
total tax	\$129.02

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 13, 1951.

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Denton, Md.  
Dec. 13, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #573 to 619 inclusive.

The Court House employees were given holidays for Dec. 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas and the Board agreed to meet on Wednesday Dec. 26.

There being no other business the Board adjourned.

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Denton, Md.  
Dec. 26, 1951

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #620 to 628 inclusive.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the  
County Treasurer:

1951 county tax	5.85
1951 state tax	<u>.14</u>
Total tax	\$5.99

Mr. Buckley was before the Board in protest of his assessment on his poultry. The matter was referred to Mr. Brumbaugh for further consideration.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet wednesday January 2, 1952, Tuesday being a legal holiday.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 2, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Commissioners approved for payment Bills #629 to 656 inclusive.

Mrs. Fisher was before the Board in regard to the rental of the Building now occupied by the Health Dept. Inasmuch as that department will soon move into there new building Mrs. Fisher requested the Board consider renting her building for the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent. The Board told Mrs. Fisher that the present situation would not probably change before the coming fall or winter and would let her know later if they decided to change or combine the offices.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 3, 1952.

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Denton, Md.  
Jan. 8. 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #657 to 665 inclusive.

Mr. Pepper was in to see about getting the road that goes by his outlet fixed. He says he lives back of Mr. Eveland's farm and doesn't know if it is a county road or not. The Commissioners told Mr. Pepper they would see Mr. Fooks, the county roads maintenance engineer and see what could be done.

Charles D. Todd was before the Board regarding an appointment as one of the county tax assessors. The Board instructed him that he would have to make application and be interviewed by the State Tax Commission as the Board could not make these appointments.

Mr. Fitzgerald presented an agreement, requesting grant-in-aid money in the amount of \$21,250.00 for the Preston School and the Denton School, which the Board approved and signed.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 county taxes \$9.00

The County Commissioners and Mr. Brumbaugh agreed to decrease the assessment of the dwelling on the Castle Hall Farm of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stafford as this was now being used as a regular farm home and half of it not used.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 15, 1952

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Denton, Md.  
Jan. 15, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #686 to 704 inclusive with the exception of #690 which was voided by mutual

cancellation of an insurance policy.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state taxes	\$ 3.60
1951 county taxes	108.00
Total taxes	\$111.60

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 22, 1952.

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Denton, Md.  
Jan. 22, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #705 to 716 inclusive except for #712 void because of duplication.

The being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 29, 1952.

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Denton, Md.  
Jan. 29, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #717 to 755 inclusive.

Dr. Paul Walker and County Agent F. M. Rogers met with the County Commissioners to discuss problems arising from public tax ditches intersecting county and state roads. Mr. Rogers pointed out that these tax ditches crossed our county and state roads several times and that in some instances severe washing of both ditch-banks and roadsides had taken place. Dr. Walker mentioned that the State Soil Conservation Service Committee had appointed Mr. Edward Davis, head of S.C.S. work in the State to work with Mr. C. Albert Skirven, District Engineer of the State Roads Commission to study this problem and to suggest ways and means of correction. The Board agreed that such a study should be made and that a policy be adopted so as not to have this same situation arise with each proposed tax ditch.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 5, 1952.

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Denton, Md.  
Feb. 5, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #751 to 772 inclusive.

Mr. Melvin J. Mubly, a combustion equipment expert, on the invitation of Mr. Eveland, inspected the County Jail relative to submitting a report on the cause of the excessive fuel consumption and possible remedial suggestions, requested a list of the gallonage of oil used during the last fiscal year. This information was furnished from the costs in the clerks files and a copy of the letter is on file.

The Board unanimously decided to recommend the following roads for re-treatment in 1952:

1-Greensboro-Boyce Mill	2.4 miles
2-Greensboro-Oakland	1.6 miles
3-Ridgely-Mason Branch	2.0 miles
4-Two Johns-Concord	2.0 miles
5-Federalsburg-Smithville	2.3 miles
6-Collison Store-Marydel	.2 miles
7-Bridgetown to Goldsboro	1.5 miles
Caroline St. from Route 313 to Lockerman St.	.3 miles

was recommended for initial treatment.

Monday, February 25th and Thursday February 28th were chosen as sitting days as a Board of Control and Review for hearing's on the new tax assessment on real and personal property in the Eighth Election District.

On motion made by Mr. Sparks and seconded by Mr. Eveland, the appointment of Mr. Robert W. Downes, Jr. as attorney to the Board of County Commissioners is to read- "for the balance of the term of this present Board" ( see page 204 for original motion duly moved and seconded).

The Board agreed to meet in regular session on Monday February 11 instead of Tuesday the 12th which is a legal Holiday.

There being no other business the Board adjourned.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 11, 1952

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #773 to 786 inclusive.

The following checks in the total amount of \$537.50 were signed over to the County Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund:

Fines & cost from Hector R. Gardner T.M.	\$90.00
Refund on Supv. of Assessment salary from State Treasurer	425.00
Maintenance at Deers Head Hospital from Herbert Hammond	22.50

A motion was made by Mr. Sparks, seconded by Mr. Eveland that the minutes of the previous meeting be read and approved at the beginning of each business session of the Board.

At 1:30 the Board adjourned to meet in closed session in the Grand Jury Room at which Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, acted as clerk.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS FOR CAROLINE COUNTY

At approximately one-thirty p.m. on Monday, February, eleventh, 1952, the Commissioners for Caroline County suspended their regular meeting in the Office of the County Commissioners and adjourned to the Grand Jury Room in the Court House for a special meeting.

At approximately onethirty-five p.m. Robert W. Downes, Jr., Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners for Caroline County, convened the aforesaid special meeting; the purpose of which was to inquire into recent rumors concerning misuses of State and County owned road equipment and State and County Personnel attached to the State Roads Commission Garage at Denton Caroline County, State of Maryland, by the State Roads Commission Resident Engineer, George Herbert Fooks.

Those present were as follows: County Commissioners Emmett Hignutt, John W. Eveland, and Edward D. Sparks; on behalf of the County Commissioners, Robert W. Downes, Jr., their Attorney, and James A. Wise, State's Attorney for Caroline County George Herbert Fooks, Resident Engineer for the State Roads Commission; on behalf of Mr. Fooks, Marvin H. Smith, Esquire Attorney to George Herbert Fooks, Norman Baynard, State Roads Employee, and Peter Vandevisser, State Roads Commission Employee.

For the record, it should be noted that the appearance of Resident Engineer, George Herbert Fooks, as well as all others present was completely voluntary.

In answer to questions asked by those present of Mr. Fooks it was disclosed that Mr. Fooks had purchased a tract of land containing about four (4) acres, more or less, in the Third Election District of Caroline County, sometime during the month of August, 1951; said property known as Deep Shore. That during the period November ninth, 1951 through November twenty-first, 1951, there had been certain activity on this

property in which State and County Road equipment and Personnel were involved; the purpose being that this property upon oral approval of one Mr. Deputy, a State Road Engineer, was being used as a pit from which sand and gravel were hauled for use on the County Road system of Caroline County. The amount of sand and gravel hauled from this location was shown to be Three Thousand Twelve (3012) cubic yards.

There followed a discussion concerning the use of certain items of property found upon this land such as metal fence posts, hay for covering seeded areas, stone and wooden posts all of which items were similar or the same as utilized by the State Roads Commission in its operation of service on the County Road system of this County. Presented to combat this thought of misappropriation were receipted statements for all the aforesaid materials which proved purchase of same by Mr. Fooks from independent sources that were in no way connected with State Road operations as carried on in Caroline County. Receipts were also presented by Mr. Fooks showing the payment for rental of a truck to haul the aforesaid materials to the Deep Shore property. These receipts were also from independent sources and in no way connected with State Roads Commission operations in Caroline County.

In the course of discussion Mr. Fooks did state that prior to use of this property as a pit, there was an excavation intended to be used as a cellar and that after excavations were completed from this pit a new cellar excavation was made at approximately the same location by a bulldozer, the intent being to leave the property as found in regard to the cellar excavation.

Questions concerning the scooping out of a portion of this property as an artificial pond were asked of Mr. Fooks. Same were admitted by Mr. Fooks and in explanation thereof, he stated that the work had been done by a private contractor hired by him and the total expenses of which had been paid by himself and offer of a receipted statement for same was made.

From records of the Office of the State Roads Commission located at Denton it was shown that sand and gravel of a similar nature when secured from other sources in the County, were secured only by purchase; the price ranging anywhere from Eight Cents (\$.08) to Fifteen Cents (\$.15) a cubic yard, depending upon the difficulty to obtain. It was further discussed that no charge had been made to the County for any of the materials hauled from this pit, but that same were given by the property owner, Mr. George Herbert Fooks, and by doing so, the County was relieved of expense that it would have otherwise had if this material had been secured elsewhere.

The end result of the excavation of sand and gravel from the Deep Shore pit was that the pit site was graded off after the excavations were completed as not to leave the land with an uneven terrain. It was shown that grading off of pits was done for all property owners where they requested that same be done.

At this point all parties in attendance were excused with the exception of County Commissioners Emmett Hignutt, John W. EVELAND, and Edward D. Sparks and State's Attorney, James A. Wise and Robert W. Downes, Jr., Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners.

After due and proper consideration of the prior held discussion, it was determined by all parties present that George Herbert Fooks, Resident Engineer for the State Roads Commission, had in utilizing his own property as a pit for the removal of sand and gravel for use upon the County Roads exercised extremely poor judgment, but in no way did such abuse of judgment constitute any act of misuse of State and County owned road equipment and State and County Personnel; nor did such constitute any breach by the said George Herbert Fooks of his duties as vested in him by virtue of his position as Resident Engineer for the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

The Commissioners requested that their Attorney inform George Herbert Hooks of the decision as reached by them in conjunction with James A. Wise, State's Attorney and Robert W. Downes, Jr., Attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately three-forty-five p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signature)

Robert W. Downes, Jr.,  
Attorney, Acting secretary  
for the purpose of this  
special meeting.

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 19, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting and of the Special meeting on February 11, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #787 to 799 inclusive were approved for payment.

The application of Mary Elizabeth Reid for admittance to Deers Head State Hospital was approved, signed and ordered referred to the Health Department.

The following checks in the total amount of \$815.02 were signed over to the County Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund:

Share of Franchise tax from State Treasurer--	\$ 56.25
Auto tax from Dept. of Motor Vehicles	330.00
Share of Income tax from State Treasurer	284.77
Maintenance for C. M. Williams from Albert N. Williams	10.00
Auto violations cases from State Treasurer	134.00

A four man delegation was before the Board relative to the clay base on the Smithson-Tanyard road. The delegation wanted a hard topped surface as they felt it would cost as much for maintenance as it would to cover with stone. The Board told these men they would try to keep this road in as good a state of repair as possible as it was impossible for it to be included in the hard surfacing program at this time.

William Fleetwood wanted to know how close to the 25 ft. county road right of way he could put a fence on his property just recently purchased. The Board referred Mr. Fleetwood to the States Attorney or his own Attorney for advice.

Mr. Marvin H. Smith, attorney to Board of Election Supervisors received permission to purchase two ladders to be used in connection with the storing of Election books and ballot boxes. While he was before the Board he requested that the two Boards—Commissioners & Election Supervisors—have an understanding on overtime compensation of election officials. Before he left, Mr. Smith asked that the Commissioners look into the situation of using voting machines and give this item some serious thought—for despite the fact that it would mean an outlay of considerable money at the time of purchase, a great saving would be incurred over a period of usage of voting machines because of the sharp decrease in election officials needed. Beside that it was getting increasingly difficult to find people who would work in the polls for the long hours of counting the votes at election time.

Elliot Robbins, the Colored County Agent, submitted a report to the Board showing the aims and objects of an association of Farmers and Homemakers recently organized by the community leaders representing the 6 of the 8 election districts. Complete report is on file for record.

Mr. Harry Rieck asked the Board if it could see fit to put some stone on the stretch of road about 500 ft. in length from the new Emanuel Lutheran Church in Preston to the railroad tracks, thus relieving a dust and dirt situation arising from the present road to the church property.

Mr. Rieck also presented a thought for future consideration regarding the naming of the new Health Building. It had been suggested to him that some honor should be given Miss Mattie M. Smith, one of our pioneer nurses in the county, still on duty, giving much of her time above and beyond the call of regular duty. The Commissioners accepted the suggestion but withheld definite action at this time.

Mr. Ralph Townsend, District Engineer, and Mr. Fooks, County Maintenance Engineer of the State Roads Commission were before the Commissioners pledging full cooperation with this Board and offered any help possible to create and maintain amicable working relations as has

here to for always been enjoyed.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 26, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt was absent to attend a funeral.

The minutes of the regular meeting on February 19, 1952  
were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #800 to 846 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following checks in the total amount of \$109.30 were  
signed over to the County Treasurer for deposit in the General  
Fund:

Fines & costs from W. A. S. Wright-----\$109.30.

The Commissioners agreed to pay the 56% cost of the new  
equipment for the Denton Health Center with the understanding  
that the State Health Department will refrain from billing them  
for an equal amount for the regular Health Department services.

Commitment papers were signed to admit Louis Coursey to the  
Crownsville State Hospital.

The proper certificates were signed to admit Ida Mary Beulah  
to the Deers Head State Hospital.

A petition was filed with the Commissioners to establish  
a tax ditch to be known as the Laramore Public Drainage Association.

The Board agreed with Mr. Smith, the attorney to the Board  
of Election Supervisors, that the \$10.00 per day salary and the  
75¢ per hour prevailing wages for overtime pay for work on Election  
Day was adequate and should remain the same.

The County Commissioners were asked by the State Roads  
Commission to give a rental rate on the County Owned 3/4 yard  
Northwest Crane to be used on State work. The Board felt that the  
rate should be the same the county paid the State for state

owned machinery.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 4, 1952.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 4, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday February 26, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board except for the item relative to the rental of county owned road machinery which was amended to read-"The Board agreed the rental rate of the county owned 3/4 yard Northwest Crane for use on state work shall be eight dollars, (\$8.00) per hour".

Bills #847 to 863 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Lee Noble-Town Commissioner of Preston-was before the Board to ask that this Board give them two or three weeks notice before they fixed the road from the New Lutheran Church to the railroad in order that the Town could raise the existing man-holes in the road. The board agreed this notice could be given and so notified Mr. Fooks, the Resident maintenance engineer.

The two Constables-at-Large for the County were before the Board requesting the installation of two-way radios in their automobiles, to keep in closer contact with the State Police in case of emergencies and to render a better service to the county. The board agreed to get information as to costs of maintenance and operations, as well as original set up costs of this equipment and to let them know at a later date of their decision.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 11, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 11, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 4, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #964 to 878 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners passed the following resolution pertaining to the General Public School Construction Loan:

RESOLUTION

1952-1  
WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Caroline County, Maryland, has revised its request for financial assistance from the State under the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1949, Extraordinary Session, and Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1949, Regular Session; and the revised applications for said financial assistance must be approved by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, do hereby formally approve the revised applications of the Board of Education for said County and petition the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland for a loan of

( \$ 11,250 ) and grant-in aid of  
( \$ 3,750 ) for the purpose of financing the following school building projects in Caroline County:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>State Grant-in-Aid</u>	<u>State Loan</u>
Lockerman Jr.-Sr. High	\$115,000	\$28,750	\$86,250
Total	<u>\$ 115,000</u>	<u>\$28,750</u>	<u>\$86,250</u>

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, do hereby consent to enter into the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland in order to participate in said State financial assistance.

March 11, 1952  
Date

Emmett Hignutt

John W. Eveland

Edward D. Sparks  
County Commissioners

The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Dr. Edwin Riley, as County Health Officer for Caroline County. Notice of agreement sent to Dr. Robert R. Riley, State Director of Public Health.

Mr. Anthony Coverage was before the Board with Mr. Robert Downes regarding the closing of a public road that goes by his farm. As this is not a county road the Board could not proceed to the closing and could not underwrite any costs caused by the closing of this road,

by individuals, but would allow a hearing before this Body if proper notices were given preparatory to closing of this said road.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 18, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 18, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 14, 1952 were read and approved except for the following correction which was amended to read: "Because the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County has no jurisdiction whatever regarding a public road-the hearing concerning the closing of the public road through the Anthony Coverage farm, will not be before this board."

Bills #878 to 890 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners considered the application of John Nafzinger as forest warden for the State of Maryland and went on record as making no objection to the appointment as proposed.

Mr. Fooks, county roads maintenance engineer reported to the Board that none of the roads recommended for the Federal-aid system would meet the minimum requirements set up by the Bureau of Public Roads. Mr. Fooks asked the Board members if they would not like to meet with some member or members of the Bureau of Public Roads to discuss the situation. The Board agreed and set the date for this meeting as March 27, 1952.

Dr. ~~Edwin~~ Riley, newly appointed County Health officer, reported for duty and met the members of the Board. He asked if the Board would meet sometime soon with the State Dept. of Health and discuss budgetary matters. The Board agreed to meet

with them on the afternoon of April 1st 1952.

Sheriff Andrew Z. State Attorney Wise were before the Board relative to the installation of radios in the Constables cars. The State Attorney pointed out that if such a move was being contemplated the Sheriff's car was the logical car to have first such installation as he was the top officer of the law in the county. The Board has not yet received enough information to make a decision.

A delegation headed by Herman Gadow presented a petition to hard-surface a county road called American Corner-Hynson road connecting two state roads namely: Preston-Denton State road, and American Corner-Grove State road.

The Board turned the following checks over to the County Treasurer for general funds:

From Dept. of Motor Vehicles	\$157.00
From State Treasurer	90.00

Mr. Brooks Nagel asked the Board to use any surplussage of roads materials on roads being built in the Fowling Creek neighborhood on the 1 & 6/10 mile by the Fowling Creek Mill, which also joins two state roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Monday March 24, 1952 Tuesday the 25th being a Legal Holiday.

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Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 24, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt absent because of illness.

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 18, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #891 to 932 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to adopt Daylight Saving Time and asked the attorney to the Board to draw up proper resolutions to that effect.

The Board agreed that sometime in the future it might contact the State Roads Commission regarding the detailed cost of the maintenance of the county roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 1, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 1, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #933 to 953 inclusive.

Roland E. Dukes and M. Manila Dukes, with their attorneys, were before the Board to ask that the Beer License in the above names be transferred to M. Manila Dukes. The Board told them a transfer could not be granted without the necessary procedure according to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws of Maryland.

A short form right of way petition for county roads rights-of-way was approved by the Board and the clerk was instructed to get 300 copies printed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, county superintendent of schools and Mr. Duffey and Mr. Smith, members of the School Board made an appeal to the Board to raise the teachers salaries to \$2600.00 which would be \$400.00 ~~more~~ above the State minimum and \$200.00 above the teachers salary raise granted by the County Commissioners for the 1951 fiscal year. The Board agreed that it would give an answer on Tuesday April 8th.

Ten tons of Ground Burnt lime <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ ordered for the County Farm.

It was agreed by the Board to pay 75¢ per hour for some special work done on the Election Books.

Mr. Fooks came in to discuss a road situation pertaining to Federal Funds but as it was very late in the day the Board and Mr. Fooks agreed to continue this discussion on April 8th.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 8th, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 8, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The board approved and adopted the minutes of the regular meetings on Monday March 24th and Tuesday April 1st 1952.

Bills #954 to 984 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners were called in conference with the Grand Jury, then in session.

The following resolution in regards to the Upperco Public Drainage Association was approved and passed by the Board:

RESOLUTION

April 8, 1952

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Upper-Co Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$500.00 from the Denton Nation Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

John W. Eveland

Edward D. Sparks

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

The Board unanimously agreed to levy #300.00 above the State Minimum for "an across the board" rise in Teachers Salaries.

Letters of recommendation for the following items were written to the State Roads Commission. Copies filed.

- 1-Additional inclusions for the regular oiling program
- 2-Use of Federal Aid on 2.25 mile of road from Hillsboro to Griffin
- 3-Continuation of road widening program.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 15, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 15, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 8, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #985 to 993 inclusive were approved for payment.

A list of officers of the organized tax ditch associations in the county was presented to the Board for approval. The Board approved the appointment & election of officers as presented. Detailed list is filed in this office.

Mr. Harry Nuttle was before the Board as a spokesman of the Rotary club on behalf of the Vocational Agriculture club of Caroline High School. Mr. Nuttle stressed the need of a shop at the High School big enough to accomodate large machinery undergoing repair-such as tractors combines etc. Mr. Nuttle said that one room 42 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 50 ft. could be annexed to the existing building necessitating only the addition of two walls-roof and floor and that Mr. Elias Nuttle was preparing an estimate, of the cost to build such a shop, for future presentation before the Board.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 22, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 22, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #994 to 1003 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the local Welfar Department was before the Board to discuss the trend in the various

categories of the Department preparatory to making the annual levy.

Mr. Sutton of the Riagely Supply Co. was before the Board in protest of the assessment on the machinery in his mill. After a discussion of the facts involved in the report a reduction of \$1000.00 was allowed.

A delegation representing the taxpayers on the Hynson Greers Corner road requested the said road be widened and improved. The Board told the delegation to get the necessary right of ways and have them recorded first so there would be no delays when this section of work was included in the road program.

Mr. Marvin Smith, attorney to the Board of Election Supervisors reported that one polling place in the county had requested an advance in rental from \$75. to \$150. The Board agreed that the rental should remain as is now in effect even if it means changing the place of voting.

An appointment was made to meet with Dr. Riley and Mr. Clemens Gaines of the State Dept. of Health to discuss the forthcoming annual budget of that department.

Mr. Rogers, county agent, asked the Board for a larger office space and requested consideration for same be given this item for inclusion in the coming levy. The Board suggested Mr. Rogers obtain pertinent information regarding rental of a larger office and report back.

May 22, 1952 was tentative date set for the Commissioners and Soil District for the annual tour to view the drainage work done in the county.

Charles D. Todd was appointed as a local county assessor of real estate and personal property.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 29, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 29, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on April 22 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1004 to 1046 inclusive were approved for payment.

Applications for the grant-in-aid money for Caroline High School in the amount of \$40,000. and for Ridgely High School in the amount of \$21,250. were approved and signed by the Board.

The County Commissioners agreed to let this office be open on the evening of May 6, 1952 as headquarters for hearing Election Returns.

A letter was ordered written to Mr. Fooks to have a stop sign erected at the inter-section of county roads 8 and 9 in the First Election District, (near Joe Le Pore's Restaurant).

Attention was called to the Board that the lights on the old Hillsboro Bridge had not been lit for some time and request was made to re-light the Bridge. The Board agreed to see that the lights were restored.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax	4.28
1951 county tax	<u>154.96</u>
Total.....	\$159.24

Mr. Gaines, Mr. Torbert, Dr. Riley, Miss Smith and Mrs. Holsinger of the State and Local Health Departments were in conference with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed budget preparatory to making the annual levy.

Mr. Robert W. Downes, Attorney to the Board, requested that the minutes specifically state that the Board agreed a resolution, previously ordered prepared by the attorney, is not necessary for the adoption of Daylight Saving Time.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 6, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 6, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 29, 1952 were read, and with one additional item regarding Daylight Saving Time, were approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1047 to 1086 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Bonner, Clerk and Treasurer of the town of Preston was before the Board to intercede for Constable Walter Morris who is interested in having a two-way police radio installed in his car. Because only one radio set-up is available to the two constables-at-large, the County Commissioners have taken no action towards such installation. Mr. Bonner suggested a comparison study be made of the work of the two constables in order to qualify the one to receive the set if one is to be installed. The Board agreed and will notify Mr. Bonner the results.

Three tons of 2-12-12 Fertilizer was ordered for the County Farm.

The taxables and Viewers on the D & R tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers of the said ditch. As there was no protest, the Board approved the organization to be known as the "D & R Public Drainage Association".

Mr. Clarence Kern and Mr. Lankford representing the Farm Bureau Insurance Co., asked the Board to consider their company when it is time to let the insurance on the New County Health Building now nearly completed.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 13, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 13, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1087 to 1102 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board revised the schedule of work on the 1952 road widening program to keep the work-in-progress in balance throughout the county as far as is possible.

The Commissioners approved the bid of Mr. J. A. Mott to do the Annual County Audit for \$950.00—the same fee as last year.

The Board recommended that Mr. Charles D. Todd local assessor be sworn in office July 1, 1952 to qualify himself to attend the Assessors School later in the month. Notice of same ordered sent to Mr. Todd.

Mr. Smith & Mr. Fitzgerald appeared before the Board regarding social security for salaried workers for the Board of Education not covered by any other pension plan. The Board agreed such workers be included in the County Social Security program.

Mr. Calvert Merriken appealed urgently to the Board to fix the road by a new housing development he is building. Because this particular stretch of road has the characteristics of what amounts to a private road, the Board is taking further consideration of the situation, and promised to let Mr. Merriken know what action was to be taken.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 20, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 20, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 13, 1952, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1103 to 1242 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Stewart Wright, local insurance agent, asked the Board to consider his companies when it is time to let the insurance on the New County Health Building now nearly completed.

Mr. Fooks, County Maintenance Engineer was in conference with the Board to discuss several issues that have recently arisen namely:

(1) Change of rental fee on county owned 3/4 yd. N. W. shovel. It was agreed to change rental from \$8.00 per hr. and charge the same rental as the state receives from similar equipment doing similar work.

(2) What to do with balance of money in construction account.

(3) Authorization of use of accruing monies in the regular maintenance account and program of work for same.

(4) Most advantageous way to use the road money in the local county levy.

On the last three items it was agreed to make an appointment with Mr. Townshend and Mr. Fooks to ride over the roads and to discuss specifically the best and most advantageous manner to design and expedite a program of work.

The Clerk was ordered to call Willis and Covell, grain dealers, to pick up the corn at the County Farm.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 27, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 27, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 20, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1243 to 1285 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation of taxpayers on the Laurel Grove-Bureau road, which is a continuation of the old Nichols road to Federalsburg to Laurel Grove-Bureau, was before the Board petitioning for this section of road to be widened and graded. This delegation reported that a rumor persisted that the road was to be red top dirt filled and the objected to this filling-all they asked was width and grading. The Board told Mr. Matlock, the spokesman that it would try to see if it could not be included in the spring working schedule.

An appointment was made with Mr. Townshend and Mr. Fooks for June 10, 1952 to ride over the roads and work out a plan of work to be done.

Daniel Dill, aged 80, was admitted to the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

Eliot Robbins, Negro County agent, presented the budget for the coming year for the inclusion in the levy for July 1, 1952.

It was unanimously agreed by the Board not to install radios in any of the constables cars. Notice to this effect ordered sent to the town clerk of Preston.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 3, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 3, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 27, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1286 to 1307 were approved for payment.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the County Welfare Board reported an unexpended balance in the Welfare Funds in the various categories of the department in the approximate amount of \$500.00 and wanted to know if the Board wanted it left on deposit or refunded to the county general funds. The Board agreed to let it stay as is for the present time. Mrs. Carter also invited the Commissioners to attend a meeting at Easton on Monday of all the Board Members of the Eastern Shore.

Mrs. Wright reported the need of a longer tile in the county road near Wrights Cannery on the road towards Howards School. This was duly reported to the office of the county roads maintenance engineer for repair.

Wilbert Cain requested a petition to hold a camp meeting on the Mt. Zion Colored Camp Ground. The Board informed him a petition bearing the names of 25 tax-payers within three miles of meeting site was required to be filed fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting before such a permit could be issued.

Dr. Harry Mewhieter wrote for permission to put telephone and power poles on the county road right-of-way leading to his home. The Board instructed the clerk to reply that this Board had no authority to permit the use of the right-of-way for such purposes.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 10, 1952.

*Jean Fearins*  
Jean Fearins—acting for  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 10, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 3, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1308 to 1326 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following dates were approved for sittings for Board of Control and Review of Assessments in the Fourth Election District:

A through Mc June 19-1952  
M through Z June 20-1952

On these days the Commissioners will sit in their office between the hours of 10:00 A. M. & 2:00 P. M.

Reservations were made for attendance at the Convention of the State Association of County Commissioners to be held at the George Washington Hotel in Ocean City, Sept. 5 thru 7, 1952.

There was a discussion concerning the erection of roadside "No Dumping" signs along the county roads; caused by the interest of certain civic clubs in the county. The Board agreed that this project is very noteworthy but so widespread in scope that at this time also agreed the various interested clubs and individual land owners along the county roads should take the initiative in such a program; and are to be congratulated on their keen public interest.

A change order amounting to \$1036.06 in the County Health Center Building plans was signed by the Board. This allowed certain unexpended money to be used for the following installations:

- 1-electrically operated water cooler
- 2-window shades
- 3-sign "CAROLINE COUNTY HEALTH CENTER"
- 4-grass seeding
- 5-asphalt tile on floors
- 6-corner stone.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 17, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 17, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday June 10, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1327 to 1340 inclusive were approved for payment.

W. Howard Pinkett asked the Board to give him a permit to lay a water line along the county road right of way to reach a new home he is now building. The Board agreed to confer with its attorney regarding issuance of such permit.

The Board agreed to exempt the personal property of the Associated Veterans, of Federalsburg, from the payment of county tax.

The Board had previously asked Mr. Seeders, State Forester about getting the trees on the Court House lawn trimmed. He came today and told the Board a State Forester would supervise the work done but an individual person or firm would have to do the work. The Commissioners have contacted the firm of F. A. Bartlett Co. for an estimate of cost for necessary work to be done.

A permit to hold a Camp Meeting was issued to the Trustees of the Mt. Zion Church near Marydel. This meeting is from August 10, 1952 through August 17, 1952.

Inasmuch as the State of Delaware is going to improve the road leading toward Burrsville, the Board recommended that the portion of the road in Caroline County leading from Burrsville to the Delaware line be included in the contract and costs paid out of the County Maintenance Account.

Mr. Merriken was before the Board again to say he was still expecting the road to be improved with stone or gravel for which he gave the right of way which is recorded in Land Record Liber 113-folio 327.

The Board appointed Mr. John W. Eveland to serve as County Commissioner member on the Welfare Board until May 31, 1953. Also recommended for re-appointments for six year terms were: Wm. B. Collier of Henderson, and Rev. Francis McDonough of Ridgely.

The County Commissioners agreed to allow an additional \$100.00 across the Board raise for teachers. This brings the raise up to the original amount requested as per minutes of April 1, 1952.

The County Treasurer was allowed an insolvency in County taxes amounting to \$227.68.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 24, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 24, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 17, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1341 to 1410 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax	1.25
1951 county tax	37.62
	<u>38.87</u>

The Commissioners duly certified the tax roll of the Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association as presented by the managers of the tax ditch and referred same to the Treasurer for collection.

A report of the Grant-in-aid money (for Lockerman School) needed prior to March 31, 1953 was signed by the members of the Board and returned to W. Stewart Fitzgerald, Supt. of Schools.

Mr. Harris of the County Farm wanted to know what to do with the wheat. The Board decided to sell it locally as the amount of wheat was small.

Rev. McDonough and Mr. William Collier agreed to serve on the Welfare Board, so the Board reappointed them to six year terms each.

The Taxables and Viewers on the Old Town Branch tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers of said ditch. As there was considerable discussion among the taxables about the acreages benefitted, the Board referred the report back to the Viewers for reconsideration in view of the objections presented.

A permit to hold a camp meeting from August first through tenth was granted to the Pastor & Trustees of the Union Methodist Church.

It was agreed by the Board to set in special session on Saturday June 28, 1952 to strike a levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952.

Mr. Fitzgerald was permitted by the Board to lay a water line along the county road right of way adjacent to a property he owns.

Judge Hector R. Gardner asked for three office chairs.

Mr. Leslie Spence, at Burrsville, wanted a tree removed from the county road right of way that was dangerously near his house.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 1, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 28, 1952

The Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board met to fix the Tax Rate for the 1952-53 Levy. After making up the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate was set at \$1.57 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis. The state rate is \$.0625 on each \$100.00.

The approved budget is as follows:

1952 Levy	
County Commissioners Salary	\$ 2250
County Commissioners Expenses	100
Clerk to Co. Commissioners Salary	2500
Clerk to Co. Commissioners Expenses	500
Court Stenographer	1000
Court Officers	1000
Attorneys Fees Appointed by Court	1500
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1500
Judges Salaries (Orphans Court)	1500

States Attorney Salary	2400
States Attorney Expenses	1050
Jurors, Witness Fees, Expenses	2500
Law Library	750
Registration & Election - Salaries	1400
Registration & Election - Expenses	10000
County Treasurer Salary	2400
Extra Clerical Help	1800
County Audit	950
Supervisor of Assessors - Salary	2055
Local Assessors - Salary	1275
Board of Control and Reviews	150
Clerk to Supervisor of Assessors	2000
Re-assessing Expenses (including abatements)	2000
Deputy Treasurer Salary	1800
Treasurers & Deputy's Bonds	250
Treasurers Office Expenses	1000
Beer License Board - Salaries	450
Beer License Board - Expenses	100
Attorney to County Commissioners	150
Court House Janitor - Salary	1200
Supplies for County Offices	500
Fuel and Light	2000
Insurance (County bldgs. & County owned machinery)	2000
Repairs to County Buildings & Grounds	5000
Water and Sewer Rent	200
General Printing and Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous Government	2000
Constables Salaries	1800
Constables Mileage	1000
Volunteer Fire Companies	110300
Fighting Forest Fires	100
Sheriff's Salary	2200
Sheriff's Expenses	1000
Inquest Fees (Coroner)	500
State Health Department - Salaries	6818
State Health Department - Expenses	4414
Ambulance Maintenance Fund	1000
Vital Statistics	200
Support of Insane	7000
Deers Head Chronic Disease Hospital	2500
Easton Memorial Hospital	1000
Welfare - Administration Fund	6367
Old Age Assistance	17431
Aid to Dependent Children	2416
Aid to Needy Blind	514
General Public Assistance	2682
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	3357
Board of Children	11638
Easton Home for Aged Women	250
Paupers Burial	150
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expenses	3200
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	272102
U. Of Md. Extension Service-White	4594
U. of Md. Extension Service-Colored	1925
Rent - Other County Offices	500
Caroline Soil District	9500
Teachers Pensions	2640
Incorporated Towns	8500
Bond Redemption	10000
Bond Interest	2175
Civil Defense	3500
Psychiatric Clinic	1000
County Roads Funds	22442

The meeting adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 1, 1952

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 24, 1952 and the special meeting on Saturday June 28, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

The Commissioners recommended the authorization of \$310,000. for the county roads maintenance fund for the 1952 fiscal year.

A permit to hold a camp meeting from Aug. 24th through Sept. 7th, 1952 was granted to the Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church, near Ridgely.

Mr. Hackett Downes, Mr. George Wood and Mrs. Wehner were before the board regarding the Tudkahoe-Hillsboro road via Goosepond Church. The delegation wanted the whole section hard surfaced or none done. Because that part of the road on the black top schedule qualified for federal-aid, funds and the Board hopes the balance of the length under discussion will be made so federal aid money may be used, no further opinion was offered the delegation except to say that perhaps some gravel would be put on before the winter season begins.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 8, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 8, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 8, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1 to 23 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners certified the tax roll of the Ober-Schuyler and N. W. Prong Griffith Branch Public Drainage Associations as presented by the managers of the tax ditches and referred same to the Treasurer for collection.

The County Commissioners signed an agreement to properly maintain three road sections, on which the State Roads Commission are to apply a bituminous surface treatment this year with the aid of Federal-Aid Secondary Funds; the sections are indentified as follows:

Boyce Mill Road	1.650 miles
Hillsboro-Griffins Road	2.250 miles
Michols-Greer's Cross Roads	2.350 miles.

Mr. Fooks, resident maintenance Engineer, was in conference with the Board regarding two certain pieces of road-not now in the county system-but have received county maintenance. The Board recommended these two pieces of road be taken into the county system and ordered the clerk to write the necessary letters. The two sections of road to be recommended are as follows:

(1) The road along the Choptank River in Choptank, beginning at the end of State Route #324 and ending where it intersects road #14-4 ED.

(2) Wilmuth St. in Denton from Route #313, westerly to the limit of the County property.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 15, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 15, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 8th, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #24 to 52 inclusive were approved for payment.

Carlos Mosley was before the Board regarding the right of way to an outlet on the Ridgely-cut off now in process of construction. Mosley would have an outlet on two roads in front of his property as the proposal is at present unless the County Commissioners agreed to close that portion of the old road made unnecessary by the new road. The Board agreed to let proceedings be instituted to close that part of the road in question.

Miss Mattie Smith, director of local health nurses, was before the Board regarding the hospitalization of Lillie Mae Hignutt who needs psychiatric care. The Board agreed to let her be admitted to the Johns Hopkins clinic.

Senator Redden has kept in close contact with the State Roads Commission and has spurred interest in the re-surfacing of the Bureau-Preston State road. He suggested the Board meet with the right-of-way workers and do what they could as a public relations support. The Board agreed to meet with the Senator and the State roads men at a future designated time.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 22, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 22, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland V.P.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 15, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #53 to 64 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. James A. Wise, States Attorney, was before the Board stating that considerable sum of money had been turned over to the county by way of fines paid on cases found guilty of selling liquor illegally and requested that these fines be turned over to the States Attorney and Sheriff as a fund to continue the work on the liquor violations. The Board agreed to let Mr. Wise and the Sheriff have a working fund but the amount is not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars.

Mr. Geo. Nichols reported that in working on the Nichols to Greers Cross Roads, the machinery has filled the ditch on his property and he wanted something done about it. The matter was referred to Mr. Fooks, County Maintenance Engineer.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 29, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 29, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 22, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #65 to 110 were approved for payment.

Charles E. Mowbray was appointed Constable of the Fifth Election District, the term to expire May 1st-1953. He was instructed to file necessary bond and get sworn in office.

The following resolution was passed in favor of the Upperco Public Drainage Association:

RESOLUTION

1952-3

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Upper-Co Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$500.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

Emmett Hignutt, Pres. (Sig.)

John W. Eveland (Sig.)

Edward D. Sparks (Sig.)

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Attest Rachel Collison, Clerk  
(Sig.)

Mr. Flood, representing the Eastern Shore as a "Sunpapers Correspondent", introduced himself to the Board and requested that he be contacted for whatever news worthy items arose in process of meetings.

The American Corner-Hynson county road delegation was in again. They still want their road black-topped but difficulties are showing regarding width of rights of way for Federal-Aid Secondary road participation.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 5, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 5, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Eveland was absent due to a death in his family.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 29, 1952, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #111 to 134 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners considered the application of Nelson Patrick for Forest Warden and went on record as making no objection to the appointment.

The following resolution was passed in favor of the Ober-Schuyler Public Drainage Association:

RESOLUTION

1952-4  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Ober-Schuyler Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$350.00 from the Denton National Bank of Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

Emmett Hignutt, Pres. (Sig.)

John W. Eveland (Sig.)

Edward D. Sparks (Sig.)

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk  
(Sig.)

A delegation of real estate owners and taxpayers was before the Board requesting Second Street extended and Sunset Drive, which is in a new development adjacent to the town of Denton, black topped as it is now a terrific dust hazard and in constant need of repair. The Board heard the delegation and promised a decision the following Tuesday.

The Board recommended that 1/10 of a mile of county road on route 322 and running westerly past Concord church to the intersection be surface treated at the earliest convenience of the county roads maintenance engineer.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 12, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

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Denton, Md.  
August 12, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #135 to 150 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Melvin Pepper of the 6th Election District was before the Board requesting improvement to the entrance road to his farm and two other farms in the same area. Because this road is in the nature of a private road, the Board could not commit it to the county roads maintenance.

Mr. Calvert Merriken presented several petitions from nearby taxpayers to improve the road in Mr. Merrikens new housing development off the Houstons-Branch road.

The proper papers were signed by the Board to admit Herman Andrew to the Deer's Head Chronic Disease Hospital at Salisbury.

Conditional survey papers were signed by the Board to take Wilmoth St., Denton, into the county roads system.

The Board recommended the following section of road be surface treated:

Second Street Extended, from corporate limits of the town of Denton, to the southern limit of Sunset Drive which lies west of this portion of Second Street, a distance of 0.54 mile in the Third Election District.  
*This recommendation dissolves agreement with Mr. Bame 7/8/49*

The necessary papers were signed by the Board, and turned over to the welfare Board, committing Lena Emory to the Crownsville State Hospital.

The County Treasurer was allowed the following insolvencies:

1952 county taxes \$3.14

Mr. Fooks, county roads maintenance engineer reported a conference he had with Raymond Wood who lives on the county road commonly called Whites Lane. It is Mr. Woods opinion that the road right of way has eased into his field by way of circling a pond on the field across the road that has now developed in the actual road bed.

It is the desire of Mr. Wood to straighten his property line and he has consulted the States attorney preparatory to putting up a line fence which would partially include what is now used as a county road. Mr. Fooks left the matter with the Board to decide whether it should establish the actual location of the right-of-way in question.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 19, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 19, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 12, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #151 to 159 inclusive were approved for payment.

Wm. S. Orme, Treas., was allowed the following errors and insolvencies:

1952 state tax	\$ 2.31
1952 county tax	<u>65.94</u>
Total tax	\$ 68.25

A letter to Dr. E. A. Coble of the Two River Farm was ordered written in answer to a request for repairs and improvements to the county road leading to his farm.

That portion of the Little Canada road to be maintained by Caroline County was recommended for surface treatment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 26, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 26, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 19, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #160 to 197 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 2, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 2, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 26, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #198 to 210 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	1.13
1952 county tax	<u>32.40</u>
total tax	\$ 33.53

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 9, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 9, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 2, 1952, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #211 to 233 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	3.84
1952 county tax	<u>98.35</u>
total tax	\$ 102.19

The application for admittance of Edgar Blades to Deers Head Chronic Disease Hospital was signed by the Board.

The amount of \$30,000.00 was agreed on as the figure to insure the new County Health Building, to be divided equally between agents Stewart Wright and Clarence Kern.

A letter was written to the State Roads Commission regarding a barricade to be erected at the end of the old road on the new Ridgely cut-off. Copy on file.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, wrote a letter to Hon. E. T. Miller on behalf of this Board soliciting his help to have a deferrment from active duty with the United States Navy for Dr. Chas. H. Winnacott on the basis that he is essential to the health and safety of the civilian population of the County.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 16, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 16, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 9, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #234 to 248 inclusive were approved for payment.

The viewers reports on the Hurst-Patrick and the Nichols tax ditches scheduled for this date were postponed until Tuesday October 28, 1952 due to insufficient notices to the taxables.

The Board refused to issue a Beer License to Manila Dukes after deliberating on a hearing of the applicant on Tuesday Sept. 2, 1952.

The following county road oiling program was recommended for the 1953 season; with the right reserved to use Federal-Aid money if the opportunity for participation arose:

Andersontown to Route 313	2.0 mile
Clarks Lane	1.5 mile
Greer's Corner to Hynson	1.5 mile
Judge Harper Road	2.0 mile
Hillsboro to Crouses Mill	1.5 mile
Ridgely-Hillsboro	2.5 mile
Griffins to Goose Pond	1.5 mile
Total	<u>12.5 miles.</u>

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet  
Tuesday Sept. 23, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 23, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 16,  
were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #249 to 258 inclusive were approved for  
payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed  
the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	3.09
1952 county tax	<u>142.77</u>
total tax	<u>\$145.86</u>

Mr. Edwin C. Halsey Sr. was before the Board re-  
garding the transfer of his son, Edwin C. Halsey Jr.,  
from a mental hospital in the State of Delaware to a  
Maryland hospital. Mr. Halsey requested that his son be  
discharged entirely but was told by the Board this was  
impossible. The Board and Dr. Riley of the local health  
department agreed to get him transferred and then see what  
could be done towards affecting a final discharge of the  
patient.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday Sept. 30, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 30, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 23 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #259 to 314 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 7, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 7, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 30th were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #315 to 338 inclusive were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the board to make an additional allowance on the salary of Trial Magistrate Stewart Wright with the understanding that after the first of the coming calendar year a review consideration be given, with the possibility of making a study relative to certain needed changes in the Trial Magistrate system in Caroline County.

The Board went on record as making no objection to the opening and operation of an open-air movie theatre in Caroline County. A copy of this move was sent to Mr. Robert W. Downes as per his request.

errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state taxes	\$ 11.27
1952 county taxes	<u>374.67</u>
Total taxes	\$385.94

A meeting of the Viewers and Taxables on the Old Town Tax Ditch, to approve a revised list of taxables to correct certain misunderstandings in the June meeting was held before this board. As there was no objections to the revised list as presented, the Board approved the organization of the said tax ditch to be known as the Old Town Public Drainage Association.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 14, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 14, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock

Present: John W. Eveland V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 7, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #339 to 355 inclusive were approved for payment.

Dr. Riley and Mr. Fletcher were before the Board to discuss a problem arising due to unsanitary handling of raw milk by one raw milk dealer in the county. The Board authorized Dr. Riley to bring the matter before the State Dept. of Health and if necessary call the dealer before the proper health authorities for a final warning before action is taken to cause him to discontinue serving milk to the public.

A letter was written to the State Roads Commission requesting a directional sign be placed at the proper location showing "Smithville 2 mi."

Mrs. Harris of the County Farm was instructed to have the water line repaired.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	\$ 1.19
1952 county tax	33.21
total tax	\$34.40

The Baker Printing Company was given the printing job on the county audit for the same per page piece as last year.

It was agreed by the Board to meet on Monday November 3 - instead of Tuesday the 4th which is Election Day. The Beer License Board will meet in the morning of the 3rd.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 21, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 21, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present; John W. Eveland V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 14, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #356 to 369 inclusive were approved for payment.

The taxables of the Old Town Public Drainage Association elected three managers to serve the following terms.

Harry Thomas	1 year
Carlton Smith	2 years
Kenneth Pritchard	3 years

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	1.92
1952 county tax	<u>62.49</u>
Total tax \$	64.41

The Board granted permission to the Democratic State Central Committee to use the Court House Steps on the afternoon of November 1, 1952 at 4 o'clock.

The Board allowed the local Welfare Board the right to transfer funds in the amount not to exceed \$300.00 from categories showing an unused balance to a fund to be used as expense account for the attendance of delegates to staff conferences.

The Board suggested that it should at some future date meet with Mr. Downes and Mr. Wise - the States Attorney to discuss possible solutions to the enforcement of the laws pertaining to the sale of beer to minors.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 28, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 28, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 21, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #370 to 413 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	1.56
1952 county tax	<u>45.53</u>
Total Tax	\$47.09

The taxables and Viewers on the Hurst-Patrick tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said Ditch. As there was no protest, the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Hurst-Patrick Public Drainage Association".

The taxables and viewers on the Nichols tax ditch were before the Board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said Ditch. As there was no protest, the Board approved the organization to be known as the "Nichols Public Drainage Association".

Mr. Morgan K. Bennett was before the Board requesting repair work done on the Tanyard-Hog Island Road, as it is almost too rough to travel.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Monday Nov. 3, 1952 - Tuesday being General Election Day.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 3, 1952

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 28th were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #444 to 443 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to meet in regular session on Monday Nov. 10 - the following day being Armistice Day and a legal holiday.

Mr. Wilmer Wright and Mr. Arthur Richardson requested they be removed as taxables on the Nichols Public Drainage Association as there lands were not benefitted by the proposed tax ditch. A report of the Viewers verifying this fact was filed with the Board and permission to remove the two above names as taxables was approved.

The following resolution was passed by the Board for the purpose of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association to borrow money on the above named tax ditch according to the Laws of Maryland.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$2500.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
(Sig.)  
John W. Eveland  
(Sig.)  
Edward D. Sparks  
(Sig.)

Attest: Rachel Collison, Clerk  
(Sig.)

Mr. T. V. Hess came before the Board at the request of the Commissioners to discuss the hospitalization of his wife at the Eastern Shore State Hospital, who was admitted as an emergency patient without the authority of the County Commissioners. Mr. Hess reported that his wife was admitted to the Eastern Shore State Hospital without his permission and

was now back in her own home and had been for three weeks. The Board agreed that as far as they could say - this case is now closed and admittance certificate seems superfluous and unnecessary.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	.16
1952 county tax	7.06
Total tax	<u>\$7.22</u>

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet on Monday Nov. 10, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk  
Denton, Md.  
Nov. 10, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Nov. 3 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #444 to 599 inclusive were approved for payment.

A bill for repair on water line at the County Farm was withheld for payment pending a visit to the Farm to inspect the job - the price for work ordered done by the Board seemed exorbitant..

Adjustments and repairs in Treasurers office to provide additional storage space were ordered by the Board on request of Mr. Orme, Treasurer.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 18, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 18, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Monday Nov. 10, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #600 to 613 inclusive were approved for payment.

O. E. Roberts, Earl Holsinger and Mrs. Doris Thompson presented the right of way grant necessary for widening of Holsinger Lane with explanation of an agreement between them to effect the necessary width without destruction to existing trees or buildings on their mutual properties.

A group from the County Firemans Association representative of the several fire companies in the county petitioned the Board for more money from levied funds for the maintenance of the fire equipment. The amount requested was \$2000.00 or an additional \$600.00 per company. The Board promised consideration of the request but withheld final decision pending further study of the situation.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 25, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 25, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Nov. 18, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #614 to 672 inclusive were approved for payment.

<sup>1952</sup> The following resolution was adopted by the board for grant-in-aid money for Lockerman School addition:

WHEREAS, Caroline County, by Memorandum dated March 6, 1951, applied for and was granted an installment of Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$43,750.00), and Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$41,250.00), and Twenty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$21,250.00), and Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty (\$61,250.00), and has now applied for a fifty installment of Twenty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$28,750.00) from the "General Public School Assistance Loan of 1949";

There being no other business the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday December 2, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 2, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland

Mr. Sparks absent due to urgent business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday  
Nov. 25 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #673 to 684 inclusive were approved for  
payment.

Dr. Riley reported certain existing unsanitary  
conditions in the town of Greensboro and informed  
the Board of the action taken to correct the situation.  
This survey of Greensboro is most likely the beginning  
of a county wide program along this line.

A letter was ordered written to Wm. O. Henry  
at Hickman to meet with the Board regarding certain  
complaints against the operation of his beer tavern.

There being no other business the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday December 9, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 9, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Dec. 2,  
1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #685 to 702 inclusive were approved for payment.

The local forest warden with two State Foresters  
were before the Board with a request for financial aid  
to buy a caterpillar tractor with plow and trailer to  
use for fire control. This piece of equipment will cost  
approximately \$7800.00 and is to be used in Caroline,  
Dorchester and Talbot counties. Besides money from

these three counties, State, Federal and individual subscription from saw-mill operators will be used. Caroline County share will be about \$600.00.

Wm. O. Henry was called before the Board and given a warning about the conduct in his beer tavern. The Commissioners warned him that if complaints were brought before the Board again-there would be no warning notice-his license would be revoked.

Hon. John W. Logan was before the Board and made arrangements to get the proper leases executed to establish a picnic area on the Denton causeway.

Omitted from minutes— Dec. 2, 1952

The Board contracted to purchase a front-end Tractor loader for use on the county roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 16, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 16, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday December 9th were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #703 to 727 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Robert W. Downes, attorney to the Board, also attorney to the local Welfare Board requested a raise in the retainer fee for services to the welfare Board due to the increased amount of work involving recoveries. Mr. Downes referred the matter to Mrs. Carter, local Welfare Director, for reference and concurrence as to the amount of legal work entailed in all categories. The Board agreed to confer with Mrs. Carter to get a better understanding of the matter in order to give proper consideration to the request.

Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Marvin Smith, representing the County School Board, reported certain unused balances

in school repair funds and in grant-in-aid money from the State in the approximate amount of \$10,000.00. They asked permission of the Board to use this money to build an additional room on the Federalsburg Colored School which would eliminate an overcrowded situation. The Board unanimously agreed.

Trial Magistrate Stewart Wright was before the Board in behalf of Constable Knott for a raise in constable fees. After much discussion the Board agreed to allow the Constable to charge a \$1.00 service fee for serving papers in civil cases. This charge will begin on work done after Jan. 11, 1953 if Judge Wright finds such a charge is constitutional.

The amount of \$600.00 will be included in the 1953 levy to pay the county share of the cost of a new piece of forest fire control equipment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday December 23, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 23, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Dec. 16, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #728 to 773 inclusive were approved for payment.

Bids to furnish labor equipment and services necessary to drive piling for the Backlanding bridge were opened at 2:00 P. M. Lump sum bids read as follows:

Smith Brothers	\$3800.00
John H. Bailey	\$1440.00
Roland E. Trego	\$1350.00

The clerk was ordered to notify each bidder whether or not his bid was accepted.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the local welfare board, came before this Board and explained the services needed and offered by the attorney to the

Board who also serves as Welfare Attorney, relative to his previous request of advance in retainer fee.

The Board went on record as making no objection to the appointment of William B. Collier of Henderson as a Forest Warden.

A letter was ordered summoning each Constable to appear before this Board on Tuesday Dec. 30th at 2:00 o'clock P. M.

The Board directed that a letter be written to the States Attorney and Sheriff requesting an accounting of how the \$500.00 was spent that was in their hands for use to combat illegal liquor sales.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 30, 1952.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 30, 1952

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Dec. 23, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #774 to 779 inclusive were approved for payment.

In consideration of his services as Supervisor of Juvenile cases in Caroline County, the Commissioners allowed Mr. Lewin Burriss to buy office furniture in the amount of \$125.00 on the request of Judge J. DeWeese Carter.

The Constables of the County appeared before this Board as per previous request. They were asked by the Commissioners to make special effort to check on the Beer licensed establishments in the County and to particularly check for the sale of beer to minors and to make a separate report of any calls or investigations made at these places.

The Board granted permission to relocate Wilkins Bridge which is on the immediate bridge program to be re-built.

Mr. Sherman T. Griffith, Forman of the Grand Jury for the October term of Court met with the Board in a lengthy discussion of the recommendations made on the Grand Jury report which is filed with this Board. The Board agreed to cooperate, as it has in the past, to the extent of making necessary repairs to County Buildings. Concerning the item of allowing a greater amount of funds than previously allowed, for the use of the Sheriff and States Attorney to combat the illegal sale of liquor, the Board agreed to give consideration to the matter at a later date.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 6, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Dec. 30, 1952 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #780 to 810 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Fitzgerald, County Superintendent of Schools invited the Commissioners to attend a public meeting on Wednesday evening Jan. 14th held by the County Council of P. T. A.'s for the purpose of discussion of the Green report of the "Maryland Commission To Study Public Education and Finances". Senator Redden, member of the Commission will lead the discussion.

Dr. Riley of the local Health Department requested this Board write him a letter stating the past usual custom regarding non-payment of lunacy fees to the deputy Health Officer.

Mr. Rogers has found suitable office quarters outside the Court House Building and so informed this Board, who allowed the County agent permission to move into this larger office area.

Mr. Fooks met with the Board in a short conference to begin setting up a Federal-aid Road Schedule from the program previously approved.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 13, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 13, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #811 to 825 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 20, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 20, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Jan. 13, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #826 to 844 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1952 state tax	1.41
1952 county tax	<u>101.34</u>
total tax	\$102.75.

The Board approved the request of Miss Spifford-Home Demonstration Agent-to rent an extra room adjoining her office to use for conferences and storage.

Mr. Stafford of Burrsville was before the board in regard to the clearing of a ditch tile that runs across the county road at the entrance to his property. The Board agreed to see what could be done to remedy this situation.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 27, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 27, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday January 20, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #845 to 889 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Webster Todd was before the Board and requested the 4/10 of a mile of road from his farm to Harmony be black-topped if budgetary arrangements could be met to include it.

The Treasurer was allowed the following errors and insolvencies:

1952 state tax	9.04
1952 county tax	189.45
total tax	\$196.49

Mr. Charles Wood who lives on the road from Elbens Mill to Griffins requested that Cattle Crossing signs be placed along that road by his farm at the proper intervals to safe-guard his cattle.

In regards to a correspondence from the State Roads Commission concerning a balance due on the County's share of construction costs of the Andersontown road, the Board instructed the clerk to reply that in the opinion of the Board and according to past correspondence—reviewed in the file—Caroline County had paid its full share of the cost.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 3, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 3, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board except for the omission of the note that Mr. Fooks made a call on the Board during the session.

Bills #890 to 910 were approved for payment.

Mr. Hamilton Hallowell appeared before the Board relative to the closing of an abandoned county road that now interferes with a right of way into his property. The Board referred him to our Attorney, Mr. Downes for the necessary routine for closing a road.

Mr. Walter Morris, constable-at-large for the Federalsburg area reported a routine check on beer licensed establishments. Mr. Morris reported that, although rumors of illegal sales had come to his attention, he could find no evidence of any violations and suggested that perhaps it would be a better idea for the constables to exchange areas once in a while for beer investigations.

The County Commissioners allowed the Welfare Board permission to transfer funds from one category to another when such transfers become necessary.

Judge Carter appealed to the Board for money to help pay the salary of a full time secretary to the Court. The minimum salary would be \$1800.00. Caroline and Talbot counties are to share expenses on a fifty-fifty basis. The Board told Judge Carter a decision would be given on Tuesday Feb. 10, 1953.

The Board reported, to Mr. Fooks, a drainage problem on Henry Stafford's road. Mr. Fooks said he was familiar with the situation and in the spring when the weather was favorable, the prevailing condition would be remedied.

The Board instructed the clerk to notify Mr. Charles Wood that because at the present time no cattle crossing signs exist on any county road, it would not be in the best interest of the taxpayers to start a project of such extent at this time.

A letter was ordered written to the State Association of County Commissioners of Maryland that this Board is agreeable to paying an Association counsel on a state wide pro-rated basis only—not on a voluntary basis.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 10, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 10, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Feb. 3, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #911 to 926 were approved for payment.

Mr. Fooks called on the Board and a general discussion ensued concerning the tentative plans submitted for the Federalsburg-By-Pass.

The Board agreed to include in the 1953 levy the amount of \$900.00 to help pay the salary of a secretary to the Court, at the previous request of Judge Carter.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 17, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 17, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday February 10, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #927 to 934 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board approved the request of Miss Spafford, Home Demonstration Agent, to transfer her unexpended travel expense money to an office equipment fund for furniture for her office.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to Miss Ella Carter to meet with the Commissioners to sign the lease for the rental of additional office space for Miss Spafford.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 24, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 24, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

Bills #935 to 974 inclusive were approved for payment.

John Bell, white, was admitted to the Springfield State Hospital for care and treatment.

Mr. Downes, on behalf of the Denton Chamber of Commerce and not as attorney to the Board, was in conference with the Commissioners regarding possible tax easement on businesses (preferably to exempt inventories) to induce new industry and commerce to locate in this county. The Board agreed that the general exemption of business inventory was not too practical at this time but if a new business showed signs of permanently locating in this county this Board would at

that time be willing to work out an applicable and agreeable concession.

Mr. U. Lee Harmon of Marydel expressed his feeling to the Board as being opposed to the issuance of another Beer License in that town. The board expressed appreciation to Mr. Harmon but could offer no comment as the situation would have to be taken care of by the process of an application, according to law.

The Board agreed to execute a quick claim deed to Harold Dew for an abandoned county road connecting his farm.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 3, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 3, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday February 24, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #975 to 990 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board signed the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland in order to borrow from the proceeds of the sixth group of certificates issued evidencing the "General Public School Construction Loan of 1949", Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to be used for the purpose of financing the construction of public school buildings and public school facilities.

Mr. Townshend and Mr. Fooks presented a financial status of the county road funds and requested an additional authorization of approximately \$41,123.80 to the maintenance account to continue to carry out the planned program for the year. The Board, in order to provide necessary funds to execute its recommendation relative to initial treatment of county roads this year, requested \$20,000.00 of the current cash balance in our maintenance account be authorized for general

maintenance and also agreed to pay any balance required at the close of the fiscal year, if and when the State Roads Commission shall bill us for same.

The board gave permission to Mr. Downes, attorney, to introduce a bill in the present Legislation enabling the County Commissioners to exempt certain personal property pertaining to the opening of a new business in the county, providing the said bill was first presented to the County Commissioners for approval.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 10, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 10, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 3, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #991 to 1008 inclusive were approved for payment.

In response to a request for a meeting, Mr. P. A. Morrison of the State Roads Commission met with the Board in closed session to discuss the feasibility, general cost, and cost of acquiring any presently owned State equipment used for county road maintenance and to make certain recommendations with regard to Caroline County operating its own road program.

The Executive Committee of the Caroline County Fireman's Association met with the Board in general session and requested an additional levy for each fire company in the amount of \$600.00. The Board agreed to levy \$400.00 for each company except for Marydel and Hillsboro-Queen Anne, which will each receive \$200.00 additional because a substantial levy from another county or State is granted them.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 17, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 17, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 10, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 1009 to 1024 inclusive were approved for payment.

Walter Morris filed his application for a re-appointment as Constable-at-Large for Caroline County when his present term expires in May, 1953.

Mr. Downes, in a discussion relative to the county assuming control of county roads, advised the Board to make a specific and concentrated study and survey before a final decision is made.

The Board told Mr. Downes to write a letter to the Caroline County Delegation at Annapolis to introduce a bill to exempt all county taxes for a five year period on a new industry and for an established industry that makes an expansion in the aggregate assessable value of which is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

A quit claim deed was executed by the Board to Harold J. Dew to close a section of old road, of which the transition is caused by the building of the new Federalburg By-Pass.

Mrs. Carter of the local Welfare Department invited the Commissioners to sit in meeting with the Welfare Board Directors to discuss a new law proposed for the Welfare Department.

Mr. Brumbaugh reported the local assessor had quit his post as assessor and that it is now necessary to find a replacement in that field.

A delegation of the Board of Directors of the Easton Memorial Hospital met with this Board, to get the reaction and, to inform it that in order to cut down the extensive loss incurred by the excessive load of welfare patients admitted for free care; that a proposal is soon to be presented for adoption by the Hospital Directors to limit

the number of admittances of elective welfare patients. This plan has been presented for discussion to all the doctors connected with the hospital and to all the counties whose welfare agencies use the hospital, for their cooperation for a more thorough screening of applications for hospital care. The Commissioners received this plan favorably and pledged their willingness to cooperate with the proposal. Dr. Riley and Mr. Fletcher of the Health Department came in in regard to the cleanup program now being initiated by the Caroline Farm Bureau, which stated in a form letter that "The program....has been approved by the County Commissioners, who will designate official dumping areas for each district." The Board agreed that while it approved of the campaign about to be conducted the County Commissioners had no jurisdiction to "designate official dumping areas."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 24, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 24, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 17, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1025 to 1043 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Harris, of the County Farm was given permission to purchase two rolls of tarred paper for a chicken house roof and paint for the bathroom and kitchen of the house.

The clerk was ordered to notify three painters-- Mr. Brown, Mr. Lane and Mr. Betts to submit estimates on the cost of labor to paint the outside trim on the county jail building. The county is to furnish the paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kern representing the Farm Bureau groups met with the Board to discuss the county participation in the roadside Clean-up Week Drive set for April 1, 1953. The Board pledged moral support of

the campaign and agreed to the printing of "No Dumping" signs to be displayed on the lateral county roadsides.

Mr. Downes was authorized to present a bill to the State Legislature providing certain county and municipal tax exemptions for new industries and extensions and additions to established industries located in Caroline County. Copy of Bill is filed in this office.

The Commissioners requested their attorney to write a letter to the chairman of the State Roads Commission to inform the Commission of their desire to take back the County road system whereby the County Commissioners of Caroline County will maintain and operate their own county road program with the provision in the same letter that should conditions arise before the date of finality preventing the Commissioners from carrying out their plans sufficient notice would be given the State Road Commission to continue to operate and maintain the County roads.

The Clerk was ordered to contact the Commissioners of Dorchester, Worcester and Wicomico Counties for appointments with each Board to meet with their Boards and the persons in charge of county roads in their respective counties, to discuss the problems and situations pertinent to the undertaking of operating and maintaining the county roads program. These counties were selected for interview because they have or are about to have control of their county roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 31, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 31, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 24, 1953, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1044 to 1085 inclusive were approved for payment.

Estimates from two painters were received on the cost of labor to paint the outside trim on the county jail. Because neither painter could do the work sooner than the coming fall, no award was made.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to suspend the Beer License of Harry Hubbard for ninety days beginning this date, because of the sale of beer to minors in his place of business.

Mr. Rogers, county agent, met in discussion with the Board and urged that some serious thought be given to the use of the county farm for demonstration purposes for practical farm practices and suggested a meeting at some future date with the Commissioners, the county farm tenant and the county agent.

The clerk was requested to submit the following three names to the State Tax Commission for interviews for the position of local assessor made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. Todd:

Robert Donald Larrimore	- Denton
C. Wilson Irwin	- Denton
E. T. Orme	- Denton

The Board contacted Senator Redden at Annapolis and urged him to do what he could to get Senate Bill #13 out of committee and passed. This bill would enable the counties to put the newly assessed portion of the county on the tax books each year as it is assessed.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 7, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 7, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 31, 1953, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1086 to 1111 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board approved an additional \$200.00 levy for the Colored County Agent to offset an expenditure not included in the general levy at the beginning of the present fiscal year.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 14, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 14, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present : Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 1953, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1112 to 1128 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following resolution was passed by the Board

"RESOLUTION"

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1500.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

(signature)  
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Emmett Hignutt, President

(signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
John W. Eveland

(signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Edward D. Sparks  
BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: (Signature)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Mr. George Lankford of the Extension Service at the University of Maryland was before the Board in regards to the appropriation for the Japanese Beetle Control program, and its inclusion in the levy for 1953-54. The Board ruled that a decision would be given at a later date but in ample time to set up a program.

The Board ordered a letter written to the University of Maryland approving the unexpended balance of mileage appropriation of the Extension Budget to be spent for office equipment of the Extension Agents.

Mr. Winfield Nichols and Tayloe Lewis were before the Board in behalf of the application of Austin Murphy for Constable - at - Large for the Denton area.

Mr. Charles T. Dean, Timen Smid and Richard McNamee Jr. taxables on the Piney Branch Public Drainage Association were before the Board to find out who should be responsible for keeping the ditch open — the County or the ditch association. This question arose because of a county road drainage situation on the same ditch. The Board — after quite a discussion — made no decision on this point but did request the Soil Conservation Group to make a survey of the situation and to make recommendations of an ideal situation to eliminate erosion and filling of this ditch — particularly on the farm of Richard McNamee Jr. — and to report their findings to this Board within the next two or three weeks.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet on Tuesday April 21, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 21, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 14, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #1129 to 1154 inclusive were approved for payment.

The application of Douglas E. Fleetwood was added to the list to be interviewed for a local assessor.

The board requested its attorney to hand down an opinion on the payment of a salary increase to the present Judges of the Orphans Court.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 28, 1953 .

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 28, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 21, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1155 to 1194 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, handed down an opinion regarding the payment of a salary increase to the present Judges of the Orphans Court stating that in a decision based upon article 3, section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland compensation of incumbents of public offices can neither be increased or diminished. Letter of opinion is on file in this office.

Review dates for the Commissioners to sit as a Board of Control and Review of the Assessments of the Fifth Election District were set as follows:

Monday May 18, 1953	A through J
Thursday May 21, 1953	K through R
Friday May 22, 1953	S through Z.

Agreements were signed between the County Commissioners and the State Roads Commission for participation of Federal-Aid- Funds on the following roads in the 1953 program for oiling:

Clarks Lane	1.5 mile approx.
Greer's Corner to Hynson	1.5 mile approx.
Hillsboro to Crouses Mill	1.5 mile approx.
Griffin to Goose Pond	1.5 mile approx.

A Local and a Federal representative of the Soil Conservation Service met in conference with the Board regarding the value of the service of their agency to the County. The Board agreed that the extensive drainage project carried on has caused an increase in tillable acres of land in the county thereby declaring the Soil Conservation program of specific value to the County.

Mr. Calvert Merriken asked again, as he has many times previously, when and if he might expect something done to his road in the Houston Branch section. The board told him they would confer with Mr. Fooks and see if the matter might not be settled.

Mr. Rick of the John C. Louis Company presented a catalog of road equipment available for purchase for use on the county roads and offered his services in any way he could be helpful in setting up a maintenance program if the County decided to assume road control.

Mr. Rogers, local county agent and delegation composed of: Douglas Bennington, Bill Cooper, Charles Hammer and F. D. Ziegler Jr. petitioned the Board for the funds to be included in the levy for either a part time assistant agent for \$1400.00 including salary and travel or a full time assistant agent for \$2400.00 including salary and travel. The board reserved decision.

The board approved the bond of W. A. Stewart Wright re-appointed Trial Magistrate for a term of two years.

The following appointments for Constables were made unanimously by the Board:

Walter Morris - Constable-at-Large  
Howard Trice - Constable-at-Large  
Kemp Stewart - Constable-at-Large for  
Sixth Election District

The Board adopted the use of Daylight Saving Time beginning this date and ending the last Sunday in September 1953.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 5, 1953

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 5, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 28, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1195 to 1221 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board approved the bonds of the following recently appointed county officers:

Hector Gardner - Trial Magistrate  
James L. Jones - Substitute Trial Magistrate  
Howard H. Trice - Constable-at-Large  
Walter Morris - Constable-at-Large  
Kemp Stewart - Constable Sixth District.

Douglas E. Fleetwood was appointed, by unanimous agreement of the Board, local county Assessor for Caroline County. The State Tax Commission was ordered notified of this appointment.

The County Commissioners made an appointment to meet with Dr. Riley and others of the Health Dept. at 1:30 P.M. on Tuesday May 12th.

The Board requested that Mr. Downes contact the Attorney General of Maryland to get opinions and to clarify certain aspects of the law pertaining to the county taking back its roads.

The Clerk was ordered to put a notice in all the county papers to the effect that all places licensed for the sale of Beer shall operate on Daylight Saving Time.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 12, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 12, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 5, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1222 to 1240 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board recommended to the State Roads Commission a certain section of road in the Houstons Branch area of the Fifth Election District be included in the county roads system for maintenance. The said section of road being Williams Street — a distance of approximately 400 feet in length.

Mr. C. Harry Thomas and others were before the Board to request the inclusion of a section of road 7/8 mile in length in the First Election District known as Manspeaker Lane be included in the county roads system for maintenance. The Board agreed to go view the road before making a decision; Mr. Thomas to be notified to this effect.

The Commissioners advised <sup>the</sup> ~~there~~ attorney to write a letter to the State Roads Commission rescinding a previous request to take back the operation of the County roads system stating that — "we find that the old laws with regard to county roads which would be effective if the roads were returned to the control of the County Commissioners are such that it would not be conducive and permit the Commissioners to carry on a proper and adequate roads program and, therefore, we must advise that we are not in a position to take the roads back as originally requested and will, therefore, look to the State Roads Commission to continue with its road program with regard to Caroline County as in the past."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 19, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 19, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 12, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1241 to 1248 inclusive were approved for payment.

The budget for the Colored County Agents Extension work for the 1953-54 year was presented by Elliot Robbins and was held for adoption at such time as the annual levy for the year is made.

Mr. Fooks met with the Board and discussed the overall widening and oiling program and it was decided by the Board to get a specific program of work set up in the next week or two.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 20, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 26, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 19, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1249 to 1407 inclusive were approved for payment.

Senator Hedden was before the Board in behalf of James M. Anderson and made necessary financial agreement to pay the maintenance of his daughter Marion at the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

The Committee of Directors of the Caroline Soil District petitioned the Board to an additional levy of \$12,000.00 to be paid over a three year period to be used toward the purchase of a 3/4 cu. yd. dragline. The Board reserved decision at this time.

A request for purchase order of a new typewriter for the Treasurers office was approved.

The Board requested the clerk to write to Mr. Roger V. Laynor of the Alcoholic Beverage Tax Division of Maryland for an appointment to obtain pertinent information relative to the new dispensary set-up.

Because of certain Federal regulations concerning the mailing of complimentary subscriptions, the County Record regretted to have to discontinue the paper unless a paid subscription is requested. The Board decided to wait awhile before buying office subscriptions for any county paper.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 2, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 2, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 26, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

The board agreed to allow a sum not to exceed \$200.00 to Miss Spafford, local Home Demonstration Agent, to use for special help during the months of July and August. This money to be paid directly to the worker.

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Denton Lions Club stating that the request to install a drinking fountain on the Court House Green was denied. The Board felt there was no demanding need for such an appurtenance; the addition of which would not add to the appearance of the surrounding landscape.

A contract between G. D. Crouse and the County Commissioners for the installation of an oil burner in the Court House was executed. Installation to be made prior to August 15, 1953.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 9, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

NOTICE: Bills #1408 to 1428 inclusive were approved for payment at the above meeting. *R.C.*

Denton, Md.  
June 9, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

A delegation including Mr. Stewart Fitzgerald, Mr. Clarence Phillips and Mr. Howard Harris came before the Board in behalf of Mr. Joseph Planner former janitor of the Preston School to intercede for him to receive a pension to assist his very meager finances caused by ill health. Mr. Hignutt expressed the opinion that, to initiate this, would set a precedent on the finances of the county.

Mr. Hignutt asked to be excused to attend the funeral of a former County Commissioner - Mr. William L. DeFord.

Further discussion of this pension request ensued and it was brought out that any further such requests were improbable because all present employees of the School Board are covered by social security and it was logical to say a precedent would not be involved. The Board therefore agreed to allow Mr. Planner a pension beginning in June 1953 of \$25.00 per month.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 2, 1953, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1429 to 1451 inclusive were approved for payment.

Sam Jopp asked the Board if it was agreeable to set back the fences on the farm of Austin R. Murphy in exchange for a deed to a right of way to widen the road by his property. The Board agreed it could not, at the present, allocate funds out of the limited road widening program to pay for rights-of-way.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 16, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 16, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 9, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1452 to 1459 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Trustees of the Mt. Zion Church near Marydel were granted a permit to hold a Camp Meeting on their Camp Ground from August 16 through August 23, 1953.

The County agent submitted an itemized account of his office expense levy for the fiscal year of 1952.

A list of officers of all the Tax Ditch Organizations was submitted and approved by the Board and ordered filed with the Clerk to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Carter, of the local welfare Board, was before this

Board relative to the State decrease in appropriations for the Foster Care program. She cited the fact that no new cases could be extended to this program as far as the State money is concerned and that the probable outcome of Court awarded cases as to financial aid, would fall wholly on the County. This announcement was made to this Board for further reflection as it is deemed necessary.

A lease between the County Commissioners and Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koenig for rental of a store to be used as a County Dispensary was executed and filed with the Clerk to the Board.

Elliott Robbins, colored County Agent, introduced Ruby C. Richardson new colored Home Demonstration Agent, to the Board.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 23, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 23, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Board approved for payment Bills #1460 to 1521 inclusive.

Mr. Heber Lane was before the board in protest of a decision made by the States Attorney regarding the non-apprehension of the persons involved in burglarizing his store. It was stated by Mr. Lane that the States Attorney had told him the Commissioners would not authorize money to bring the man back into the State. Because of this statement the board felt there was a misunderstanding somewhere and told Mr. Lane that they would ask Mr. Wise to meet with them to explain the situation.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$25,000.00 from the general funds of the county to a new account for the Caroline County Liquor Control Board to be used as a working capital for the county dispensary system. This sum is to be put back into the general funds from the dispensary funds as that account is enabled.

It was agreed by the Board to meet in special session

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on Saturday morning June 27, 1953 to fix the county tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent receiving salesman from the various State wholesalers and ordering stock for the dispensary which is to open on July 1, 1953.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Saturday June 27, 1953.

Rachel Collison Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 27, 1953

The Board met in Special Session at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Commissioners met to fix the Tax Rate for the 1953-54 Levy.

After approving the Budget of Appropriations the tax rate was set at \$1.50 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis. The State rate is \$.0604 per \$100.00.

The approved detailed levy follows:

	<u>1953-54</u>
County Commissioners Salary	2250
County Commissioners Expenses	250
Clerk To Co. Commissioners Salary	2800
Clerk to Co. Commissioners Expenses	500
Court Stenographer Salary	1200
Court Officers	1000
Attorneys Fees Appointed by Court	1000
Clerk of the Circuit Court	1700
Judges of Orphans Court - Salary	1500
States Attorney - Salary	2400
States Attorney - Expenses	1050
Jurors, Witness Fees, Expenses	2500
Law Library	550
Registration & Election Salary	1400
Registration & Election Expenses	10000
County Treasurer - Salary	2400
Extra Clerical Help	500
County Audit	950
Supervisor of Assessments - Salary	2130
Local Assessor - salary	1312.50
Board of Control & Review	150
Secretary to Assessors	2000
Clerk to Assessors	2000
Reassessing Expense	500
Deputy Treasurer - Salary <i>Incass &amp; Deputy Bonus</i>	2000
Treasurers Office - Expenses	500
Beer License Board - Salary	450
Beer License Board - Expenses	100
Attorney to County Commissioners	1000
Court House Janitor - Salary	1200
Court House Janitor - Supplies	650
Fuel & Light	2000
Insurance (County Bldgs. & Machinery)	4000
Repairs to County Bldgs. & Grounds	5000
Water & Sewer Rent	200
General Printing & Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous Government	500
Teachers Pensions	2940
Constables Salary	1800

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Constables Mileage	1000
Volunteer Fire Companies	13100
Forest Fire Control	100
Sheriffs Salary	2200
Sheriffs Expense	1000
Inquest Fees	500
County Roads Fund	25000
Civil Defense	3500
Outpatient Hospital Service	1071.37
Psychiatric Clinic	1000
Health Department	10000
Ambulance Maintenance Fund	1000
Vital Statistics	200
Support of Insane	7000
Chronic Disease Hospitals	3000
Easton Memorial Hospital	1000
Administration (Welfare Board)	6829
Old Age Assistance	16086
Aid Dependent Children	2553
Aid Needy Blind	378
General Public Assistance	1939
Aid Permantly & Totally Disabled	4074
board of Children	10767
Home for Aged women - Easton	250
Paupers Burial	150
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expenses	3200
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	270185
U. Of Md. Extension Service -Wh.	4619
U. of Md. Extension Service -Neg.	1925
Office Rental	750
Caroline Soil District	14500
Inc. Towns Share of Taxes	8500
Bond Redemption	10000
Bond Interest	1787.50

The meeting adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 30, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday June 16 and Tuesday June 23 and the special meeting on Saturday June 27, 1953, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1522 to 1544 inclusive were approved for payment.

The tax rolls on the following Tax Ditches were duly certified to the Treasurer for collection:  
Griffiths Branch; Griffiths Branch Northwest Prong; Upperco; Old Town; Piney Branch and Nichols Public Drainage Associations.

Mr. Dutton, for the Lions Club, came before the Board

in reference to a public water fountain. The Board told him of a previous request by the club and the decision in the minutes of June 2, 1953.

A delegation met with <sup>the</sup> Board and requested the following roads included in the 1953-54 oiling program:

Greers Cross Roads to American Corner Grove road  
Nagels Mill road  
A short piece of road in the 1st District travelled by Mr. Montague - mail carrier.

Mr. Wise was before the Board as per request to explain the situation regarding the apprehension of the person who burglarized Mr. Heber Lane's store. Mr. Wise stated that Mr. Lane could get the television set back at any time he would go for it and because the procedure to bring the prisoner and witnesses back to Maryland for trial was so costly he suggested in the light of economic justice for all concerned to let the man stay in Virginia.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 7, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 7, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 30, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1 to 27 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County road oiling program was discussed and the following schedule outlined for 1953 & 54:

- 1-Henderson to Mt. Zion
- 2-Goldsboro to Union
- 3-Greensboro toward Oakland
- 4-Legion Home
- 5-Hobbs to Andersontown
- 6-Harmony to Gilpins Point
- 7-Brooks Nagel
- 8-Friendship to Hynson
- 9-Tanyard to Cedar Lane
- 10-Poplar Neck Road
- 11-Oak Grove

The county road widening program will be set up at a later meeting.

The County Commissioners and Wilbert Cain executed an easement on the Upperco Public Drainage Association "commencing at Station 66/40 of the main upper-co public drainage association and running in a N 6 degrees 30 minutes E direction for a total of 975 linear feet.

Mr. Walter Morris, Constable-at-Large asked the Board to give consideration to increasing the mileage allowance for constables work in the county. The Board reported that any increase would have to be taken care of through legislation.

The Board approved the bond of the County Treasurer for the fiscal year 1953-54 and ordered same filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 14, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 14, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Vice Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt absent due to illness. The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 7, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #28 to 45 inclusive were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the Board to transfer the \$1000.00, levied separately for the Psychiatric Clinic, to a fund to pay part on the salary of a Clinic Technician at Easton.

A temporary Beer License was issued to the V.F.W. at the property recently purchased by the organization on the Greensboro-Denton road.

The Board recommended the application of calcium chloride to one mile of the Poplar Neck road in conjunction with preparations for the Caroline County Land Week observance program. The cost of this application

to be paid out of local road funds.

The Board, after having a service club complaint against the inclusion in the levy of certain money for Civil Defense operations, compared this county with existing conditions in Queen Anne and Talbot Counties and found that these adjoining counties had levied additional money even though operations at this time are temporarily curtailed. This Board felt justified, in that the amount set aside in the county is the same as the previous years.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 21, 1953

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 21, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #46 to 60 inclusive were approved for payment.

The contract and agreement to build an addition to the Federalsburg Colored school was approved and duly executed by the Board.

A permit was granted to the Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church to hold a Camp Meeting on their grounds from August 23 through Sept. 6, 1953.

Mr. C. J. Kern presented statistics for liability insurance on county employees, but the Board withheld discussion and decision pending further consideration.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 28, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 28, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 21, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #61 to 100 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board met earlier in the day to confer with a salesman subsequent to the purchase of a billing machine for this office. Mr. Hignutt was absent for the regular meeting.

The Board authorized Mr. Fooks to purchase a high pressure sprayer for use on the county roads, provided the cost was under \$1100.00. This cost is to be paid out of local levied road funds.

Mrs. Carter of the Welfare Board presented a problem for further reflection in the probable need for an agency car if the case worker vacancy is not filled by an applicant who has a privately owned car. This was not a request at this time.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 4, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 4, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

Bills #101 to 116 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation on the Bethlehem-Wood Wharf Road appealed to the Board to have the right-of-way on one side of this road, from the Tanyard intersection to the river, widened and cleared off. The distance is approximately one-half mile. The Board agreed to refer the request to the County Engineer.

Mrs. Ernest Cooper, local insurance agent, and a special representative of her company conferred with the Board regarding a survey of the dispensary situation

in the county to find the needs and types of insurance necessary for the proper protection of the enterprise. The Board gave permission for such a survey study to be made.

A lease for the rental of a building in Greensboro to be used as a dispensary was presented for execution by the board but was held up until the Board could visit the location.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 11, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 11, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Aug. 4, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #117 to 134 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, suggested to the Commissioners that they engage Mr. Mott, while he is still conveniently close doing the county audit to set up a set of books for the county dispensary system.

Mr. Downes also informed the Commissioners that as a Beer License board and at its discretion could issue a one-day Temporary Beer License (but applicants must comply to regular application.)

Mrs. Carter, of the local welfare Board returned unexpended 1952-53 funds in the following amounts:

Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	\$ 34.58
Old Age Assistance	242.60
Total Recoveries.....	\$277.18

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 18, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 18, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 11, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #135 to 143 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Frances C. Cooper presented a survey of insurance relative to the County Dispensary System, setting forth the various types, benefits and premiums. The Board reserved action on acceptance of such a broad coverage contained in this study until it had an opportunity to give the subject more careful consideration.

The Board reported to Mrs. Carter of the Welfare Board that funds could be used to buy an agency car only after every other means of obtaining the personnel had been exhausted.

A one day Temporary Beer License was granted to the Preston Volunteer Fire Company for use on Friday, August 28, 1953 only.

A conference with the Board, their attorney, the Treasurer, Clerk to the Board and Manager of the Dispensaries and the County Auditor was called to discuss the mechanics of setting up a bookkeeping system for this enterprise. It was agreed for Mr. Mott, the Auditor, to set up the system.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 25, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 25, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August

18, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #144 to 188 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Harry Hughes, attorney to the town of Ridgely came before the board to have a real estate assessment of a property owned by the town exempt from county and state taxes. Mr. Hughes cited for his authority, Article 81 Section 8 (1), Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 edition). The Board abated the assessment from taxation.

A right of way was signed by the Board to allow the E. S. P. S. to erect a pole on the property now occupied by the Health Center.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Mott completed arrangements with the board to set up a system of records and accounts applicable to the County Liquor Dispensary System.

Mr. Wilmer C. Christopher resigned as clerk in the Federalsburg Dispensary and the Board appointed Mr. M. F. Hubbard to replace him.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Commissioners is reviewing the insurance coverage held by the county for information regarding the adequacy of the present coverage.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 1, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 1, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 28, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

The Board approved for payment bills #189 to 210 inclusive.

Mr. Townshend, District Engineer and Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer met with the board to discuss the right-of-way situation on the present years road program. Mr. Townshend stressed the fact that to do a widening program on an economical basis it is very important to obtain the width of not less than 40 ft. He also urged that as soon

the right-of-ways on any road to be widened were ready to immediately notify Mr. Fooks so that work could be expedited.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 8, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 8, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 1, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #211 to 226 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board, having formally closed, in part, in accordance with article 25 section 125 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition), a portion of that street or roadbed known as Chicken Bridge Road, sometimes referred to as Sixth Street, and at the southern limits of the town of Ridgely and immediately adjacent to the home property of W. Carlos Mosley and Rose B. Mosley, his wife; said portion of said street or roadbed now abandoned in favor of the new concrete road lying in an immediate adjoining area and to be known as Sixth Street, issued a quit claim deed to W. Carlos Mosley and Rose B. his wife for the above mentioned closed portion of road.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 15, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 15, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland Vice Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 8, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #227 to 239 inclusive were approved for payment.

A letter from Mrs. Mildred B. Butler, concerning the

pollution of water by a nearby cannery was read and in behalf of this report the Commissioners suggested for Mrs. Butler to write to the State Water Pollution Commission and urge that immediate steps be taken to relieve the situation.

Mr. Redden was before the Board for his client Mr. C. Harry Thomas in behalf of repair on a road by his property sometimes known as Manspeake Lane. The Commissioners told Mr. Redden that it is not feasible to include this piece of road in the widening and oiling program at this time because of the excessive expense involved for the small benefit it would do.

Mr. Clement, husband of Grace D. Clement, was before the Board for a reduction in assessment on his wifes property in Preston. The Board did not give an abatement for the 1953 taxes but reduced the assessment on the dwelling \$1000.00 for 1954.

O. H. Christopher was before the Board to request appointment as Constable-at-Large for the lower part of the County while Mr. Morris is out because of illness. Because the Board did not know enough of the circumstances at this time, no decision was made.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 22, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 22, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 15, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #240 to 257 inclusive were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the board to offer for rent the County Barn, now vacant, for use as a workshop and storage for \$30.00 per month.

Mike Harrison, commander of the V. F. W., which holds a Class C Beer License at the place on the Denton-Greensboro

Road formerly known as the Oasis, was called before the board in respect to the use of this license. Mr. Harrison reported before the board as requested and was told of instances reported to the board where Beer was sold openly to the public which is in violation of the license held by his organization. The Commissioners told Mr. Harrison that if such reports came to the boards attention again, the license would be revoked.

Sheriff Andrews came before the board in regard to the violations of the club license held by the V. F. W. on the Denton-Greensboro road. The Board instructed the Sheriff to keep a check on the place and if further violations were noted to take the license and report to this Board. The Board further charged the Sheriff that he has both the jurisdiction and the obligation to see that such violations do not become presistent.

- There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday September 29, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 29, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday September 22, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #258 to 313 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board rented the County Barn and Shop to Mr. Wm. L. Dunn at the rental of \$30.00 per month. Mr. Dunn paid the October rental.

The board agreed to put the County Dispensary employees under blanket bond protection and authorized Mrs. Frances C. Cooper to prepare the Bonds.

Mr. Ormond Andrews and Mr. George Olds were before the board in behalf of a deficit on the account of the welfare patients at Easton Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$5234.60. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Olds requested favorable

consideration of this deficit which has accrued during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953. The Board promised an answer at the next meeting.

It was agreed by the Board to reimburse Mildred Irwin for helping out the clerical duties in the Treasurers Office in addition to her regular work in the Civil Defense Office.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 6, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 6, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 29, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #314 to 339 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the county treasurer on the 1953 taxes:

state	\$ 4.22
county	<u>108.60</u>
	112.82

The right of ways for the widening of the county road from route 331 to Poplar Neck were received for recording with the exception of one property owner—Scott Waddell who is confined to a mental hospital. Mr. Fooks, the county roads maintenance engineer has designed the road widening problem along this particular right-of-way to take the minimum width off the property in order to avoid delays and cost that would occur if legal proceedings were taken to get the full width of 40 ft. on this property.

The board, acting as a Liquor Control Board agreed that a telephone was not necessary in the Federalburg Dispensary and decided against the installation of same.

The Liquor Control Board also told Mr. Wilson, the supervisor to give notice to the staff of the Greensboro store that it would dispense with the services of one full time man. This is to give either man a chance to find other employment before a final notice is given.

There being no other business the board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday Oct. 13, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 13, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Cleveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 6,  
1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #140 to 170 inclusive were approved for payment.

A septic tank overflow causing a health nuisance on  
the property of Thomas Lockerman was reported by Mr. Gilbert  
H. Rue and Mrs. Dorothy W. Rue. The Commissioners urged  
Dr. Wiley, County Health Officer to take the necessary  
measures to clean up this hazard.

Elliott Robbins, Negro county agent, presented a  
diagram of the program of work outlined for the year in  
the extension work in his field.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed  
the county Treasurer on the 1953 taxes:

state	\$	8.89
county		<u>251.55</u>
total		\$260.42

The Board, acting as the Liquor Control Board, agreed  
to dispense with the services of one full time clerk in  
the Greensboro Dispensary beginning Oct. 27, 1953. The  
choice of personnel was left with the supervisor of the  
stores.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to  
meet Tuesday October 20, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 20, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #340 to 370 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the county treasurer:

1953 state taxes	\$ .84
1953 county taxes	<u>21.00</u>
total taxes	\$21.84.

Trial Magistrate Stewart Wright presented a bill to the Board in the amount of \$60.00 for extra clerical help in his office. Judge Wright requested re-imbusement for this outlay of money explaining that the extra girl was used on trial magistrate work. The Board reserved approval of the bill.

Acting as a Liquor Control Board, the Commissioners with Mr. Downes, as attorney agreed that certain rules and regulations should be adopted in connection with the operation of the Liquor Stores. Mr. Downes is to prepare a set for the approval of the board.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 27, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 27, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 20, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

The board approved for payment Bills #371 to 445 inclusive.

The County Treasurer was allowed the following errors and insolvencies:

1953 state tax     \$ .39  
 1953 county tax    9.75  
 Total tax         10.14.

The county shop at Preston formerly used by the road department—but now vacant—was rented to O. B. Blades at \$15.00 per month subject to thirty days notice by the Board to withdraw rental of the building.

The Commissioners agreed to contribute the amount of \$1140.00 to the Health Department, to absorb an additional share of a Federal Budgetary cut, in order that a nursing vacancy in the County may be filled. \$1071.00 of this amount is to be transferred from the out-patient care and the balance to be taken from the general funds.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 3, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
 Nov. 3, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
 John W. Eveland  
 Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 27, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #446 to 465 inclusive were approved for payment.

Finley Earl McFarland was appointed constable of the First and Second Election Districts. His term to run concurrently with the other County Constables.

A letter was ordered written to Mr. Fooks county roads maintenance engineer specifying the following county roads be included in the Federal-Aid Program for 1954:

1- Henderson to Mt. Zion	2.10 miles
2- Greensboro toward Oakland	1.95 miles
3- Hobbs to Andersontown	1.55 miles
4- Friendship to Hynson	2.18 miles
5- Tanyard to Cedar Lane	1.60 miles
6- Poplar Neck Road	1.65 miles
7- Oak Grove	1.00 mile.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 10, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 10, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday November 3, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 466 to 484 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1947 state tax	\$	2.19
1948 state tax		3.72
1949 state tax		6.29
1950 state tax		7.27
1947 county tax		28.47
1948 county tax		55.23
1949 county tax		97.96
1950 county tax		<u>117.91</u>
Total tax		\$319.04

The County Commissioners recommended the following listed roads be included in the 1954 oiling program in addition to recommendations made on Nov. 3, 1953:

For Re-treatment:

Ridgely-Hillsboro	2.50 miles
Judge Harper	1.60 miles
River Road	1.00 mile

For Initial Treatment:

Church Lane	
Goldsboro-Bridgetown	1.95 miles
Denton-Andersontown	2.05 miles
Ganeys to Harmony	.40 mile
Route 621 to Route 16	1.75 miles.

The Board also agreed that if the presently allocated funds are insufficient to complete these projects, the difference will be supplemented out of local levied funds.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday November 17, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 17, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #485 to 495 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 24, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 24, 1953

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Nov. 17, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #496 to 542 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$	.56
1953 county tax		<u>14.10</u>
total tax...	\$	14.66.

Dr. Riley reported some trouble in agreement on the boundary lines of the land for the County Health Center Building with the adjacent owners. In view of this report the Board agreed to have a survey made of the property belonging to the county and gave Dr. Riley permission to get this accomplished.

The Board adopted the following rates for rentals on county owned machinery:

Northwest 3/4 cu. yd. shovel	\$8.00	per hour
Athey Loader	4.75	" "
Model D. Grader	1.40	" "
TL-10 Tracto-Loader	2.00	" "
Sprayer	1.00	" "
2" pump	1.00	" "

The Board went on record as making no objection to the appointment of Norris Coulbourne as Forest Warden for Caroline County.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday December 1, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison,  
Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 1, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #543 to 560 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners acting as a Liquor Control Board agreed to buy General Liability and Workmens Compensation policies in behalf of the County Dispensary System.

The County Commissioners unanimously agreed to amend the minutes of July 7, 1953, found on pages 311 and 312, of the Minute Record Book to include the following recommendations—which were made by the County Commissioners but not included in the minutes—namely:

That the following roads be widened only:

- (1) River road and Holsinger Lane from end of the county oiled road to the town of Ridgely.
- (2) From the intersection of Routes 312 and 404 at Downes Corner to Moore's Corner.

The Commissioners agreed also to amend the minutes of July 7, 1953 to convey that the eleven roads listed in the minutes be widened and gravelled in preparation for oiling, which was the original intention of the Board.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 8, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 8, 1953

Due to the tragic and untimely death of his son, Mr. Eveland was unable to be present.

Mr. Sparks was absent due to the call of other business.

Mr. Hignutt, being the only member present, signed the routine bills #561 to 584 inclusive..

The routine bills for the Dispensaries were signed with the provision that they be reviewed by the other two members at the next meeting and receive their signatures.

No business meeting was held.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 15, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday Dec. 1, 1953 and Tuesday Dec. 8, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #585 to 592 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 22, 1953.

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 22, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #593 to 645 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board unanimously agreed to refrain from participation in the bond program authorized under Chapter 657 of the Laws of Maryland of 1953 wherein provision is made for bond financing for the purpose of conducting programs of construction and reconstruction of county roads. The Clerk was instructed to notify the State Roads Commission of this decision.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 29, 1953.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 29, 1953

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 22, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #646 to 663 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$2826.41 from the maintenance account to the construction account in order to finish payments on construction projects on the county roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 5, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 5, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1953 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #664 to 683 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$ .60
1953 county tax	<u>30.00</u>
total.....	\$30.60

Mrs. Carter, County Welfare Director, presented a schedule of proposed salary increases for welfare Directors of the State. The County portion of the change would be approximately \$300.00. The Board approved the proposal.

Mr. Fitzgerald was before the Board regarding the audit of special accounts at the Schools. The Board suggested he contact the County Auditor for information as to costs for the extra accounts, before further consideration.

The Board authorized Mr. Fooks to proceed with the gravelling program for county roads at such time as the weather caught up with the widening program. The gravelling program to include Holsinger Lane.

A delegation headed by Mr. Horace Shively was before the Board to have the road from Melville to Mt. Zion included in the widening and gravelling program. The Board agreed to include this section of road in the program if all the proper right of ways were secured.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Jan. 12, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 12, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan.

5, 1954 were read approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #684 to 705 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Fooks, on request of the Board, presented quotations from two companies, of prices of TL10 and TL12 Tracto-Loaders. After reviewing these prices and specifications the Board agreed to purchase the TL-12 from McClung-Logan Equipment at a quoted price of \$9675.00 delivered to Denton, less a 5% discount allowance, and requested Mr. Fooks to place immediate order for same.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Jan. 19, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 19, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:30 P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday January 12, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 706 to 720 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$ 28.02
1953 county tax	<u>600.40</u>
total tax.....	\$628.42.

An appointment was made for the Commissioners to meet with Mr. Fooks, the County roads Maintenance Engineer; Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board and William Engerman, Harry Knotts, and Austin Murphy right-of-way owners on the American Legion road at three o'clock on Tuesday Jan. 26th to discuss the situation in regard to obtaining the right-of-ways necessary to widen this road.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 26, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 26, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #721 to 764 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$ .30
1953 county tax	<u>30.00</u>
total tax.....	\$30.30.

A contract between the County Commissioners and the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. was executed to increase the light power in the Denton Causeway lights.

Stewart Wright, Trial Magistrate, was before the Board and made a request on his own behalf for a full time secretary for the trial magistrate work. The Board reserved decision until a later meeting.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 o'clock P. M. to meet with a delegation on Region Home Road to discuss the right-of-way proposals preparatory to the widening of this road.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday February 2, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 2, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday January 27, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 765 to 781 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$ .62
1953 county tax	<u>15.70</u>
total tax.....	\$16.32.

The Board made an appointment to meet with Trial Magistrate Stewart Wright to dispose of the matter pending regarding the employment of a full time secretary for the

T. M. work.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 9, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 9, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 782 to 802 inclusive were approved for payment.

Corporal Koste was before the Board in his own behalf and requested that the road known as Pealiquor Road from Rt. 313 to Williston be included in the widening program.

The Board conferred with Stewart Wright in regard to employment of a full time Trial Magistrate secretary. After a discussion and review of the matter, the Board agreed to allow Mr. Wright an additional \$600.00 to apply to the present allowance for secretarial help for his magistrate's work.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday February 16, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 16, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 803 to 809 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation from in and around Choptank was before the Board to request that the Marshy Hope bridge at Choptank be rebuilt and the grade raised so the tides won't overflow the bridge. The Board was pleased to tell the delegation that this particular bridge was on the list of the bridges to be re-built and that part of the materials were already on hand for the project.

The taxables and viewers of the West Henderson were before the board to hear a report of the Viewers on the said ditch. The following vote was cast by the taxables:

Mary Spinka	yes
J. Henry Timm	yes
John Radick	yes
Louis Antol	yes
H. Shively	yes
F. A. Evans	yes
Larson & Bjerge	yes
S. Harvey Walls	absent - no proxy
Paul Maule	yes
Ora Cohee	yes
S. Harvey Walls	absent - no proxy
Samuel Jones	absent - no proxy
L. A. Gooden	absent - no proxy
Roy Medford	yes
Harvard Horney	yes
Floyd Held	yes
Julia Vernon	yes

The taxables who were absent without proxy were declared in favor of the organization. The Board approved the organization to be known as the West Henderson Public Drainage Association.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 23, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 23, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #810 to 852 inclusive were approved for payment.

Dr. Wiley, county health officer, and Mr. Fletcher, county sanitarian presented a plan, for the approval of the Board, to institute and promote the dumping of rubbish and trash in certain designated locations in the county to eliminate the contagious roadside dumping. The plan met with the approval of the Board.

A right-of-way engineer from the State Roads Commission was before the board in reference to making new outlets on the road by the Poultry Company and others in West Denton so that the Pure Oil Company building could be moved back on

part of the old abandoned shell road to make room to widen the Denton-New Bridge state road. The board went on record as making no objection to the change provided suitable outlets were made.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, reported to the Commissioners the availability of a building that could be purchased and converted for use as a county office building. The Board agreed it would be desirable to house the offices outside the Court House in one county owned building and accepted Mr. Downes' report but took no action at this time.

Mr. Fooks met with the Board. It was agreed that when the Hobbs-Anderson town road project is finished, the work would move to the Mt. Zion-Henderson road. Mr. Fooks reported that the Holsinger Lane road is now being gravelled.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 2, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 2, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday February 23, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #853 to 871 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state tax	\$ .60
1953 county tax	17.93
total tax.....	\$18.53

A delegation consisting of Mr. Elmer Shoemaker, Mr. Lannace Moore and Mr. Stetson petitioned the board to widen and gravel the road known as the Adams Landing Road from the end of the existing county road at Mr. George Shaffer's property to Mr. Stetson's property, a distance of approximately .5 mile. Mr. Shoemaker owns the entire right-of-way necessary for this widening and will sign the right-of-way papers to give the width needed. The Board agreed to include this in

the widening program at such time as the working schedule and the budget permitted.

Mr. Fooks met with the Board to review the oiling program preparatory to ordering the cover stone for the spring work. It was agreed to order stone for all and to do as many of the roads as possible where the rights-of-way had been secured.

Elliott Robbins, colored county agent made a report to the board of the farms that had been soil tested for lime content.

The Board agreed to furnish 2 Tons of Fertilizer as top dressing for wheat at County Farm.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, agreed to consult with Mr. Fitzgerald, County Superintendent of Schools, regarding the feasibility of moving the School Board offices to quarters in a building available for purchase as county office building as reported in minutes of Feb. 23, 1954.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 9, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 9, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

Bills #872 to 895 inclusive were approved for payment.

Harry Hughes was before the Board in be-half of the Dukes Estate right-of-way interest on the Legion Road, as to whether the county was to haul the wood that was cut. The Board told Mr. Hughes that no contract or agreement was made to haul the wood, but would cut the wood in 8-12 ft. lengths as is customary on right-of-way work, ready for private hauling.

William Darling and Mr. Jarvis of the Soil Conservation Service presented a survey made of a soil erosion problem on the McNomee Farm caused by impaired drainage. After an explanation of the existing conditions the Committee presented suggestions for alleviation of the situation for the approval of the Board. The Board reserved decision until March 16th.

Mr. Sparks, Civil Defense Director, ordered a notice put in the paper that bids would be accepted for the purchase of six two-way radios for the county civil defense program. Notice to appear once only in the County Record.

The Board agreed that beginning with March 9, 1954 the second constable-at-large, Mr. Morris, could make a \$1.00 service charge on civil cases served.

The Board authorized the State Roads Commission to proceed with the relocation of the poles on Holsinger Lane; the county's proportionate share of the cost to be paid direct to the Eastern Shore Public Service Company out of local-levied money.

The Board agreed to trade in the Model D Grader Serial #D-392, purchased early in 1950, on the purchase of a new Model D Tandem Drive Grader priced at \$5700.00 less 2250.00 allowance on above trade-in.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 16, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 16, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday March 2 and Tuesday March 9, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #895 to 910 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board passed the following resolution recommended by the Board of Managers of the West Henderson Public Drainage Association:

RESOLUTION

1954-1  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the West Henderson Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1,000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

signature  
Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

signature  
John W. Eveland

signature  
Edward D. Sparks

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: signature  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Mr. J. A. Willoughby was before the Board in regard to getting the Hobbs-Ringgold Green county road included in the widening program. The Board recommended that the 40 ft. right-of-ways be obtained in preparation for inclusion in a future widening schedule.

A delegation representing the Log Cabin to Elbens Mill Pond road requested this section of road be included in the widening program to be widened to 32 ft. It was agreed to find out if the State Roads Commission will accept this width or if it is necessary to obtain the regulation 40 ft. It was also agreed for the Board to be notified when Mr. Joseph Lane returned to his home and at that time arrangements would be made to re-stake the right-of-way on his property.

A report was received from Dr. Riley and Mr. Fletcher, that a most un-sanitary condition existed in Hillsboro on the property of E. J. Hopkins. The Board directed Dr. Riley, county health officer and Mr. Fletcher, county sanitarian to proceed to eliminate this condition.

The Board went on record as approving the plan to pay the sum of \$70.00 per month for Janitor's services to the County Health Building, this sum to be refunded the County by the State Department of Health.

The Board directed that notices be given to Mr. Darling and Mr. Layton of the Soil Conservation Service to meet with them on Tuesday March 23rd to decide on a plan in the matter of the soil erosion problem on the Ridgely-Jumptown road.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 23, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 23, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #911 to 925 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners ordered notice sent to Stewart Wright to have his Trial Magistrates' reports, which are three months in arrears, brought up to date and filed in this office by the first Tuesday in April.

Oliver H. Christopher was notified that his appointment for constable for the Fifth District would be given consideration, if his application was recommended and approved by the Mayor and Town Council of Federalsburg.

The County Commissioners invited the Commissioners of Greensboro to meet with the Board on March 30th, to discuss the appointment of a Second District Constable.

The Board recommended the following section of road be taken into the county roads system for maintenance:

"That portion of the Adams Landing Road from the George Shaffer property to the Bradford Stetson property situated in the Third Election District."

The following resolution, recommended by the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, was approved by the Board:

RESOLUTION

1954-2  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$2000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

signature  
Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

signature  
John W. Eveland

signature  
Edward D. Sparks

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: signature  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

The County Commissioners agreed to cooperate with the Soil District to build spill basins at either end of the tile

on the Ridgely-Jumpton road, where an erosion problem is imminent, provided the Piney Branch Public Drainage Association will also cooperate with the ditch clearing.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 30, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 30, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 23, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #926 to 986 inclusive were approved for payment.

Ralph Woolford of Cordova has been privately employed by Mrs. Lulu Dunlavy to keep order in her tavern and dance hall. Mr. Woolford appeared before the Board and requested permission to wear a "Special Constable" badge while on duty there. The Board ruled that due to the private nature of the work, it had no jurisdiction in the matter; therefore could not make such an authorization.

Mr. Luther Bennett, Dr. Paul Biggers and Mr. Robert Schreiber representing the Commissioners of Greensboro were before the Board in regard to a constable for the Second Election District. The County Commissioners agreed to give consideration to an applicant for this appointment provided the application was recommended and approved by the Commissioners of Greensboro. The Town Board reported that it had a person in mind and had planned to present the name but on reconsideration the person declined to serve, but that it would continue in its search for a candidate for the appointment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 6, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 6, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday March 30, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #987 to 1009 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board set the days of April 22 and 23, 1954 as review dates for assessment on real estate in the First Election District for the 1956 levy.

Elliott Robbins, Negro county agent presented the budget for the ensuing year for the approval and inclusion in the 1954 levy. He also introduced Mrs. Ruth J. Truxon who has recently been appointed Negro Home Demonstration Agent in this county.

Mr. Fooks, County Roads Maintenance Engineer, reported to the Board that the work has nearly caught up with the program and requested a directive on the next roads where the rights of way have been acquired for widening.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 13, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 13, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 6, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1010 to 1036 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Brumbaugh, the Supervisor of Assessments, discussed the proposed notified assessments on certain business firms in the county preparatory to mailing notices to the taxpayers involved.

Miss Spafford met with the Board and announced that she was retiring on July 1, 1954 as Home Demonstration Agent for Caroline County, a post she has held for thirty years.

Miss Gertrude Gronbech was then introduced to the Board as her replacement.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 20, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 20, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1037 to 1055 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Fitzgerald, the county superintendent of Schools, presented a proposal of salary increases for teachers for the 1954-55 school year for the consideration of the County Commissioners and subsequent inclusion in the 1954 levy.

The proposed increase requested is as follows:

1st year teachers	(15)	@	\$200.00	cost	\$3000.00
2nd " " "	(10)	@	100.00	"	1000.00
3rd " " "	(12)	@	100.00	"	1200.00
4th " " "	(20)	@	100.00	"	2000.00

\$7200.00 additional would take care of the above schedule.

To pay 65 teachers with 16 or more years of experience \$100.00 each would cost \$6500.00 additional to above or a total of \$13,700.00. This proposal represents a saving of \$10,200.00 on a scale arranged so that every teacher would get an increase of \$300.00 which would cost a total of \$30,400.00.

The Board requested Mr. Mott to audit the three dispensaries in the county and to certify the inventories with the financial statements. Mr. Mott is to also do the regular county audit.

Mr. Harry Thomas was before the Board again to ask the county to take the road known as Manspeake Lane (8/10 mile) into the county road system for maintenance. Heretofore he has maintained the road out of his private funds and will no longer continue this practice. The Board discussed this with Mr. Fooks, the resident engineer, who said that while the decision was with the Board he could advise that there were several other sections of road in the county of a similar nature and were

not in the county roads system. The Board reserved decision in the matter.

The Board also discussed with Mr. Fooks the matter of the right-of-way on the Henderson-Mt. Zion road as now staked for widening. Complaints had come to the Board in regard to the proposed plan for widening. Mr. Fooks made an appointment to meet the Commissioners at the road on Thursday April 22, 1954 at 7:30 A.M. to review the situation now existing.

Mr. Fooks, reported to the Board that he had re-staked the end of the Legion Road to eliminate the Knotts right-of-way and that if the re-staked area would be agreeable to the right-of-way owners involved, would make a good looking job.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 27, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 27, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday April 20, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1057 to 1107 inclusive were approved for payment.

Roland Corkell reported a broken tile in the road that goes by the Melvin Brown farm just off the Denton-New Bridge state road. The Board instructed that a letter be written Mr. Corkell stating that the road to which he refers is not in the county road system for maintenance as it has been abandoned since the Denton-New Bridge state road has been built.

The Board approved the list of officers of the Public Drainage Associations in the county.

Mr. Brumbaugh and Mr. Fleetwood conferred with the Board in regard to an additional county allowance on the salaries of the supervisor of assessments and local

assessor beginning July 1, 1954. The increase requested is to be above the regular scheduled rate as follows:

\$100.00 per month for the Supervisor  
75.00 per month for the Local assessor.

Stewart Wright, Trial Magistrate was called before the Board and warned that his reports were to be brought up to date and kept current.

Mr. Fitzgerald was before the Board in regard to the proposed increase in teachers salaries. The Board approved the following plan for increases:

1st year teachers \$ 200.00  
2nd, 3rd and 4th year teachers 100.00

This would cause an increase in the school budget of approximately \$7200.00.

Mr. Ford, National Cash Register salesman presented a deal for a trade-in on the cash register for the Greensboro Dispensary for a new machine. The Board agreed to repair the one now in use.

Mr. Fooks, county roads engineer, was before the Board to check right-of-way clearances on the road widening program in order to set up a working schedule.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 4, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 4, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1101 to 1119 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners agreed to install a permanent awning on the front porch of the County Jail and contacted Mr. Bradford Stetson, who accepted the installation for a contract sum of \$611.00.

A delegation and petition of the people living on-and using the Denton to Hobbs county road was presented to the Board in request of a major maintenance repair job on the existing road. It was the specific request of the delegation not to include a widening project because of the location of a

section of homes recently built along the road, except to modify one blind curve - but to re-shape the existing width and apply new cover. The distance of the section involved is approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

Mr. Fooks was before the Board to report that one right-of-way on the Goldsboro to Union road had been omitted and requested that when it was secured and recorded to notify him. Mr. Fooks also suggested that it would be a good policy if in the future as soon as the necessary rights-of-way were recorded to notify him so that he could expedite his schedule.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 11, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 11, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt absent because of illness.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 4, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1120 to 1146 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Florence W. Lowe, State Director of Home Demonstration Agents for Maryland, met with the Board to concur in the appointment of Miss Gertrude Gronbech as County Home Demonstration Agent, replacing Miss Bessie Spafford who is retiring and to fill in the background of the appointee.

Asbury Pepper requested rights-of-way to widen the 1.7 mile of county road from Nichols Corner to Bealls corner. The matter was referred to Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board who does the right-of-way work.

Mrs. Beulah Carter presented the Welfare budget for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

Mr. Rogers and Miss Gronbech presented the budget for the White Extension service for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

In the matter of widening the road from the intersection of Routes 312 and 404 at Downes Corner to Moore's Corner the Board agreed to take it from the Log Cabin to Thawleys only.

Mr. Calvert Merriken and Sheriff Andrew returned a check in the amount of \$1189.88 for the county share of the costs in the Leon C. Bulow bankruptcy case.

Mr. Horace Shively requested the board to stake off the width requested on the Melville-Mt. Zion county road. The Board contacted the acting resident engineer to take care of this request.

The Board requested a letter written to Mr. Fooks stating the recommendation of the repair and re-surfacing of the Denton-Hobbs county road as soon as it can be worked into the present schedule.

The Board also recommended that a letter be written to Mr. Brodsky, Assistant Comptroller of the State Roads Commission stating that local county funds would be available to pay the difference between the maintenance money available and the county's share of the cost of the initial surface treatment on Secondary Roads in the county as set forth in his letter dated May 5, 1954.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 18, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 18, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 11, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1147 to 1154 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board set the days of June 10 and 11, 1954 as review dates for assessment on real estate in the Second Election District for the 1950 levy.

Mr. Townshend, District Engineer for the State Roads

Commission presented an agreement which was duly executed for the County to participate in the Federal-aid for the surface treatment of the following Secondary Roads:

Contract No.	F.A.P. Number	Name of Road	Length (Miles)
Co-244X-217	S-536 (1)	Henderson to Mt. Zion	2.10
Co-245X-217	S-537 (1)	Greensboro-Oakland	1.25
Co-246X-217	S-369 (2)	Hobbs to Andersontown	1.55
Co-247X-217	S-370 (3)	Friendship - Hynson	1.65
Co-248X-217	S-538 (1)	Tanyard to Cedar Lane	1.60
Co-249X-217	S-539 (1)	Poplar Neck Road	1.65
Co-250X-217	S-540 (1)	Oak Grove Road	0.90
		Total	10.70

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 25, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 25, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 18, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1155 to 1199 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board passed the following resolution respective to the Drainage Laws of Caroline County:

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the West Henderson Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1,000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

signature  
Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

signature  
John W. Eveland

signature  
Edward D. Sparks

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: signature  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 1, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 1, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 25, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1200 to 1215 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board recommended that the westerly portion of the road from the road #324 to the Main St. in Choptank, in the Fourth Election District be oiled as soon as it can be worked into the present schedule, and directed that notice of this recommendation be sent to Mr. Fooks, county roads maintenance engineer.

In response to a request from the Denton Chamber of Commerce to provide trash receptacles on the Court House Green to try to eliminate the promiscuous dumping of trash there, Mr. Harry Hughes, the C. of C. president agreed to investigate the situation further, and report to this Board.

The Board of Education invited the County Commissioners to a joint luncheon and business session on Tuesday June 15, 1954.

Mr. Mott presented a report on examination of accounts of the Liquor Control Board for the ten months ended April 30, 1954.

A request to the Commissioners to install two light poles at Lockerman School was referred to Mr. Fitzgerald, the county superintendent for further inquiry.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 8, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 8, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 1, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1216 to 1243 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to include for oiling, that portion of road from the Town Limits of Denton to the beginning

of the oiled section of the Denton-Hobbs road currently undergoing major maintenance repairs.

The tax rolls on the following tax ditches were certified to the Treasurer for collection:

West Henderson Public Drainage Association  
 Griffith Branch " " " "  
 North West Prong of the Griffith Branch Public  
 Drainage Association

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 15, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
 June 15, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
 John W. Eveland  
 Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1244 to 1258 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation was before the Board to request that the county road from Hobbs to Burrsville known as the Old Central Church Road be included in the oiling program.

The Board agreed to pay one-half of the cost of the pole re-location job of the Eastern Shore Public Service Co. on the Hobbs-Andersontown road direct to the company on completion of the project.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 22, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
 June 22, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
 John W. Eveland  
 Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1259 to 1314 inclusive were approved for payment.

The tax rolls of the Upperco Public Drainage Association was certified to the County Treasurer for collection.

A delegation of people living on the road known as the Morgan's Mill road requested the inclusion of this road in the widening and oiling program. The board did not advise the delegation that it would be in the next schedule but did recommend that the right-of-ways be secured first.

The Board authorized payment of the countys share of the cost of moving poles on rights-of-way out of maintenance money or local funds as necessary, and also requested that right-of-way stake off's be made as follows:

- (1) the property of Erman J. Bradley on the Nichols-Federalburg, to Preston road.
- (2) the county road from Melville to Mt. Zion to a 30 ft. width.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 29, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 29, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 22, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1315 to 1458 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1953 state taxes	\$ 3.84
1953 county taxes	<u>139.58</u>
Total.....	\$143.42.

A permit to hold a Camp Meeting at Mt. Zion from August 15-22, 1954 was granted to the Trustees of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church.

Mr. Edward D. Sparks was appointed as Commissioner member to serve one year as Director of the Welfare Board.

Mr. Vandyke, clerk to the Supervisors of Elections,

was given permission to store the ballot boxes and election booths in the cellar of the Court House.

The tax rolls of the Old Town Public Drainage Association and the Piney Branch Public Drainage Association were certified to the Treasurer for collection.

The Commissioners recommended that the Deep Shore Road, from the State road to the end of the county maintained portion, be oiled as soon as possible.

Mr. Fooks, county roads maintenance engineer, made an appointment with the Board to view the county roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 6, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 26, 1954

The Commissioners met in Special Session at 8:00 A.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The Commissioners met to fix the tax rate for the 1954-55 Levy.

After approving the budget of appropriations the tax rate was held at \$1.50 (same as 1953-54), on each \$100.00 of assessable basis.

The State rate is \$.0567 per \$100.00

The approved detailed levy follows:

	<u>1954-55</u>
County Commissioners Salary	2250
County Commissioners Expense	250
Clerk to Co. Commrs. Salary	2800
Clerk to Co. Commrs. Expense	300
Court Stenographer Salary	1200
Court Officers	500
Attorneys Fees-appt. by Court	500
Clerk of the Court	1700
Judges of the Orphans Court - Salary	1800
States Attorney - Salary	2400
States Attorney - Expense	1050
Jurors & witness Fees Expense	2500
Law Library	800
Registration & Elections - Salary	1500
Registration & Elections - Expense	10000
County Treasurer - Salary	2400
Extra Clerical Help - Treasurer	500
County Audit	1200
Supervisor of Assessments - Salary	3125
Board of Control & Review	150
Clerks to Assessors (2) - Salary	4000
Local assessor - Salary	2237.50

Re-assessing Expense (including abatements)	500
Deputy Treasurer - Salary	2000
Treasurer & Deputy Bonds	300
Treasurers Office - Expense	500
Beer License Board - Salary	450
Beer License Board - Expense	100
Attorney to Co. Commrs.	
Attorney to Welfare Board	500
Court House Janitor	1200
Supplies for County Officers	650
Fuel and Light	1800
Insurance - Co. Bldgs. & Machinery	2000
Repairs to Co. Bldgs. & Grounds	5000
Water & Sewer Rent	200
General Printing & Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous Gen. Government	500
Constables - Salary	1800
Constables - Mileage	1600
Volunteer Fire Companies	13100
Forest Fire Control	100
Sheriff - Salary	2200
Sheriff - Expense	2000
Inquest Fees	500
Civil Defense - Salary	1820
Civil Defense - Expense	1680
State Health Dept. - Psychiatric Clinic	11000
Ambulance Maintenance	1000
Vital Statistics	200
Support of Insane	8000
Deers Head State Hospital	3000
Miscellaneous General Control	500
Easton Memorial Hospital	6500
Administration - Welfare	6837
Old Age Assistance	16536
Contingent Fund	1000
Aid to Dependent Children	2638
Aid to Needy Blind	520
General Public Assistance	1152
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	5250
Board of Children	10782
Home for Aged Women (Easton)	250
Paupers Burial	100
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expense	2200
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	303717.92
U. of Md. Extension Service - W.	4964
U. of Md. Extension Service - N.	2025
Rent - Other County Offices	750
Caroline Soil District	14500
Teachers Pensions	2940
Social Security - County Share	650
Incorporated Towns	9500
Bond Redemption	5000
Bond Interest	1400

Total Expenditures \$ 509724.42

The meeting adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 6, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 29,  
1954 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #1 to 32 inclusive were approved for payment.

After viewing the county roads system with Mr. Fooks, county roads maintenance engineer, the following roads were recommended to be added to the oiling program, the work to be done as soon as possible:

	Mileage
1-Camp Ground Road	.80 mile
2-Holsinger Lane from Ridgely to Tuckahoe Station Road	1.80 miles
3-#317 towards Greenlees Cross Roads	1.00 mile
4-Beauchamps Branch to Concord	1.50 miles
5-American Corner - Grove Road to Greer's Corner	2.00 miles
6-Ridgely towards Crouse's Mill Pond	<u>2.50 miles</u>
Total.....	9.60 miles

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 13, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 13, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 6, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #33 to 58 inclusive were approved for payment. The Board appointed Mr. A. Thomas Everngam, and he accepted, to represent Caroline County and serve on a Commission known as "The Easton Airport Authority".

A deed was executed to John M. Saulsbury and Albert W. Saulsbury to convey a portion of the old abandoned county road from Ridgely to Greensboro.

The Board made the following resolutions pertaining to the county roads maintenance and ordered copy sent to Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer:

(1) That the letter dated July 9, 1954 containing recommendations for oiling six sections of road, be retracted because of incorrect mileages given.

(2) That the following roads and mileages be included in the immediate oiling program to replace above retraction:

1-Camp Ground Road	.8 mi.
2-Holsinger Lane from Ridgely to Tuckahoe Station Road	1.7 mi.
3-Central School from #317 north	1.95 mi.
4-Beauchamp Branch from oiled section to Concord via Jones Corner road	2.3 mi.
5-Rt. #621 to Greers Corner	2.1 mi.
6-Ridgely toward Crouse's Mill	<u>2.2 mi.</u>
Total.....	11.05 miles

(3) That the cost of the above oiling be paid out of local levied funds and that the Commissioners of Caroline County be billed monthly as the work progresses.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 20, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 20, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 13, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #59 to 88 inclusive were approved for payment.

Charles E. Mowbray was appointed Constable for the Fifth Election District.

A delegation from the Tanyard Road was before the Board with petitions of right-of-way to widen the road from Tanyard at Willoughbys Filling Station to Route #578.

A delegation was before the Board requesting the road from #404 to 433 through Smithville and Bloomery be widened and surfaced with a black-top treatment.

A letter was ordered sent to Mr. Rolph Townshend correcting the mileage on the Central School road to 1.95 miles.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 27, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 27, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

Mr. Hignutt reported he could not attend meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #89 to 132 inclusive were approved for payment.

Clifton H. Butler was appointed constable for the First Election District; Henry C. Dean was appointed Constable for the Second Election District. These two appointees were recommended by their respective Town Commissioners.

The Bonds were approved for the following Constables and ordered recorded:

Henry C. Dean	- 2nd District
Charles E. Mowbray	- 5th District

The Board requested Mr. Downes, attorney to the County Commissioners to proceed with the right-of-ways for the widening program he now has on file and complete them as soon as possible - especially the Oak Grove section.

The Board agreed to pay the cost of the pole relocation job on the Henderson to Mt. Zion Road, out of local levied funds.

The board requested Mr. Hooks to apply Calcium Chloride in the vicinity of the Labor Camp on the Choptank Road so as to lay the dust while the road trucks are hauling gravel.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 3, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 3, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday July 27, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #133 to 153 inclusive were approved for payment.

Seven attorneys, members of the Caroline County Bar Association were before the Board to request that an air-conditioning system be installed ~~be installed~~ in the vault in the Clerks office, then as the budget allowed to finish the Clerks office and possibly the other offices in the Court House; the primary request being the immediate installation in the Clerks vault—used almost continuously by the attorneys.

A permit to hold a Camp Meeting was issued to the Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church near Ridgely.

The bond of Clifton H. Butler, constable for the First Election District was approved by the board and

ordered filed with the Clerk

Mrs. Carter, Director of the Welfare Board conferred with the Board regarding the financial investigation of persons responsible for patients receiving care in Mental Hospitals, and the Board agreed with Mrs. Carter that a table of standards on which to base the investigation for this category only— should be made and requested this procedure be used in case examinations.

The Board agreed to widen the county road, known as the Asbury Pepper road, leading from Nichols to where it intersects the Federalsburg-Preston State road. Letter of recommendation ordered sent to Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 10, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 10, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #154 to 176 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Robert Dulin was before the Board requesting a "Cattle Crossing" sign. The Board told Mr. Dulin that the Commissioners were not putting up any signs of this type, and that any such sign, displayed on the county roads would be done with private funds.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amount was allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 county tax \$7.50.

A letter to the Board requesting additional financial assistance was referred to the Welfare Board for disposition.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 17, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 17, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland

Mr. Edward D. Sparks absent due to illness.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #177 to 187 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State tax	\$ .78
1954 County tax	<u>24.38</u>
Total.....	\$ 25.16

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 24, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 24, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 17, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #188 to 203 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State taxes	\$ 2.09
1954 County taxes	<u>77.03</u>
Total taxes.....	\$ 79.12

The Board instructed the Clerk to contact the C. C. Oliphant Co. to proceed with the repair work on the Court House roof, as per previous contract.

A request by Judge Carter for authority to purchase furniture for the Grand Jury Room in the amount of \$768.00 was taken under consideration by the board; it was agreed that because the levy has already been made the outlay of money was not advisable at this time.

The board made an appointment to meet with Mr.

Fooks, County Roads Resident Maintenance Engineer at his office on Tuesday August 31st at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the county roads program for the current year.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday August 31, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 31, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #204 to 253 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to allow two tables in the Law Library to be traded in on the purchase of new furniture for that room.

The following names were approved for appointment to the County Welfare Board:

1960 Term: Mr. Noble Jarrell Jr. Goldsboro  
1956 Term: Mr. David Sloan Federalsburg  
Commis. Member: Mr. Edward D. Sparks Ridgely

This leaves a vacancy in the 1956 Term which will be considered at a later date.

Mr. William Joiner appeared at this meeting in protest of the approaching application for the granting of a Beer License to Olin Griffith.

The Commissioners met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. this same day and recommended the following listed county roads to be included in the 1954-55 widening program:

- #1-Concord, Smithville Rd. from Rt. 578 via Bloomery Church Plus Smithville Hickman to Rt. 404
- #2-Concord, Smithville Rd. from Concord to Rt. 578
- #3-Beauchamp Branch Rd. to Sandersontown, Williston Rd. Dist. Line Rd. 3rd & 8th
- #4-Marsh Creek Rd. Preston to Poplar Neck Rd.
- #5-Theroff Rd. (Howard Harris) Rt. 331 to 578
- #6-Preston, Friendship Rd. Payne Rd. to 331
- #7-Hillsboro Crouse Mill Rd. to Crouse Mill
- #8-Bridgetown, Goldsboro Rd.
- #9-Mt. Zion & Kane Cross Rd.
- #10-Bridgetown, Greensboro Rd. to Glove Factory

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 7, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 7, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. P.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday August 31, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #254 to 270 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board recommended the following road be included in the 1954-55 county road widening program:

County Road leading from Friendship where it intersects the Federalsburg-Preston State Road—sometimes called Seipps Stone Road.

Mr. Sutton and Mr. Lynch, representing the Commissioners of Ridgely, appeared before the Board regarding the surfacing and maintenance of all that portion of Bell Street south of the railroad crossing at the Ridgely Canning Company to the southern limit of the town limits, approximately .45 mile in length. The Commissioners agreed to surface and maintain said portion of Bell Street provided they may continue to claim and receive the gasoline tax revenue for a minimum period of ten years from this date.

Wm. S. Orme, County Treasurer, requested the Board consider hiring an additional full time deputy for that office as the work has grown beyond the Treasurer and the one deputy now employed. The Board reserved decision in the matter.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 14, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 14, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday September 7, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #271 to 288 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Clarence Phillips representing the business firm

of Blades & Phillips requested a reduction in the assessment on their business. The Board agreed that no adjustment could be made for the present year and ordered notice sent to Mr. Phillips.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer on the 1954-55 taxes:

State tax	\$ .81
County Tax	<u>42.38</u>
Total	\$43.19.

The following resolution of agreement between the County Commissioners and the Commissioners of Ridgely was accepted by the Board and ordered recorded in the minute record of this date:

1954-4

RESOLUTION OF COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

A Resolution of the Commissioners of Ridgely passed for the purpose of relinquishing any claim they may have as such, on behalf of the Town of Ridgely, to the gasoline tax revenue to which said Town is entitled under Article 98B, Section 22 (b) Annotated Code of Maryland, 1951 Edition, insofar as is concerned all that portion of Bell Street south of the crossing at the Ridgely Canning Company to the southern limit of said Town, which portion is said to be forty-five hundredths (.45) of a mile in length.

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgely has not been receiving or claiming the gasoline tax revenue for the aforesaid portion of Bell Street for the past few years and same has been claimed and received by the Caroline County Commissioners for that period, and

WHEREAS, said Caroline County Commissioners have agreed to surface and maintain said portion of Bell Street provided they may continue to claim and receive said gasoline tax revenue for a minimum period of ten (10) years from this date hence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ENACTED by the Commissioners of Ridgely, Caroline County, Maryland, that said Commissioners, or their successors in office, shall make no claim, demand or request for the gasoline tax revenue to which said Town is entitled under the above-mentioned section of the law of the State of Maryland, for a minimum period of ten (10) years from this date hence, and relinquishes the right to make any such claim, demand or request unto the Caroline County Commissioners for said period, insofar as the aforesaid forty-five hundredths (.45) mile portion of Bell Street is concerned, PROVIDED said Caroline County Commissioners surface and maintain said portion of Bell Street as agreed by them on Tuesday September 7, 1954, at their weekly meeting.

(SEAL) Passed September 9, 1954 COMMISSIONERS OF RIDGELY

(signature)  
C. W. Guthrie, Clerk

By (signature)  
James H. Lynch, President

There being no other business the Board adjourned to

meet Tuesday September 21, 1954.

The Board agreed with John G. Wilson, Manager of the three County Dispensaries, that if trouble arose concerning any of the store employees, such trouble should be reported to the Commissioners. The Commissioners also agreed that after these conferences, Mr. Wilson is to have the power to hire and fire employees, deemed necessary to the proper functions of this business. *Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk  
Denton, Md.  
Sept. 21, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday September 14, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #289 to 297 inclusive were approved for payment.

Abatements in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State tax	\$ 19.45
1954 County tax	<u>181.54</u>
Total tax	\$ 200.99.

The Board approved the purchase of 10 Tons of Ground Burnt Lime for the County Farm but refused a request for purchase of fertilizer for the pasture which is to be used for private benefit.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday September 28, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 28, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1954 were held over until the next meeting for reading and approval.

Bills #298 to 348 inclusive were approved for payment. Bill #324 was voided due to change in method of payment to Negro Extension secretary.

Errors and insolvencies allowed the County Treasurer were:

1954 State tax	\$ 1.08
1954 County tax	<u>51.75</u>
Total tax	\$52.83.

Mr. Fooks, County Roads Maintenance Engineer, met with the Commissioners to discuss county roads program of expenditures in view of a possible decrease in Motor Vehicle Revenue and because certain expenditures have been made on anticipated revenue not looking to a decrease which leaves the county program \$22,916 in the red. The Board agreed to reduce maintenance expenditures

as far as possible in order to keep in line with current revenue and let a balance accumulate in order to eliminate the present deficit. The Commissioners agreed to pay our portion of the matching Federal Aid Funds on work which has been completed but requested the following reduction of work in the maintenance program for 1954-55:

- (1) To hold the two Federal-Aid contracts over until next year.
- (2) To carry over the Denton to Andersontown Road, which was scheduled for surface treatment in the regular oiling program, until next spring with the view of having sufficient funds to do the work at that time.
- (3) To postpone the following roads—which were to be "Bill Work" jobs—until we further advise:
  - a - Central School road
  - b - Beauchamp Branch Road.

Mr. John Coffin met with the Board in response to an appointment with the Commissioners, acting as the Board of Control and Review, to protest the assessment of his real estate for the 1956 levy. After showing Mr. Coffin comparison figures on farm properties similar to his, the Board let the present assessment on the property in question stand as assessed. Mr. Coffin did not actually protest the new valuation but rather protested the idea of a person over 65 years of age not being completely tax exempt—a situation not in the jurisdiction of the County Commissioners.

On Sept. 7, 1954 Wm. S. Urme, County Treasurer requested the Board consider hiring an additional full-time deputy, at which time the Board reserved decision. It is the agreement of the Board in this matter that the Treasurer continue to use extra clerical help during the busy seasons and dispense with an additional full-time clerk at this time.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Oct. 5, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 5, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, V. Pres.  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday Sept. 21, and Tuesday September 28, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #349 to 384 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Mattie Smith requested permission to release a Nurses Week Proclamation in the county newspapers with the endorsement of the County Commissioners. The Board granted permission.

The Board agreed to the following changes in the regular meetings scheduled for Nov. 2, 1954 because of Election Day:

Regular Commissioners Meeting to Monday Nov. 1, 1954.  
Beer License Board to Tuesday Morning Nov. 9, 1954.

Notices ordered sent to licensees affected by the change of dates.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 12, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 12, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 5, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #385 to 412 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State tax	\$ .21
1954 County tax	<u>13.50</u>
total	\$13.71.

The Board of Election Supervisors and Mr. Smith, Attorney to this board met with the Commissioners concerning certain items of Election expense and the following agreement was made:

- (1) Rental for polling place at Henderson to be \$10.00 per day.
- (2) Rental for polling place at American Corner to be \$10.00 per day.
- (3) Overtime pay for election officials to be \$.85 per hour.
- (4) Doorkeepers to be used only where necessary in the opinion of the Election Supervisors.

Mr. Frank Bradley appeared in behalf of Paul white for an unlisted private telephone in the back room at the Federalsburg Dispensary to be paid for by Mr. White.

The Commissioners agreed that this idea was not conducive to good business ethics and as a telephone was not necessary to the business the request was denied.

The Board passed the following resolution allowing the Old Town Public Drainage Association to borrow money:

RESOLUTION 1954-5

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1,000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

(signature)  
Emmett Hignutt, Pres.

(signature)  
John W. Eveland

(signature)  
Edward D. Sparks  
BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: (signature)  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 19, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 19, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #413 to 430 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	.46
1954 county tax	27.00
total tax	\$27.46

Mr. Frederick Lee Butler was before the Board regarding having his place of business, which is a dance hall, patrolled by county officers for orderliness. The Board referred him to Mr. James A. Wise, the States Attorney for advice.

Mr. Ormond Andrews, on the Board of Directors; Mr. George D. Olds, President and Mr. Shoyer, Business manager of the Memorial Hospital in Easton presented a statement of

the amount (\$5202.61) needed from Caroline County this year to cover the hospital's loss on Caroline County welfare patients at the hospital.

Mrs. Carter, director of the local Welfare Board, reported to the Commissioners that the welfare staff is doing extensive probationary work for the Juvenile Court as directed by the County which has grown to proportions requiring extra workers and reminded the Board of an agreement that when this became necessary the Board would provide in the budget, its share of a workers salary to do this work. The Board agreed to give Mrs. Carter a letter to this effect.

Mr. Fooks County Roads Maintenance Engineer was before the Board regarding the third application of the oiling of county roads. The Board recommended that the county roads that have had the first and second applications, receive the third application in the 1955 surface-treatment program. The Board also recommended that the costs be paid out of gasoline tax and motor vehicle revenues and that expenditures be controlled so that this will be possible.

Jack Wilson, supervisor of the dispensaries, was before the Board in behalf of the employees in the Federalsburg store for an increase in their pay. The Board refused the request.

A delegation from Harmony was before the Board to request the Harmony road be widened and surface-treated. Mr. Lenthicum made a similar appeal for the road by his farm. The Board told the people on both roads that for the present work on the widening program was curtailed due to lack of funds in the maintenance program.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 26, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Oct. 26, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #431 to 492 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 4.25
1954 county tax	127.13
total	\$131.38

Additional assessments in the following amounts were charged to the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 12.89
1954 county tax	401.56
total	\$ 414.45

A letter was ordered sent by the clerk to the County Welfare Board granting permission to transfer funds from one category to another in the Welfare program.

The county sheriff and Mr. Leroy Nichols were before the Board concerning the heating problem at the Jail. According to the reports, there is insufficient heat in the upper part of the Jail. Mr. Nichols made a survey of the building and the heating system and recommended certain changes necessary to give the most effective and economical service. The Board reserved decision on the recommendations.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, November 1st, 1954, the regular meeting day being the day of the General Election.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 1, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 26, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #493 to 502 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 9. 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 9, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Monday Nov. 1 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #503 to 671 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 county tax \$3.00.

Mr. Walter Dunlavy and Ralph Woolford were before the Board requesting the appointment of Mr. Woolford as constable for the First Election District. The Board informed these men that Mr. Clifton H. Butler had been appointed in that capacity and had qualified and in as much as he has not resigned this position, no other person would be appointed as constable in that District.

Mr. Harry Kieck and Mr. Wm. Engerman, representing the Caroline County Soil District, were before the Board requesting an additional \$300.00 per month to cover operating expenses of the Drainage program. The Board agreed to allow only \$100.00 additional each month until the end of the fiscal year, which would cost \$800.00 of money not levied for in this category. The Board also agreed to allow the \$200.00, to make up the \$300.00 original request, in the levy for the 1955 fiscal year if it is necessary to the efficient operation of the drainage program.

Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, and Mr. Malcolm Bye, surveyor, were before the board regarding the location of a new right-of-way from Elmer R. Shoemaker for widening the Adams Landing road. Mr. Shoemaker

contends that the right-of-way goes through his property, thus giving the road the nature of a private road. The Commissioners agreed that it was the intention of the Board to put the road at the property line because it is a county road and all the property owners on either side have access to its use. The Board recommended that Mr. Fooks to do what he could to clarify this situation.

The Board recommended the following section of road be included in the oiling program which was intended to be included in the program in the minutes on Aug. 31, 1954:

Oakland to Clark's Lane 1.00 mile.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday November 16, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 16, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Wignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 672 to 679 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ .34
1954 county tax	18.08
Total tax	\$18.42

The Board set Thursday Dec. 2, and Friday Dec. 3 to set as a Board of Control and Review of the assessment on real estate in the Sixth Election District.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the State Roads Commission to the effect that Caroline County would not participate in the bonding project to secure funds for construction and reconstruction of county roads.

The County Commissioners requested the following roads be included for Federal Aid Projects in the 1955 Oiling Season:

- 1-Central School Road, from Route 317 to Greenly's Cross roads, a distance of 1.9 miles.
- 2-Beauchamp branch Road, including a part of the Concord Jones Corner road, from the end of the oiled surface on the Beauchamp branch road to the village of Concord, a distance of 2.3 miles.

- 3-Higgely-Crouse's Mill Road, from the end of the present oiled road to the Hillsboro-Crouse's Mill Road, a distance of approximately 2 miles.
- 4-River Road - Holsinger's Lane, from the end of the oiled surface on River Road to the oiled surface on Holsinger's Lane, a distance of approximately 3 miles.

The Board also requested the following roads be added to the Federal Aid Secondary System in Caroline County:

- 1-Denton toward Andersontown, from Rt. 404 to the Hobbs-Andersontown Road via the Legion Home.
- 2-Marsh Creek road, from Rt. 313 in Preston to Poplar Neck Road.
- 3-Preston-Friendship Road, from Rt. 313 south of Preston to Friendship via Cohee Bridge.
- 4-Union to Hollingsworth Crossroad.
- 5-Bridgetown-Greensboro Road to Glove Factory, from Bridgetown to Greensboro via the Dr. Betson Road and Bridgetown-Goldsboro Road.
- 6-New Church road, from Rt. 319 to Friendship.
- 7-Crouse's Mill Road, from Oakland to Clark's Lane.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 23, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 23, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #680 to 727 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amount was allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 county tax \$3.00

Miss Gertrude Gronbeck, County Home Demonstration agent, presented her Annual Report. She also requested permission to use the unexpended travel money for office equipment; and asked if additional money might be obtained for rentals for meetings if the budgeted amount was not sufficient to cover the needs. The Board granted permission to use the travel overage for office furniture but suggested she be extra careful about the rental money and try to make it do.

Judge Carter was before the Board requesting new lighting for his office and the Law Library. This project was estimated to cost approximately \$357.70 and the Board approved the request.

Mr. John H. Shaffer and Mr. H. Ralph Wright was before the Board regarding a drainage problem on their properties caused, according to their report, by the repairs and widening recently done to the county road. Because Mr. Wright is negotiating with the State Roads Commission on the same problem, this Board took no action on this matter at the present time.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 30, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 30, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Eveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #728 to 748 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board directed the following letter be written to Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, regarding the clarification of a right-of-way on the Adams Landing Road mentioned in the minutes of November 9, 1954.

C-O-P-Y

Dear Mr. Fooks:

A controversy has arisen regarding the location of the extension of the Adams Landing Road, which was taken into the State maintained County Road System and improved according to our recommendations of March 30, 1954. At the time this work was done, it would appear that there was some misunderstanding as to the exact location of the boundary line of the Shoemaker property.

Checking the land records of Caroline County, we find in Liber D.R.H. 117, Folio 362, a deed dated June 25, 1952 from Elmer R. Shoemaker and Naomi F. Shoemaker to Lannace A. Moore and Ethel A. Moore, his wife, the following description in part:

"Beginning at a concrete marker on line of the Thomas F. Reilly land, thence with the west side of a 30 foot road or right-of-way....."

Also in the land records of Caroline County, we find in Liber D.R.H. 121, folio 375, a deed dated March 20, 1954,

from Elmer N. Shoemaker and Naomi F. Shoemaker to the County Commissioners of Caroline County, for a 30 foot right-of-way from the George Shaffer property going to the Bradford Stetson property. This deed reads in part:

"A width of 30 feet past the adjoining Thomas F. Reilly land....."

It was the intention of this Board that the westerly side of the improved road, paralleling the Choptank River, should be bounded by the Thomas F. Reilly lands and those of Lannace A. Moore, and others. The width of the right-of-way to be measured 30 feet easterly from these boundaries. It is obvious from the aforementioned deeds that this was also Mr. Shoemaker's intent at the time he deeded the right-of-way to the County.

Since the boundary line between the Reilly and Shoemaker properties has been definitely established, it is obvious that a portion of the improvement has been laid down on land which Mr. Shoemaker did not deed to this Board. It is therefore our request that you correct this situation at your earliest convenience, by placing the road bed adjacent to the Thomas F. Reilly, Lannace A. Moore, and others, properties as mentioned in the deeds.

Very truly yours,  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

Emmett Hignutt, President

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday December 7, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 7, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: Emmett Hignutt, Pres.  
John W. Cleveland  
Edward D. Sparks

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday November 30, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

The Board allowed the County Treasurer the following errors and insolvencies:

1951 state tax	\$ 57.93
1951 county tax	1627.83
1952 state tax	33.58
1952 county tax	1077.66
1953 state tax	6.60
1953 county tax	<u>206.40</u>
total	\$3010.00
1954 state tax	.67
1954 county tax	<u>30.38</u>
total	\$ 31.05

The Board agreed to allow Howard Trice, constable, an additional 3 cents per mile for travel while Mr. Andrew, sheriff and Mr. Morris are off duty because of illness. The total mileage beginning this date, for this emergency will be 8¢ per mile.

Mr. Downes, attorney to the Board, and Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, were before the Board regarding the right-of-way on the Adams Landing Road. After conferring with Mr. Elmer Shoemaker, who gave the entire width needed for widening, Mr. Fooks reported that the road was in the proper location according to Mr. Shoemaker. Mr. Downes advised that, because any protest over the location of this road is of a personal nature, the County Commissioners withhold further participation in as much as proper right-of-ways are recorded.

Bills #749 to 793 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the retiring Board adjourned and the newly elected Commissioners assumed control. They are John W. Eveland, John S. Legates and A. Webster Todd.

On motions duly made and seconded John W. Eveland was made President of the Board and John S. Legates was made Vice President for the term of four years. On motions duly made and seconded Wesley D. Thawley was named attorney to the Board and Rachel Collison was appointed Clerk to the Board for the term of four years.

Mr. Legates was named to be Commissioner member of the Welfare Board for one year and Mr. Todd will be Commissioner member of the Health Board.

All decisions were unanimous with the Board.

The Commissioners agreed to hold over the appointment of a Civil Defense Director for the County until December 14.

The first order of business after the organization of the Board was a conference called by Stewart Wright, Trial Magistrate. Mr. Wright acquainted the Board with some of the functions of his office and some of the problems involved the main problem at present being office space and staff. Mr. Wright requested the Commissioners to consider the possibilities of housing the Trial Magistrates office in separate quarters, not connected with the private work of the Trial Magistrate. This would require the expenditures for the full share of rent, heat, light, phone and clerical services. The Board reserved decision pending further study of the situation.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 14, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 14, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #794 to 805 inclusive were approved for payment.

Eliot Robbins, colored county agent, turned in his annual report, and announced that he was resigning his job here as of Dec. 31, 1954 to do a two-year study of graduate work in Landscape farming at Harvard.

Howard Trice, constable at Large, resigned that post because he is leaving the county at the first of the coming year.

The Board recommended the appointment of John S. Legates as Civil Defense Director for Caroline County.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the county Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ .27
1954 county tax	<u>7.35</u>
total	7.62

The following additional assessments were charged to the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 3.76
1954 county tax	<u>98.25</u>
total	\$101.96

It was agreed by the Board to rent a separate office for the Trial Magistrate and establish a full-time clerk for that office.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday December 21, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 21, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #806 to 850 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 80.18
1954 county tax	<u>111.00</u>
total	191.18

The following additional tax was charged to the Treasurer to correct an error in billing:

1954 county tax #48.89.

Mr. Wesley Thawley, newly appointed attorney to the County Commissioners, came before the Board in acceptance of the appointment and extended his cooperation in any matter of the Board requiring his services.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 28, 1954.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 28, 1954

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #851 to 862 inclusive were approved for payment.

Miss Irma Nichols and her sister Mrs. Vincent McCrea received a commitment for their father, Clarence E. Nichols, to enter the Eastern Shore State Hospital. Miss Nichols agreed to pay the county share of maintenance.

In view of the fact that there was no new activity as the Beer License Board, on Tuesday January 4, 1955 the

Commissioners made an appointment to meet at 9:00 A.M. with Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, to discuss the county roads program, and to remain on call for Beer License Meeting.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 4, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 4, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1954 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #863 to 892 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 1.08
1954 county tax	<u>40.73</u>
total	\$ 41.81

The Board appointed Albert Matthews, as Constable-at-Large, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Howard Trice.

The Board recommended that the Denton-andersontown road to Beck's Crossroad by way of the Legion Home be included in the 1955 Oiling Program. The following roads were also recommended to be included in the widening program.

- (1) Parrott-Quidas road from #378 to 331 at Tanyard.
- (2) Harmony-Gilpin Point road to where it intersects the McNeal Road, (#33-8 LD).

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 11, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 11, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #893 to 922 inclusive were approved for payment  
Errors and insolvencies allowed the County Treasurer

were:

1954 state tax	.20.
1955 county tax	<u>5.25</u>
Total tax	5.45.

Merle Lee Lister and Amos Harris asked the Commissioners if they could cut the "down wood" on the County Farm, that was damaged by the hurricane, share and share alike. The Board agreed to this arrangement.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 18, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 18, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #923 to 935 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 1.17
1954 county tax	<u>34.03</u>
Total tax	\$35.20

A letter was ordered written to Mr. Robert A. Downes, Jr. attorney to the previous Board of County Commissioners, for an appointment at the next regular meeting of this Board to review the present situation regarding the obtainment of the right-of-ways on the county road widening program.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday January 25, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 25, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The Board approved for payment bills #936 to 981 inclusive.

Mr. Downes met with the Board as per appointment and agreed to remit the outstanding right-of-ways on the county roads, with a letter of transmittal noting disposition of each set of right-of-ways.

The minutes of the meeting on Jan. 18, 1955 were held over until the Board meets on Tuesday February 1, 1955. The Board adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 1, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Lveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Tuesday Jan. 31, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #982 to 1005 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Howard M. Harris, President of the Board of Education of Caroline County and Mr. W. Stewart Fitzgerald County Superintendent of Schools, presented to the Board for its approval, a lengthy and detailed report on the advantages of a Central Senior High School for Caroline County, prior to a press release this week of this report to the public, to insemiate interest in the legislation of a bond issue of approximately \$1,600,000.00 for construction of this project. The Board accepted the report but withheld comment pending further study of the need for such a program and a diagnosis of the economics involved in its execution.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday Feb. 8, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 8, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1006 to 1034 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer and Mr. Aquist of the Bureau of Public Roads called on the County Commissioners prior to their inspection of the County roads in the Federal-aid Secondary System Oiling program for the 1955 season.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the Welfare Board, presented the monthly reports of activity in her office and made explanations of the report to the Commissioners.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 15, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #1035 to 1048 inclusive were approved for payment.

Additional taxes in the following amounts were charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1954 state tax	\$	.35
1954 county tax		<u>9.75</u>
Total tax.....	\$	10.10.

Mr. W. Stewart Fitzgerald, Mr. Elias W. Nuttle and Mr. Howard M. Harris of the County Board of Education were before the Board requesting approval to introduce a bill in the present session of Legislature to bond the County for \$1,600,000.00 to build a consolidated senior high and

build facilities at Federalsburg to accomodate grades 1 through 9 and to remove the old building. The Board gave no decision due to a pending conference with the Caroline County Delegation at Annapolis.

A delegation of approximately 20 citizens of Federalsburg, headed by Mr. Marvin Smith, appeared before the Board in protest of the plan proposed by the Board of Education and requested that the Board not approve the plan as originally presented.

Mr. Hector K. Gardner, T. M. for Federalsburg area requested that his secretary salary be increased from \$47.50 monthly to \$60.00 monthly.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Monday Feb. 21, Tuesday being a Legal Holiday. Proper notice of change in meeting date put in all the county papers.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 21, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1049 to 1094 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board appointed Dr. Edwin G. Riley, of the County Health Department to serve as local member on the "Keep Maryland Beautiful" commission to work with the State committee headed in Caroline County by Mrs. Mildred Kern.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 1, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 1, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1095 to 1115 inclusive were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the Board to allow \$.07 per mile for all mileage allowances for Constables. Mr. Matthews, Constable-at-Large has been receiving \$.08 per mile, the other Constables have been receiving \$.05 per mile.

The Board agreed to include \$250.00 additional for each ambulance in the 1955-56 levy.

Miss Gronbech was before the Board and received permission to use her unused mileage allowance for office equipment. The amount is approximately \$109.73.

Mr. John S. Legates accepted chairmanship for the Caroline County Disaster Control for the American Red Cross, in conjunction with the Civil Defense program.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 8, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 8, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1116 to 1141 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	.17
1954 county tax	<u>11.25</u>
total tax...	\$11.42.

Mr. Fletcher, County Sanitarian was before the Board

regarding toilet facilities and water supply at the place of business where Medford Crumble proposed to sell Beer, but was refused a license. The Board agreed, that when the applicant had met the requirements requested by Mr. Fletcher and he had approved same as being in a sanitary condition; to re-open the application for further consideration without re-advertising, but to notify the delegation who had previously opposed it.

The Board selected the name of Lester Christopher for appointment to the County Welfare Board.

Wilmer Johnson was contacted to repair the chimney on the Jail - before the slate on the roof is replaced.

Mr. Wm. S. Orme, County Treasurer, asked the Board for consideration on a request to employ an extra full time clerk in the Treasurers office. The Board agreed that if he needed extra help for the added duties of the office, he should have the extra clerk.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 15, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 15, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1142 to 1154 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ 5.42
1954 county tax	<u>158.18</u>
total tax..	\$163.60.

The report filed by the Board of Education on February 1, 1955 regarding a Central Senior High School for Caroline County and the necessary legislation required to borrow money for construction costs, has been under advisement and discussion by the Board since that date. Today over one hundred persons from the

Federalsburg area met with the board in a special session in the Court room to protest the proposal of the School Board. Members of the School Board were also present at this meeting. After careful consideration and much discussion of the pertinent points involved—the need and the cost—the Board was unanimous in its decision to offer the Bill in Referendum form for the electorate to vote "For" or "Against" the proposal of the School Board and sent the following letter to our Senator and Delegates:

March 15, 1955

The Honorable  
Layman J. Redden, Orland B. Blades and Harry R. Hughes  
Annapolis, Maryland

Gentlemen:

In regard to the school situation in Caroline County which we have been discussing for some time, you are advised that we have to-day decided to request you gentlemen to immediately have prepared and introduced in the General Assembly of Maryland a Bill, the substance of which is to be as follows:

1 - That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be authorized to raise by bond issue the sum of \$1,600,000.00, and that said funds shall be used for the following purposes:

(a) To purchase a suitable site geographically located near the center of Caroline County, together with adequate acreage, and to erect thereupon a consolidated senior high school to accommodate the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth grade pupils of Caroline County.

(b) To build a new, and/or additions to the presently existing, Federalsburg school to accommodate pupils in grades from one to nine, inclusive.

2 - The said Bill shall be in referendum form in order that the electorate of Caroline County may vote "For" or "Against" said measure.

3 - That the same be presented as an emergency measure, to be voted upon at a "Special Election" to be held around the middle of June, 1955.

You will recall when we had our meeting last Sunday afternoon, discussions were made as to whether or not we should have other questions upon the ballot, such as building two senior high schools, adding additions to our present schools in lieu thereof, &c., but we are now reliably informed any alternative plan would cost much more than \$1,600,000.00 and we feel this amount of indebtedness is the greatest the County can assume at the present time, and we have, accordingly, decided it would be best to permit the voters to decide "For" or "Against" the one plan only.

When the Bill has been finally drafted and introduced, we will appreciate it if you will send a copy of same to each of us, and also a copy to our attorney, Wesley E. Thawley, Esq., Denton, Maryland,

Very respectfully yours,

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John W. Eveland, President

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John S. Legates

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A. Webster Todd

County Commissioners of Caroline County

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 22, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 22, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1155 to 1169 inclusive were approved for payment.

Erros and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ .11
1054 county tax	<u>10.50</u>
total tax..	\$10.61.

Albert A. Matthews, Constable-at-Large for Caroline County, resigned that post to be effective March 28, 1955. No successor was named.

The beer license application of Medford Crumble which was refused at its regular hearing on March 1, 1955 was re-opened and a new hearing set for Tuesday, March 29, 1955 at 2 o'clock P.M. Applicant and protestants were notified of the new hearing.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 29, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 29, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #1170 to 1226 inclusive were approved for payment.

Dr. Edwin G. Riley, county chairman of the State-wide "Keep Maryland Beautiful" Commission, presented the

minutes of the meetings of that committee to the Board for information regarding its activities. This is the procedure to be followed in which the Board will use to keep in touch with this committee.

A special hearing was granted to Medford Crumble, applicant for a license to sell Beer which was refused at the regular meeting of the Beer License Board on Tuesday March 1, 1955. A delegation in protest of the issuance of this license was represented by Mr. Marvin Smith, attorney. The Board upheld the refusal of the Beer License, as handed down at the meeting on March 1, 1955.

Mr. Marvin Smith offered to collect pertinent data regarding the installation of voting machines in Caroline County as an outgrowth of a resolution of the Caroline County Delegation in Annapolis. The Board accepted the offer.

Mr. Fitzgerald, county superintendent of Schools, explained to the Board certain changes in the State Equalization Fund for Schools which will cause an increase in the county school budget—which according to Mr. Fitzgerald will be more than off-set by the State's participation in the new teacher's salary scale effective Sept. 1, 1955. Mr. Fitzgerald made a request for an additional \$200.00 per teacher to be paid out of this additional money, and explained that the school levy rate would remain the same as last year. The Board agreed to give this request consideration.

The Board agreed to pay the deputy sheriff \$100.00 per month until the present year ends on June 30, 1955, salary to be retro-active to January 1, 1955.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 5, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 5, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday March 22 and Tuesday March 29, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1227 to 1254 inclusive were approved for payment.

H. Saulsbury Sparks was appointed Constable-at-Large to fill the vacancy of Albert Matthews, resigned.

Mr. Rogers, County Agent, presented the 1955 list of officers of the Tax ditches in the county, which is placed on file in the Commissioners office.

Dr. Hastings of the State Department of Agriculture met with the Board and requested a special meeting with the Commissioners, the Health Dept., and all the Law enforcement agencies including the Gam Wardens of the County to discuss the emergency situation caused by the outbreak of rabies in the southern portion of the county. The meeting was set for 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning April 12, 1955 and all the proper persons ordered notified of the meeting.

Mr. Thawley, attorney to the Commissioners, met with the Board to discuss a provision to the Beer License regulations to prevent the admittance of minors to beer licensed establishments in Caroline County, as recommended by the Grand Jury for the April term of Court. Mr. Thawley suggested that he work on the regulation and bring it before the Commissioners at a later meeting. The Board agreed.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday morning April 12, 1955 at 10 o'clock.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 12, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1255 to 1275 inclusive were approved for payment.

An insolvency in the amount of \$3.00 in the 1954 county taxes was allowed the Treasurer:

The Bond of H. Saulsbury Sparks, recently appointed Constable-at-Large, was approved by the Board and ordered recorded.

Earl J. Truxon, was granted a Transfer of Beer License from the Wm. H. Truxon, estate. By special appointment with the Commissioners, the hearing was set for this day.

After a previous conference in the morning with Dr. Hastings, the County Health Dept., the local Game wardens, and the local law agencies concerning the present emergency caused by the recent outbreak of rabies in the county; the Commissioners approved a quarantine of the entire county—set by the State Dept. of Agriculture. This quarantine is to be supervised by Dr. Hastings with all the above named departments or agencies co-operating. Clinic stations are to be set up to give immunity vaccinations to all dogs—free of charge to owners.

Mrs. Covey, Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Coulbourne and Lois Fuchs and Frances Fisher met with the Commissioners to discuss the possibilities of getting an assistant Home Demonstration agent and 4-H Club Leader as State Matching Funds are now available to use for this item. The Board agreed to provide the county funds for this purpose in the 1955 levy—the anticipated amount to be approximately \$2000.00.

The County Commissioners adopted the following resolution pertaining to the Beer License rules and regulations: 1955-1

WHEREAS the Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland in and for the body of Caroline County, at its April Term 1955, recommended that minors be excluded at all times from premises holding an alcoholic beverage license for consumption on the premises, and

WHEREAS, we, the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County, have given said recommendation our consideration, and desire to follow the recommendation of the Grand Jury insofar as we deem it feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County add to its present rules and regulations a rule, to be known as rule No. 21, to read as follows:

" RULE NO. 21 - No license holder operating a so-called tavern or tap room in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed for consumption on the premises, and which said tavern or tap room permits dancing at any time in its establishment, shall permit any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years in or on said premises at any time when said establishment is open for business; and any such license holder, or his agent operating said establishment, or any employee, shall take full responsibility

to see that all minors are excluded therefrom. Every such license holder shall place upon the outside of the entrance to his or her establishment, and in conspicuous places on the interior of said establishment, signs to the effect "NO MINORS ALLOWED", said signs to be in large bold type."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any rule and regulation of the Board of License Commissioners of Caroline County inconsistent with this rule is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this rule and regulation shall take effect as of April 30, 1955; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be promptly mailed, by Registered Mail, with Return Receipt requested, to all license holders in Caroline County holding a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 19, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 19, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1276 to 1293 were approved for payment.

A delegation of fox hunters, headed by Mr. K. Thos. Everngam, attorney, appeared before the board in protest of the quarantine effected in the County to prevent the spread of an outbreak of rabies. The Commissioners informed the delegation the matter is out of County jurisdiction, that it was put on by the State Dept. of Agriculture with the approval of the Attorney General of Maryland; the contact made by Dr. Hastings of the Dept. of Agriculture was a matter of policy for agreement of which the Board approved. The State Dept. of Agriculture will enforce the quarantine.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday April 26, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 26, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #1294 to 1353 were approved for payment.

The bonds of Trial Magistrates Stewart Wright and L. Claude Howard and Substitute Trial Magistrate Truman H. Richards were approved by the board and ordered filed with the Clerk of the Court.

May 12th and 13th, 1955 were designated as days to sit as a Board of Control and Review on the 1956 assessments for the Third Election District.

Errors and Insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 county tax \$8.25.

The board recommended the following county road be included in the oiling program for the 1955 oiling season:

"Denton toward Andersontown, (18-3ED), from Rt. #404 to the Hobbs-Andersontown Road via the Legion Home."

This road was previously recommended to be added to the Federal Aid Secondary System, and the oiling recommendation is made due to the fact that it has not been accepted into the Federal Aid program.

The Commissioners unanimously appointed the following constables to serve from May 1955 until May 1957:

H. Saulsbury Sparks	- Constable-at-large
Walter Morris	- Constable-at-large
Clifton H. Butler	- Constable First District
Henry C. Dean	- Constable Second District
Charles W. Mowbray	- Constable Fifth District
C. Kemp Stewart	- Constable Sixth District.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 3, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 3, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1354 to 1370 inclusive were approved for payment.

By special appointment at eleven o'clock on this day the Commissioners met with Dr. Harold Plummer, Dr. Edwin G. Riley and a representative delegation of the County Health Association. This group reported the need for an established nursing home in the County for patients needing medical and nursing care who are not chronic enough for Deers Head Hospital; and also reported findings on financial data regarding the construction of such a building. It was reported that such a project was too expensive for a private enterprise and could best be done as a county project with the use of Federal Aid money. It was proposed by this group that the County Farm be sold and receipts used for the county share of this construction costs. Maintenance and operation of the nursing home would be on a self-sustaining basis according to this committee. The Commissioners were not asked to give an immediate decision but to make a study of the entire proposal as the deadline on the Federal Funds grant is June 30, 1955. The Board reserved decision.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 10, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 10, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
W. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 3, 1955, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1371 to 1395 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board referred Mr. Ed. Covell to the States

Attorney for legal help in the matter of dogs running loose and killing his pigs.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 17, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 17, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1396 to 1417 were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the Board that all Beer License Holders should operate their places of business on Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Mr. Rogers, and Miss Gronbeck presented their Extension Service budget for the 1955 levy.

Mr. Carlton V. West, Register of Wills and Mr. D. Ralph Horsey, Clerk of the Court, reported to the Board that beginning with the first Saturday in June 1955, their respective offices had the legal authority to be closed every Saturday, and on this effective date these offices would be closed. The Commissioners concurred with this in respect to the Treasurers office and the Commissioners office. It was agreed that all offices in the Court House would use uniform opening and closing hours.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 24, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 24, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1418 to 1457 were approved for payment.

Mr. Paul Croll and Mr. Marvin Smith—in behalf of the Mayor and Council of Federalsburg—were before the Board regarding a situation about the Town Dump. Because it is located so that the county people use it as well as the Town, Mr. Croll asked that County machinery be allowed to help clean and dig a pit that would be approved by the Dept. of Forest and Parks as safe from fires to the nearby woods. As the County owns no machinery of the type needed, the Commissioners suggested the State Roads Commission be contacted for use of State owned machinery.

The following corrections were made to the tax rolls of the County Treasurer:

Addition:	1953 state tax	.63
	1953 county tax	<u>10.37</u>
	Total	11.00
Allowances:	1954 state tax	5.67
	1954 county "	<u>90.00</u>
	Total	95.67.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 31, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 31, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1458 to 1475 inclusive were approved for payment.

John S. Legates was named Commissioner member to serve on the Welfare Board to May 1956.

A delegation was before the Board to request the county road from the old Federalsburg road at Gil Wright's cannery to the Laurel Grove—American Corner road be widened and included in the oiling program. The necessary right-of-ways were prepared for the owners to sign and return for recording.

The welfare Budget was submitted to the Commissioners

for inclusion in the 1955-56 levy.

Insolvencies in the amounts of \$17.24 county tax for 1954 tax year was allowed the Treasurer.

The Board passed the following resolution to permit the Managers of the West Henderson Public Drainage Association to borrow money.

May 31, 1955

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the West Henderson Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$700.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

John W. Eveland, Pres.

John Legates

Webster Todd

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 7, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 7, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday May 31, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1476 to 1504 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Wilbert Merriken was before the Board regarding the replacement of a culvert on the right-of-way of the property of Wilmer Johnson on the River Road to Ridgely to curb the wash-out in his field. The Board agreed to see Mr. Townshend, the District Engineer to discuss the problem and report to Mr. Merriken.

The Board held a conference in the morning with the Supervisors of Elections and a representative of one Voting Machine Company, preparatory to the purchase of

voting machines. A meeting with the one other company was set for Friday evening June 10th.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 14, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 14, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 7, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1505 to 1522 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

John W. Eveland, Pres.

John S. Legates

Webster Todd

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Judge Carter was before the Board in regard to a probation officer for the Juvenile Court cases that will no longer be supervised by the Welfare Board. Judge Carter presented an idea to the Board of cooperating with Talbot County in sharing the salary and operating expense for one worker—who could take care of the case load of both counties. The Board agreed to go along with this cooperative plan.

A hearing of the Viewers Report of the Taxables on the organization of a Tax Ditch to be known as the Broadway Public Drainage Association was held before this Board. A vote was taken with the following results according to acreage represented on the ditch

1086.4 Acres FOR  
 1506.0 Acres AGAINST  
 516.0 Acres NOT PRESENT AT VOTING

The Board reserved decision on the organization until a later date.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 21, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
 June 21, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
 John S. Legates  
 A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1523 to 1537 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State tax \$	1.06
1954 County tax	<u>60.45</u>
Total tax \$	61.51

Mrs. Trader met with the Commissioners to interview for the pending new position of probation officer for the Juvenile Court in Caroline County. As this worker will work jointly with both Talbot and Caroline Counties, the Board asked Mrs. Trader to meet again at a later date with the Commissioners of both counties.

A delegation of property owners on the Preston-Friendship road were before the Board on behalf of the widening of this same road. All right-of-ways have been secured and the road has been staked for the actual widening but a disagreement has arisen concerning the modification of a curve on the Adolf Seaman property. The Board requested that Mr. Fooks, the County Road Maintenance Engineer ask Mr. Townshend, the District Engineer, to go out on the road and review the work to see if any changes could be recommended. The Board also agreed to inform the delegation of the report of Mr. Townshend.

The Commissioners agreed to meet in Special Session on Wednesday June 29, 1955 to fix the county tax rate for

the 1955-56 tax year.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday June 28, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 27, 1955

The Board met in Special Session at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

This was a conference meeting with the Board of Election Supervisors and the representatives of the two voting machine companies, for the purpose of discussing the merits of both machines preparatory to the purchase of voting machines for use in Caroline County.

Present at the meeting with the County Commissioners were:

Mr. Oscar Lord, Mr. Carlton Mandrell, Mr. Frank Bradley, Supervisors of Elections, Mr. Marvin Smith, Attorney to Supervisors.

Three Representatives of the Automatic Voting Machine Company, including Mr. Layman Redden, local representative.

Three Representatives of the Shoup Voting Machine Company, including Mr. James A. Wise, local representative.

Each company was given a forty-five minute private hearing, during which time their particular machine was explained and displayed in full operation and each member of both Boards given an opportunity to use the machine as it is to be used in the polling place.

Following the private presentations, there was a thirty minute open discussion with both companies present to answer any questions, after which the County Commissioners and the Election Supervisors excused the salesmen and held their conference to decide which of the machines was best suited to the voting public of Caroline County. It was a unanimous decision that the Shoup Voting Machine was preferred and the County Commissioners made arrangements for the purchase of twenty-five machines to be delivered to Caroline County and the proper training in the care and use be given the Election officials in advance of the Primary Election in May of 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk to Co. Commrs.

Denton, Md.  
June 28, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday June 21, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1538 to 1729 inclusive were approved for payment.

A meeting of the viewers and taxables on the Laramore Tax Ditch met before this Board for the purpose of organization. All the taxables were present and no protest was made, the Board approved the organization of this tax ditch to be known as the Laramore Public Drainage Association.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 State tax	\$ 5.96
1954 County tax	<u>255.58</u>
Total tax	\$261.54

Mr. Marvin Smith, attorney to the Board of Election Supervisors, discussed with the Commissioners the possible cost of a permanent system of registration for voters in conjunction with the economical function of voting machines about to be purchased for use in the county. Mr. Smith said the initial outlay would approximate \$3000.00.

A citizens group called "The Better Schools Committee" met in the Court Room with the Commissioners and the Board of Education. This group, headed by Mr. Paul Croll of Federalsburg, requested information as to whether an alternate plan had been made to be used in place of the recently rejected Consolidated Senior High School plan. On hearing that no alternate plan had been contemplated inasmuch as the School board had not met since the Special Election, a discussion ensued for nearly three hours until one member of the group suggested "that each community hold public meetings to decide what it wanted in the way of a public school program and send a representative to the School Board with a report from the people."

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet in Special Session on wednesday June 29, to set the levy.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 29, 1955

The Commissioners met in Special Session at 8 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The Commissioners met to fix the county tax rate for the 1955-56 levy.

After approving the Budget of Appropriations, the tax rate was set at \$1.60 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis.

The State rate is \$.11 per \$100.00.

The approved detailed levy for 1955-56 follows:

	1955-56
County Commissioners Salary	2250
County Commissioners Expense	200
Clerk to Co. Commissioners Salary	3200
Clerk to Co. Commissioners Expense	150
Court Stenographer Salary	1200
Court Officers	700
Attorneys Fees - Appt. by Court	500
Judges of the Orphans Court - Salary	1900
States Attorney - Salary	2400
States Attorney - Expense	1200
Jurors & Witness Fees Expense	2700
Law Library	800
Registration & Elections - Salary	1500
Registration & Elections - Expense	10000
County Treasurer - Salary	3000
County Audit	1200
Supervisor of Assessments - Salary	3225
Board of Control & Review	180
Clerks to Assessors (2) Salary	4400
Local Assessor - Salary	2462.50
Re-Assessing Exp. (Including abatements)	1500
Deputy Treasurer - Salary	2400
Ass't. Deputy Treasurer - Salary	2000
Treasurer & Deputy Bonds	300
Treasurers Office - Expense	1500
Beer License Board - Salary	450
Attorney to County Commissioners & Attorney to welfare Board	500
Court House Janitor	1200
Supplies for County Offices	650
Fuel and Light	1800
Insurance - Co. Bldgs. & Machinery	2000
Repairs to Co. Bldgs. & Grounds	5000
Water & Sewer Rent	200
General Printing & Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous General Government	500
Constables - Salary	1800
Constables - Mileage	1800
Volunteer Fire Companies	13100
Forest Fire Control	100
Sheriff - Salary	2400
Deputy Sheriff - Salary	1800

	1955-56
Sheriff- Expense	3000
Inquest Fees	500
Civil Defense - Salary	2000
Civil Defense - Expense	1500
State Health Dept. Psychiatric Clinic	11284.45
Ambulance Maintenance	1500
Vital Statistics	200
Support of Insane	8000
Deers Head State Hospital	4000
Miscellaneous General Control	--
Easton Memorial Hospital	5500
Administration - welfare	8540
Old Age Assistance	14744
Aid to Dependent Children	2629
Aid to Needy Blind	655
General Public Assistance	1467
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	5277
Board of Children	20040
Home For Aged Women (Easton)	250
Paupers Burial	100
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expense	3200
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	267818.76
Maryland School for the Blind	400
U. of Md. Extension Service - W.	7039
U. of Md. Extension Service - N.	2160
Rent-Other County Offices	750
Caroline Soil District	18100
Teachers Pensions	2340
Social Security - County Share	700
Incorporated Towns	11000
Bond Redemption	5000
Bond Interest	1225
Capital Outlay (Voting Machines & Reg.)	48000
County Roads	21000

Total Expenditures 567111.71

There being no other business the Board adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 5, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Because the new voucher register was delayed at the printers, no payroll was approved.

The reading of the minutes of the meeting on June 28th was suspended until the regular meeting on Tuesday July 12, 1955 and the Board adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

July 12, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the following meetings were read, approved and adopted by the Board:

A Special Meeting on June 27, 1955 at 8:00 P.M.  
with Election Supervisors - subject-voting machines.  
The regular meeting on Tuesday June 28, 1955.  
A Special Meeting on June 29, 1955 at 8:00 P.M.  
to set the county tax rate for the 1955-56 Levy.  
The regular meeting on Tuesday July 5, 1955.

Bills #1 to 42 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Norris Coulby was before the Board and reported his building located on Second Street in Denton, formerly used as a hardware store is now vacant and offered it to the County Commissioners for rent as office space. The Board took the matter under advisement and reserved decision.

The Board ordered the Clerk to put a notice of bids in all county papers to the effect that the Commissioners of Caroline County is considering the feasibility of air-conditioning all offices on the first floor of the Court House and will accept competitive sealed bids from responsible dealers in air conditioning units up to 1:00 P.M. July 26, 1955.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 19, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 19, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

Bills #43 to 67 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners adjourned to go to Easton and meet with the Commissioners of Talbot County to confer regarding the appointment of a two-county probation officer for the Juvenile Court.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 26, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #68 to 113 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Calvert Merriken was before the Board in behalf of several service organizations in the county to request that the County Commissioners deny the State Roads Commission the right to accelerate the Federalsburg By-Pass, now in the third group of the 12 year road program, into the first four year program.

At 2:15 P.M. the Commissioners opened the sealed bids to furnish air-conditioning all offices on the first floor of the Court House. The bids were as follows:

The Porter Company (Frigidaire)	\$ 2619.00
Spence Bros. (Carrier)	2425.00
A & B Service (General Electric)	2144.11
Cooper Furniture Co. (Frigidaire)	1889.00
Gale Electric Co. (York)	1819.60
Gale Electric Co. (alternate bid)	1697.00

The Commissioners awarded the bid to the Gale Electric Co. and used the alternate bid which replaces the two 3/4 H.P. units in the Commissioners office with one 1 1/2 H.P. unit to be placed in the center window. *1697*

Clifford Stafford and Carroll Bright were before the Board requesting repair work be done on the county portion of the Second Street Extended from the Town line to Orme's subdivision.

The Commissioners decided to suspend activity on the appointment of a probation officer for the Juvenile Court until Judge Carter, now out due to illness, returns to the Bench.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 2, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 2, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #114 to 139 inclusive were approved for payment, except #133-voided as a duplicate.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 9, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 9, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

Bills #140 to 163 inclusive were approved for payment.

A permit was granted to the Trustees of the Re-planted Zion Methodist Church to hold a Camp Meeting in their Church Grove.

Mr. Hall Barton presented himself to the Board to interview for the position of probation officer for the Juvenile Court for Caroline County. In the interview Mr. Barton pointed out that the Caroline County case load was light enough so that he could work it in with the two counties he already serves.

The Board decided to rotate the furnishing of fuel oil at the County Jail to the several local dealers and this year the service will be supplied by W. Harry Jopp.

Two roads were added to the widening program supplementing recommendations—made on March 31, 1955—in order of improvements.

- #7 Hillsboro - Courses Mill Road.
- #8 originally recommended as Bridgetown-Goldsboro Rd; to be revised to a portion of this road—the eastern end to enter Greensboro via Goldsboro-bridgetown road at Railroad Ave.

The Board recommended that Mr. Fooks, County roads Maintenance Engineer make stake-offs on the properties of Segar, Hubbard and Van Schaik on the Pealiquor Road

where right-of-ways are being obtained preparatory to inclusion in the widening program.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 16, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 16, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday Aug. 2 and Tuesday Aug. 9, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills # 164 to 177 inclusive were approved for payment.

James Perkins was presented to the Board as the new Negro County Agent, to replace Elliott Robbins who had previously resigned to take further study.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 23, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 23, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #178 to 189 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners met with Mr. Fooks, County Roads Maintenance Engineer, the full Board of Commissioners of Denton and the attorney to the town Board to discuss the participation of both Boards in sharing the expense of repair work to be done on the portion of Second Street Extended from the Town line to Orme's subdivision. No definite plan was concluded.

The Board agreed to allow Mrs. Carter, Director of the County Welfare Board, to transfer Welfare funds from

one category to another as the need arises.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Aug. 30, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Aug. 30, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #190 to 234 inclusive were approved for payment.

Charles E. Mowbray was appointed Constable-at-Large for Trial Magistrate Howard to fill the unexpired term of Walter Morris, deceased.

The following appointments were made for Tuesday Sept. 6, 1955:

9:00 A.M. with John G. Wilson, supervisor of the Dispensaries-to discuss salaries of employess.  
11:00 A.M. with Engineers Townshend and Fooks and Wilmer Johnson to discuss roadside drainage on Johnson property.

The Commissioners agreed to buy a burglary bond for the Treasurer's account.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday September 6, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 6, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

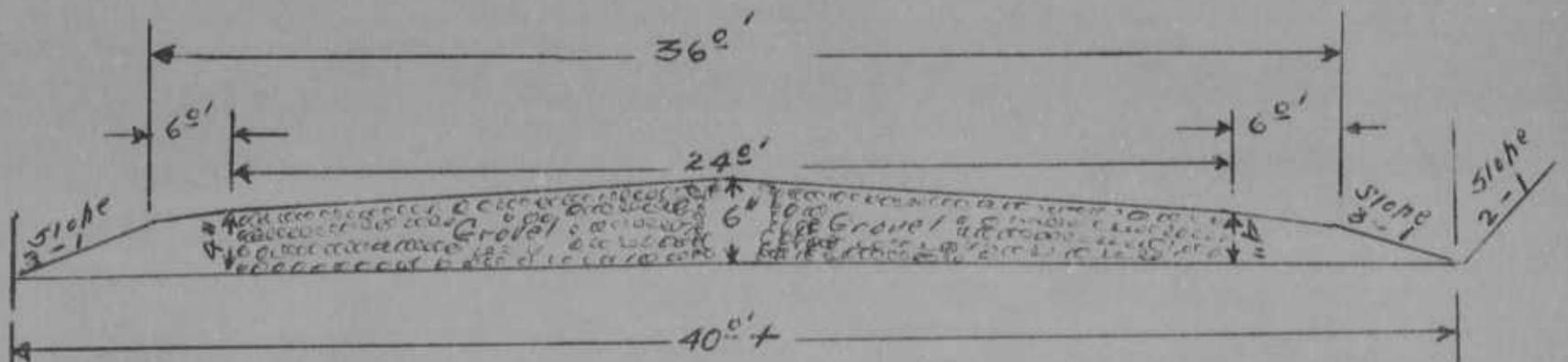
The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday Aug. 30, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #235 to 255 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Bond of Charles E. Mowbray, appointed to fill unexpired term of Walter Morris, was approved by the Board and ordered recorded.

## RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that from and after this date, no application shall be accepted for the inclusion of roads in sub-divisions and developments within the County Road System unless the following specifications and conditions have been met:



Right-of-way	50 feet - (except in those developments in which roads of less width have already been included in County system)
Graded area	36 feet
Gravel width	24 feet
Gravel depth	4" - 6" - 4"      Compacted
Slope roadway to gutter 3' to 1' (Roadside slope)	
Slope gutter to top of bank 2' to 1' (back slope)	
Adequate standard pipe culverts or other drainage structures placed in proper locations and alignment to drain roadway; minimum diameter 12 inches. Outlet ditches opened to insure proper drainage of right-of-way.	
All vertical curves and gradations to have a sight line of not less than 300 feet.	

Developments must have at least five dwellings constructed per each one-half mile.

This resolution shall not necessarily apply to developments for which plats have already been made and placed on record.

ATTEST:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

*John W. Ireland*

President

*John S. Leggett*

Member

*A Webster Todd*

Member

*Rachel Collier*  
Clerk to the Commissioners

Dated September 3, 1955

Mr. Rogers, County agent, requested that decision on the organization of the Broadway tax ditch be withheld until further check and survey could be made. The Board concurred with the request.

The Board made the following recommendations relative to the county roads oiling program:

- (1) That the Greensboro-Oakland Road be removed from the Federal Aid program.
- (2) That the Oak Grove Road be continued in the program for the present time.

The Commissioners made a special appointment with Mr. Wesley E. Thawley, attorney to the Board, to discuss the adoption of a regulation regarding the acceptance of roads into the County Roads system.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 13, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 13, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Cleveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #256 to 276 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board and Mr. Wilson, supervisor of the Dispensaries agreed on a \$2.50 per week increase in salaries of employees, to be retro-active to Sept. 1, 1955.

A resolution regarding the acceptance of roads into the County Road System, was adopted by the Board. For resolution see page 403A.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Sept. 20, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 20, 1955

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #277 to 288 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 State tax	\$ 6.84
1955 County tax	<u>112.24</u>
Total tax	\$119.08

The following order was passed by the Board:

ORDER

Ordered this 20th day of September, 1955, that the portion of the old county road leading from Denton to New Bridge in this Petition described be and the same is hereby closed, it appearing that the Petitioners have fully complied with the code provisions related to the closing of abandoned roads. And be it further ordered that this Board execute quit-claim deeds to the said Calvert C. Merriken and H. Hackett Downes for their respective portions thereof upon payment by them of the costs incidental to this proceeding.

John W. Eveland  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

Quit-claim deeds were executed as set out in the above order.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 27, 1955

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #289 to 343 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 County tax	\$13.60
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The following county roads were recommended to be included in the 1955-56 oiling program:

1. Harmony to Gilpins Point	approx.	1.5	
2. 404 to Bloomery Crossroads	"	2.7	FAS
3. Mt. Zion - Kane Crossroads	"	2.3	FAS
4. Ridgely - Crouses Mill - (Pearl Downes) (Extension of Bell Street W.)	"	.5	FAS
	"	.3	
5. Marsh Creek Rd. to Poplar Neck Rd.	"	2.0	FAS
6. Harmony to Griffiths Cannery	"	.2	
7. Concord in front of Todd's house	"	.05	
8. Oak Grove	"	.9	

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 4, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 4, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #344 to 366 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 State tax	\$ 13.39
1955 County tax	<u>267.41</u>
Total tax	\$280.80

Mr. Kerslake was before the Board regarding insurance on the voting machines. The Board decided to confer with the Board of Election Supervisors in this regard and invited Mr. Kerslake back at a later date.

The County Commissioners recommended the following roads in the 1955-56 widening program be processed for F.A.S. participation:

- 1-#404 to Bloomery Crossroads-approximate mileage 2.7  
40 ft. right-of-way recorded in Liber 123 folios 216 to 238 inclusive.
- 2-Mt. Zion-Kane Crossroads-approximate mileage 2.3  
40 ft. right-of-way recorded in Liber 124 folios 226 to 237 inclusive and Liber 126 folios 73 to 75 inclusive.
- 3-Ridgely-Crouses Mill (Pearl Downes) approximate mileage .5  
40 ft. right-of-way recorded in Liber 126 folios 545 to 547 inclusive.
- 4-Marsh Creek Rd. to Poplar Neck Rd.-approximate mileage 2.0  
40 ft. right-of-way recorded in Liber 120 folios 99 to 107 inclusive.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 11, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 11, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday October 4, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #367 to 387 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 State tax \$ 15.63  
1955 County tax 209.36  
Total tax \$224.99

The Board of Election Supervisors and Mr. Smith, attorney to the Board were before the Commissioners relative to the situation regarding storage and insurance on voting machines. The Supervisors agreed to make a survey of polling places where storage room is available so that permanent places could be provided for as many machines as possible. A survey on the consolidation of some polling places is also to be reported in time for anticipated delivery of the machines in December of 1955.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 18, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 18, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #388 to 402 inclusive were approved for payment.

A petition for organization of a tax ditch to be known as the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association was filed with the Board and Viewers appointed.

November 3 and 4, 1955 were set as the days to sit as a Board of Control and Review for the assessment of real estate and personal property in the Eighth Election

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District for the 1956 tax levy.

The following county roads were recommended by the Board to be included in the 1956 program for re-treatment:

1-Bridgetown toward Goldsboro	approx. 1.5 mi.
2-Greensboro to Boyce Mill	" 2.4 mi.
3-River Road-Holsinger Lane	" 2.55 mi.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 25, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 25, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #403 to 447 inclusive were approved for payment.

A committee from the Easton Hospital, including Mr. Ormond Andrews, Mr. George T. Olds and Mr. Shroyer was before the Board requesting an additional sum of money above the original amount levied to take care of the cost of service to Welfare patients. The Board concurred with this request and ordered payment made this day.

James A. Wise and a field representative of the Unemployment Commission asked for temporary interview space for about six weeks while the State Armory is under repairs. The Board offered the use of the front hall in the Court House for this temporary time for one day each week.

Mr. Wilbert Merriken was before the Board in regard to a long standing drainage situation on the property of Wilmer Johnson. It is the decision of the Board that when Mr. Johnson concurs with the agreement made and discussed on a visit to the site, the repairs will be promptly made according to this agreement. Mr. Johnson, on advice of Mr. Merriken his attorney, has not concurred in this respect.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 1, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 1, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #448 to 485 inclusive were approved for payment.

A letter was ordered sent to the State Roads Commission to the effect that Caroline County does not wish to participate in the issue of County Highway Construction Bonds to be sold in 1956 fiscal year.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday November 8, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 8, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #486 to 526 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 State tax	\$	185.20
1955 County tax		<u>1802.07</u>
Total tax	\$	<u>1987.27</u>

Additional taxes in the following amounts were charged to the County Treasurer:

1955 State tax	\$	.20
1955 County tax		<u>28.80</u>
Total tax	\$	<u>29.00</u>

A request from the Social Security office for the use of the Grand Jury room and the last three rows of seats in the Court Room was held in abeyance until a conference could be held with Judge Carter.

The School Board presented a plan for "Exterior Renovating and Improvements to Seven Caroline County Schools". The estimated cost of this plan is \$41000.00 of which \$25000.00 is included in the current maintenance levy. The difference of \$16000.00 was requested by the School Board to be included in the 1956 levy. The Commissioners concurred in this request.

Sealed Bids on supplies and printing relative to the use of voting machines were opened by the County Commissioners and the Board of Election Supervisors. Because of the great difference in the price of the two low Bidders, the bid was not awarded pending further examination of samples to be presented by the two low bidders.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday November 15, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Nov. 15, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of regular meetings on the following meeting dates were, read, approved and adopted by the Board:

Tuesday, October 25, 1955  
Tuesday, November 1, 1955  
Tuesday, November 8, 1955

Bills #527 to 538 inclusive were approved for payment.

Charles Layton of the Soil Conservation District invited the Commissioners to go on a County Tour of the tax ditches with a group from Charles County on Wednesday the 16th at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Byron Poore made an examination of the repair necessary in the cellar in the Court House in order to provide storage space for Voting Machines.

Mrs. Beulah Carter, Director of the Welfare Board, continued a discussion of the probation officer situation now pending before our Court.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 22, 1955.

*Jean F. Larrimore*  
Jean F. Larrimore,  
Acting Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 22, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #539 to 551 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 29, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 29, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #552 to 607 inclusive were approved for payment.

Erros and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 state tax	.20
1955 county tax	2.88
total tax	\$3.08

A delegation representing the County Health Association, headed by Mr. Harry Rieck and Dr. Riley, presented a plea for the County Commissioners to participate in a Federal-aid project to build a County Nursing Home. It was suggested by this group that the County Farm be sold and proceeds be used as a payment on the County's share of expense. The group was strong in the presentation that the administration and actual operation of this nursing home would be self-sustaining—that only a very small percentage of indigent patients would be admitted.

The Board agreed to give further study to the plan and hand down a decision before the date of expiration for accepting Federal-aid.

There being no other business the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 6, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 6, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates

Mr. Todd was away on vacation.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 1955 were read approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #608 to 628 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1954 state tax	\$ .92
1954 county tax	20.70
1955 state tax	20.43
1955 county tax	<u>296.96</u>
total tax	\$339.01

The Board recommended the County Roads Maintenance Engineer place a "Caution" or other appropriate sign on Holsinger Lane at the location where this road intersects the Denton river road.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Dec. 13, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 13, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #629 to 654 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 20, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Dec. 20, 1955

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John B. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #655 to 697 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners recommended that Mr. Fooks, County Roads Maintenance Engineer, stake off the two properties listed below, on the county road leading from Chestnut Woods Church road to Federalsburg-Smithville road, on which right-of-ways are being secured preparatory to widening:

Mr. Charles P. Wrights property  
The Mission Church property.

Mr. Asbury Pepper, Mr. Chris Nagel and Mr. Brooks Nagel were before the Board urging the county road leading from Nichols to where it intersects the Federalsburg-Preston State road be included in the immediate oiling program. The right-of-ways on this road have been recorded and the necessary widening has been done but the Board could not commit its inclusion in the immediate oiling program.

The Board authorized Dr. Riley to have the ceiling in the Nurses office in the Health Center repaired. Estimated cost not to be in excess of \$30.00.

The Board made arrangements with Mr. Norris Coulby and the Board of Election Supervisors to rent his vacant building on Franklin Street for storage for the Voting Machines, at the rate of \$15.00 per month, beginning January 1, 1956.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 27, 1955.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 27, 1955

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #698 to 732 inclusive were approved for payment.

Because the county share of the costs of hospital care of county patients admitted to Easton Hospital by welfare Certificates has shown such a steady increase, the Board agreed to set up a joint meeting with the County Commissioners of Talbot and Queen Anne Counties and their clerks for a discussion conference to work out a cooperative plan to screen a method of procedure to hold costs down. This meeting is set for Wednesday, January 4, 1956.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 3, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 3, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 1955 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #733 to 751 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to put up a series of street lights on Fourth street from the town limits of Denton toward Lockerman school.

In a conference with the Board of Election Supervisors regarding the installation of Voting Machines in the County, the following items were agreed on:

(1) There were to be two custodians appointed. Each custodian is to receive \$300.00 a year, to be paid semi-annually. No extra pay is to be given for any Special Elections. Some compensation, (the amount to be decided later) to be given each custodian for the two week training period at Factory.

(2) Clerical help necessary to set up the required registration for use of the machines is to be paid \$1.00 per hour.

(3) A program of introduction and education to the voters to be discussed and inaugurated as early as possible after delivery of machines.

There being no other business, the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 10, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of the County Commissioners of Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne Counties, on Wednesday, January 4, 1956.

At noon the County Commissioners of Caroline were hosts to this group—also including Judge Carter, Mr. Thawley, Attorney to Caroline County and Caroline's three Clerks to a dinner at the brick hotel. After this very pleasant meal and the ensuing fellowship, the group retired to the Petit Jury room in the Court House for the business meeting as pre-arranged. Those present included: Messers. Carter, Legg and Chance from Queen Anne County; Messers. Dulin, Jarboe and Slaughter from Talbot County; Judge Carter, Mr. Thawley, Messers. Eveland, Legates and Todd from Caroline County and Miss Rachel Collison, acting Clerk.

The first item of cooperative interest was the appointment of a probation officer to serve the Juvenile Courts of Talbot and Caroline Counties. Judge Carter reviewed the work and explained the duties and the need for this appointment and gave the name of Mrs. Lila G. Trader as his prospective appointee. The Commissioners of Talbot and Caroline Counties then discussed the salary and expenses of operation and agreed on a basic salary of \$3000.00 per year — one-half to be paid by each county directly to the appointee. The Commissioners agreed to allow \$.08 per mile for travel but no mileage is to be allowed for travel between Easton and Denton which is the base of operations in Talbot and Caroline Counties respectively. Each county to pay own mileage account. Suitable office quarters are to be provided at each base by the Commissioners of the respective county. It was agreed by the Commissioners of Talbot and Caroline counties and Judge Carter, that at the end of a one-year period of operation on this basis, a joint meeting would be called to discuss and re-appraise the situation in the

best interests of the Court and the Commissioners of both counties. The Commissioners of Queen Anne County lent valuable knowledge and experience to this conference since that county has had the use of a probation officer for several years.

The matter before the three counties was the rising costs of hospital care of patients admitted to the Memorial Hospital in Easton on Welfare Certificates of the respective counties. The difference between the State Funds allowed and the actual cost of hospitalization and medical care of these cases has been charged to the several counties. In the past three years this charge has so steadily increased until the budget for Health and Welfare is becoming top-heavy in this category. There were several plans presented to stabilize this item, as follows:

- (1) To allow a flat per diem rate of \$4.00, this not to exceed a specified maximum amount decided on and set in each county budget.
- (2) To allow a certain percentage of the assessable basis in each county budget.
- (3) To allow a flat amount in each county budget.

A talk around the table found that perhaps the fairest way in regards to the budget would be plan #1. After a very interesting discussion on how to fix the maximum figure, the Commissioners of the three counties agreed to take the average of the amount of money actually paid to the Hospital in each county for the last three years and let that average stand as the stipulated amount to be budgeted for hospital care of patients admitted on Welfare Certificates. Each county to find its individual average.

It was mutually agreed that each Board of County Commissioners should notify the Memorial Hospital of this action and of the amount of money its county would budget toward this account; in order that the Hospital could take whatever procedure found necessary to keep the costs within this budget.

The matters discussed at this joint meeting were brought to a satisfactory solution because of the valuable cooperation of the entire group. More meetings in a similar manner should be scheduled.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Acting Clerk for the  
 County Commissioners of Talbot County,  
 Queen Anne County, Caroline County

Denton, Md.  
January 10, 1956

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

The minutes of a special joint meeting of the County Commissioners of Talbot, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board and copies ordered sent to Talbot and Queen Anne Counties.

Bills # 752 to 783 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Lila G. Trader reported to the Commissioners that she would begin work as Probation Officer on Monday January 23, 1956.

The following correction was made regarding the location of a road in the widening program:

Delete #8 originally recommended as Bridgetown-Goldsboro Road. To be revised to a portion of this road—the eastern end to enter Greensboro via Goldsboro-Bridgetown road at Railroad Ave.

Add #8 Beginning at the end of the oiled section on Railroad Avenue, west of Greensboro, and running to Md. Rt. #312 between Oakland and Bridgetown via Greensboro-Bridgetown roads.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 17, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 17, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #784 to 799 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board of Election Supervisors reported by letter to the Commissioners that suitable space had been arranged

for the storage of all the Voting Machines and that it is now unnecessary to rent the barn from Mr. Coulby for surplus machines as was arranged on December 20, 1955. The Board authorized the payment of the January rental to Mr. Coulby and ordered notice sent to him informing him that the building was no longer needed.

Mr. Wilbert Merriken, attorney to the Cooperative and Mr. Isaacs, Manager of the Southern States Farmers Supply Cooperative Inc. were before the Board requesting the cooperation of the Board in obtaining the necessary permits, etc., needed to open the railroad track across the Hobbs road in connection with the plans to run a spur line to a new location of this business. The Board gave assurance that as far as this change in the road is concerned, the Cooperative may safely proceed with its plans.

The County Commissioners authorized the transfer of Virgie Mosley from Crownsville State Hospital to the Philadelphia State Hospital and made arrangements with Sheriff Andrew to transfer the patient.

A delegation in behalf of the Mission Church and the Community House regarding the right-of-way on the Chestnut Woods-Federalburg, Smithville road was before the Board. It was the request of the delegation that this right-of-way not come nearer to these properties than within 20 feet of each building. The Board agreed to have the road staked off at this distance to see how it effected the general outlay of this road in the overall widening project.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 24, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 24, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #800 to 811 were approved for payment.

Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, and Mr. Thawley, attorney to the Board, met with the Commissioners to discuss a recent request of the Board to open up the old abandoned railroad crossing on the Hobbs road adjacent to the town of Denton. It was agreed to make an appointment for 1:00 o'clock on Tuesday, Jan. 31st with Mr. Isaacs the Manager of the Southern States Farmers Supply Inc., who made the request, to discuss and work out detailed specifications regarding the work and the payment of costs of this project.

Harry Hughes was before the Board to discuss the clarification of a deed of a tax sale property which was erroneous in description. The Board agreed to execute a new deed correcting this error.

An appointment was made with Mr. C. VanSchaik for January 31, at 10:30 A.M., to meet with the Commissioners and Mr. Fooks to discuss the proposed right-of-way of Mr. Van Schaik on the county road known as the Pealiquor Road.

A delegation representing the Asbury Pepper Road was before the Board requesting that procedure be instituted to obtain approval for Federal-aid money to black-top this road. The Board agreed to apply for the Federal-aid but could not stipulate that this road would be included in any immediate oiling program.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 31, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Jan. 31, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #812 to 858 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following self-explanatory letter was drafted

and ordered sent to Mr. Earl Isaacs, Jr.,  
 Manager, Southern States Farmers Supply Coop-  
 erative, with copies sent to Mr. Fooks, Resident  
 Maintenance Engineer and Mr. Townshend, District  
 Engineer of the County Roads:

January 31, 1956

Mr. Earl Isaacs, Jr., Manager  
 Southern States Farmers  
 Supply Cooperative  
 Denton, Maryland

SUBJECT: railroad crossing  
 of the Denton-Hobbs road on  
 East Main Street

Dear Mr Isaacs:

With further reference to your letter to the  
 County Commissioners of Caroline County dated Jan-  
 uary 17, 1956, and our reply to you under date of  
 January 18, 1956, you are advised as follows:

At the regular meeting of the County Comm-  
 issioners this date held, the Board formally agreed  
 to cooperate with your cooperative in regards to  
 making the rail improvement possible where it crosses  
 the Hobbs road in order that rail service may be  
 extended to land where you propose to build larger  
 facilities to carry on your business, subject, how-  
 ever, to the following conditions and restrictions.

- 1 - Your cooperative will be required to stand  
 all expenses which will be necessitated by the  
 railroad crossing the public highway, and the  
 highway must be replaced in as good condition  
 as it now is.
- 2 - It will be necessary for your cooperative to  
 give our Board of County Commissioners a per-  
 formance bond to guarantee that the road will be  
 replaced in satisfactory condition. The per-  
 formance bond shall be in an amount not less than  
 \$2,000.00. In lieu of this performance bond, your  
 cooperative may post with us a certified check in  
 the amount of \$1,000.00 if it so prefers.
- 3 - The construction work at the road site must be  
 done by a reputable contractor and under the  
 supervision of our Resident Maintenance Engineer,  
 Mr. George H. Fooks, Denton, Maryland. Release  
 of performance bond and/or return of your certified  
 check will be made when this work is completed to the  
 satisfaction of our Engineer.
- 4 - During the construction period, we will expect  
 your cooperative to safeguard the travelling public  
 and other people who may use the highway by proper  
 signs, lights, barricades &c., to the end that  
 Caroline County may be saved harmless from any damage  
 suits. In this connection, we shall expect your  
 cooperative to pay for any personal injuries or  
 property damage for which the County might become  
 liable by reason of the foregoing construction project.

When your cooperative agrees, in writing, to comply  
 with the above conditions, we will be glad to issue our  
 letter of authority to your cooperative so that you may  
 proceed with the work.

Very truly yours,

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

The list of managers for 1956 of the Tax Ditches organized under the New Law was presented to the Board; approved and ordered filed in this office.

The County Commissioners executed a deed to William M. Stanford and his wife for a parcel of land containing 10.4 acres in an exchange of deed to correct an error that previously conveyed a parcel of land containing 7 acres.

The Certificates of Welfare patients admitted to Easton Hospital from Caroline County were examined by the Board and ordered returned to the Hospital for its files. Letter was directed to the Hospital to discontinue sending certificates each month as a flat rate plan of payment had been previously adopted and these certificates are unnecessary to this plan.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 7, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 7, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #859 to 887 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 state taxes	\$ 63.68
1955 county taxes	952.48
Total taxes	\$1016.16

A right-of-way on Fisher Ave. Extd. adjacent to the town of Federalsburg was accepted into the County Roads System.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 14, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Feb. 14, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #888 to 916 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation representing the county road leading from Paul Beauchamp's service station to Griffins Store at Deep Branch was before the Board requesting this road be included in the widening program and left the necessary right-of-ways to be recorded.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 21, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 21, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #917 to 940 inclusive were approved for payment.

Ed Stanford and his attorney, Mr. Everngam, were before the Board to offer proof that a certain tract of land in the Eighth Election District, previously sold to the County for taxes in 1934, belongs to him. Mr. Thawley, attorney to the Commissioners, advising the Board that the tax sale was duly ratified by the Court and consequently is now the property of the County. The Commissioners told Mr. Stanford, the Board would execute a deed to the property to him in consideration of all back taxes and costs of preparing all the deeds, which will amount to a total of \$127.85.

Mr. Dailey, Member of the Town Board of Marydel, requested the Commissioners appoint Grover Tharp of Henderson as Constable for the First Election District. The Board agreed and told Mr. Dailey to see that Mr. Tharp filed the necessary bond so that he could be sworn in.

Mr. Dailey also asked the Board for 2 or 3 loads of dirt to be hauled in on the county portion of the road leading to Harmon's Mill.

Mr. Wilmer Fell Davis and delegation was in about the right-of-ways on the Morgan's Mill Road. Mr. Davis was informed that all the right-of-ways are in and recorded and ready for inclusion in a subsequent widening program.

A petition to organize a tax ditch to be known as the "Towers-Cohee Public Drainage Association" was filed with the County Commissioners and the following persons were appointed as a Board of Drainage Viewers, to establish said tax ditch:

Lee Murphy	-	Preston
C. Brooks Nagel	-	Preston
Wm. Plutschak	-	Preston
Alfred Schreiber	-	Preston
Brantley Trice	-	Federalburg

The Board adjourned to the private offices of Wesley B. Thawley, attorney to the Commissioners, to discuss an "Answer To Bill of Complaint" of R. B. Wessell and Bertha Wessell, his wife.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 28, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 28, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John W. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday Feb. 14 and Tuesday Feb. 21, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #941 to 998 inclusive were approved for payment.

Dr. Edwin G. Riley, discussed with the Board the role he might play in helping to maintain a current knowledge of the status of state-county aided patients in the Easton Memorial Hospital, and perhaps assisting in making the earliest possible return of the patient to his home. The board directed a letter be sent to

the Administrative Director of the Hospital giving this suggestion and requesting his assistance in this regard.

Representatives of the Maryland Extension Service were before the Board in behalf of the Negro County Agents' office quarters. The board gave permission for them to make a survey for new quarters in a location more desirable for 4 H Club work, as the present office is very close to a tavern.

Mr. Gilbert Rue brought a dead duck in to show the Board evidence of work done by stray dogs. He suggested that the Board give some thought to tightening up on the dog tax law that has for some time been relaxed.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 6, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 6, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #999 to 1013 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following additional state and county taxes were charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1955 state taxes	\$ 13.20
1955 county taxes	<u>192.00</u>
Total taxes...	\$205.20

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 13, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 13, 1956

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1014 to 1038 inclusive were approved for payment.

A request from another business house in town to use the Court House incinerator was refused by the Board.

Mr. Fitzgerald, County Supervisor of Schools, presented a request for the Commissioners to consider including a \$200.00 raise for teachers in the coming tax levy.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the County Welfare Board, was before this Board relative to finding more adequate office quarters. The Commissioners told Mrs. Carter to make a survey of the places suitable and available and acquire all the necessary financial details and present to the Commissioners for consideration.

A delegation representing farm groups and Boys 4 H Groups from all parts of the County requested the Commissioners to include in the 1956 tax levy the sum of \$2000.00 for an Assistant County-Agent in Caroline County. The Board withheld decision.

Mr. Marvin Smith, attorney to the Board of Election Supervisors and Mr. C. V. West, Register of Wills were before the Board discussing certain changes in the register of Wills office furniture made necessary by the storing of the new permanent registration books. Mr. Smith and Mr. West are to get estimates on costs to make the necessary changes.

A petition for the organization of a tax ditch to be known as the Bee Tree Public Drainage Association was filed with the Commissioners and the following viewers appointed: Kennard Shults, Joseph McCoy, Theodore Kusmaul, Matthew Gulrich and Lud Morgan.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board:

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WHEREAS, John C. Fisher was elected County Surveyor for Caroline County for a term of four years at the General Election held in November 1954, and

WHEREAS, the said John C. Fisher departed this life on the 11th day of February 1956, thereby creating a vacancy in the said office, and,

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County are vested by the powers of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, to fill any vacancy so caused, and,

WHEREAS, the said County Commissioners being desirous of filling this vacancy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that J. Malcolm Bye, be, and is hereby appointed County Surveyor of Caroline County, this 13th day of March 1956.

John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 20, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 20, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1039 to 1049 inclusive were approved for payment.

April 12th and 13th, 1956 were the two days set for the Commissioners to sit as a Board of Control and Review for the new assessments in the Fourth Election District.

A letter was ordered written to Mr. Fooks, Resident Maintenance Engineer, recommending the Parrott-Quidas road be next on the list in the county widening program.

Mr. Smith, Attorney to Mayor & Council of Federalsburg, and Mr. John Stowell, Mayor of Federalsburg were before the Board in reference to the maintenance of the road leading to the Town Dump which is also used as a Community Dump. Mr. Smith offered to see what he could do about obtaining the necessary right-of-ways preparatory to inclusion in the county roads system.

Mr. William Peredith made a vigorous complaint about the drainage along the County road by his property which is near the John Wesley Church in the Eighth District. Mr. Fooks, who was in the office at the time, agreed to investigate the matter and inform the Board of his findings.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 27, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 27, 1956

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1050 to 1105 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation representing the Grove-Friendship county road was before the Board requesting this road be included in the immediate oiling program. The delegation presented the fact that this road has already been widened (but not to 40 ft.) and gravelled and is ready for oil application.

The Commissioners agreed to meet in special meeting on Thursday evening March 28th with there Attorney to discuss the pertinent details necessary in order for the County to receive authority for the control of the construction and maintenance of the county roads from the State Roads Commission.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 3, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

March 28, 1956

At a special meeting, this date, the County Commissioners and their Attorney, Mr. Wesley E. Thawley, discussed the details pertinent to taking back the County Roads System for Caroline County. As an outgrowth of this conference, the Commissioners requested Mr. Thawley to notify the State Roads Commission of this intention and the following letter was so directed:

March 30, 1956

Hon. Russell H. McCain, Chairman  
State Roads Commission of Maryland  
108 East Lexington Street  
Baltimore-3, Maryland

Dear Mr. McCain:

At a Special meeting of the County Commissioners of Caroline County held on the 28th instant, the Commissioners asked me to give you a written request that they are desirous of taking back the County Roads System for Caroline County, whereby they will be permitted to operate and maintain their own county road program in lieu of the program presently carried on by the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

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This request is made pursuant to Section 173, Article 89B, Annotated Code of Maryland (1951) as amended by Chapter 531 of the acts of 1955.

You will recall that a similar request was made of your Commission in March of 1953, but it was not actually put into effect because the Commissioners felt the law existing at that time did not give them full and proper authority with which to function. Since that time the law has been amended by Chapter 700, Laws of Maryland 1955.

The Commissioners understand that this change would be effective as of July 1, 1956, the beginning of the new fiscal year. However, should conditions arise between now and that date which would prevent the Commissioners from carrying out their plans, it is their understanding that the State Roads Commission would, upon notice, continue as in the past to operate and maintain the county roads. I feel that it is imperative that a definite understanding as to this particular aspect be reached, and I would like your early confirmation of this.

The Commissioners are presently obtaining such information as best they can from other Counties who have taken over their county roads system, and of course, it is imperative that they find a suitable and competent County Roads Engineer. It is hoped all of the pre-requisites can be met before July 1 so that your Commission will see fit to grant this request.

Also, some time in the not too far distant future, we would like to have a conference with your Commission and get your able advice concerning the proposed program.

Very truly yours,

Wesley L. Thawley,  
Attorney to the County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

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Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was passed:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Caroline County shall take back the County roads system for Caroline County, beginning as of July 1, 1956, and operate and maintain its own County road program in lieu of the program presently carried on by the State Roads Commission of Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an attested copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Roads Commission of Maryland."

There being no further business, to be transacted this special meeting was adjourned.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 3, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

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Bills #1106 to 1131 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Taxables and Viewers on a tax ditch to be known as the Oakland Public Drainage Association met in public hearing, as advertised, for the purpose of the organization of this ditch. After a vote was taken by ballot, the majority ruled against the organization of this Main Ditch. Following this, a vote was taken on a tributary of the ditch but decision was withheld pending a review of the land assessed to certain taxables.

Ten tons of Ground Burnt Lime was ordered for the County Farm.

The Commissioners agreed to include \$2000.00 in the 1956 levy for the county's share of salary and travel for an assistant county agent and local boys 4 H club leader.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 10, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 10, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland. Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1132 to 1159 inclusive were approved for payment.

The tributary of the Oakland Ditch, under discussion last week was again held over for further survey of a drainage problem on three of the taxables.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 17, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 17, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1160 to 1187 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 state tax	.22
1955 county tax	3.20
Total tax	<u>\$3.42</u>

The following resolution was passed authorizing the Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association to borrow \$1000.00

RESOLUTION

1956-3

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 71 of Article 25 (as amended by the Acts of 1949), pursuant to the request of the Board of Managers of the Old Town Public Drainage Association, said Board of Managers is hereby authorized to borrow \$1000.00 from the Denton National Bank of Denton, Maryland, on promissary note, at legal interest as may be necessary in order to properly finance said drainage association.

John W. Eveland, Pres.

John S. Legates

A. Webster Todd

BOARD OF CAROLINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

The Board agreed to allow Mr. Ernest J. Gretzinger, Court Stenographer, an additional sum of \$15.00 per day toward reimbursement of his expenses for each day that he appears in the Law Court for Caroline County. This is to become effective April 1, 1956.

The Bond of O. H. Christopher, appointed Constable-at-Large to replace Charles Mowbray recently resigned, was approved by the Board and ordered filed with the Clerk to the Circuit Court.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 24, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 24, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1188 to 1243 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following insolvency was allowed the County  
Treasurer: 1955 county tax \$3.20.

The budget for the Extension Service for the 1956-57 fiscal year was presented for approval and inclusion in the 1956 levy.

Mr. Redden and Mr. Fitzgerald were before the Board and requested an additional \$200.00 for teachers salaries to bring the minimum salary to \$3200.00. The Board reserved decision until the regular meeting on May 1st.

The Board approved the revised viewers report and the organization of the Oakland Public Drainage Association.

Mr. L. Claude Howard, Trial Magistrate and Mrs. Weir, his secretary, requested an increase in each of their salaries. The Board agreed to advance the Trial Magistrates salary to \$1500.00 per year and the secretary's salary to \$80.00 monthly. This is to be effective July 1, 1956.

A meeting at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday May 1 was set to discuss with representatives of all the Town Boards the problem of dog control.

The Commissioners made the following recommendation regarding the transfer of roads to be constructed in the present 12 year road program:

To transfer the Federalsburg By-Pass from the third 4 years of the 12 year program to the first 4 years and to transfer from the first 4 years of the 12 year program the improvement of route 318 from Federalsburg to the Delaware line.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday May 1, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 1, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 1956, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1244 to 1266 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners approved the following pay raise for teachers to be included in the 1956 school levy:

First Year Teachers	\$200.00 per year
Second Year Teachers	150.00 per year
All Other Teachers	100.00 per year

This increase in pay will bring the minimum salary up to \$3200. per year.

A joint meeting with members of the Town Boards of the incorporated towns was called to seek their cooperation in an effort to control the stray dog situation in the county. The County Commissioners explained that the dog tax law would be re-enforced as a means to finance this project. The Town Boards expressed willingness to serve as agents to help collect this special tax. The County Commissioners and their attorney agreed to draft a program to be adopted into use on July 1st, 1956.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 8, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 8, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1267 to 1302 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners approved the list of Officers for 1956 for the Tax Ditches in Caroline County organized under the Old Law. Copy of officers is filed in this office.

The board of Election Supervisors was before the

Commissioners regarding the rental for the permanent storage of the Voting Machines. It was agreed between the two Boards to pay the regular per diem rate for rental in the Election Years and in the years when there is no election to pay \$10. per machine per year for storage space.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 15, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 15, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1303 to 1379 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Carter, and Mr. Andrews of the Welfare Board presented the local budget for the Commissioners approval and inclusion in the 1956 levy.

The Commissioners granted permission to the Negro County Agent to purchase three venitian blinds for his office quarters.

Mr. Russell Wright and Mr. J. W. Porter, representing the Town Board of Greensboro, were before the Commissioners and asked for additional funds to help defray costs of installing a storm sewer along the Greensboro school yard. As a considerable amount of money has been expended on this repair project, the Board agreed to allow the Town Commissioners \$2000.00 towards this cost. This is to be included in the 1956 levy.

There being no other business, the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 22, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 22, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1380 to 1389 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Everngam and Mrs. Cawley of the Community Club of Denton were before the Board in behalf of a project they plan to beautify the town of Denton. They asked permission of the Board to landscape the front bank along the Court House Yard and eventually extend into the County Yard. The Commissioners granted this permission and offered cooperation in this phase of the project.

The Board agreed to tour the County Farm, the Jail and the Court House on Tuesday morning May 29th to inspect conditions and repairs necessary so that an estimate may be provided for same in the 1956 levy.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 29, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 29, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 22 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1390 to 1443 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mrs. Beulah Carter, Director of the Welfare Board, and Miss Ella Carter met with the Board to discuss the rental of Miss Ella's building on Third Street in Denton, which is presently available. Because it is not imperative that the Welfare Agency move immediately, the Board reserved decision on the rental of this location.

The Taxables and Viewers on a tax ditch to be known as the Bears Public Drainage Association met in public hearing, as advertised, for the purpose of organizing this tax ditch. After a vote was taken, the majority ruled in favor, and the Commissioners declared this ditch duly organized.

The Taxables and Viewers on a tax ditch to be known as the Tuckahoe Public Drainage Association met in public hearing, as advertised, for the purpose of organizing this tax ditch. After a vote was taken, the results were so close — 67 votes for, 59 votes against, with the majority of the taxables voting against — the Commissioners withheld decision on the organization of this ditch.

Mr. Harry Rieck was before the Board in behalf of the 1956 levy for the Soil Conservation District. Mr. Rieck requested that the levy remain the same as last year and that the \$4000.00 for machinery last year be applied to the administration account for 1956-57.

The School Board made a luncheon engagement with the County Commissioners for 11:00 o'clock on Tuesday, June 12.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 5th, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 5, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #1444 to 1471 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Manlove, of the Manlove Auto Supply and Service Co., was before the Board to apprise the Commissioners of the fact that he could supply repairs and service to the machinery to be used on the County roads.

Mr. James Cooper, representing the Chamber of Commerce of Denton, requested the Board to contribute \$100.00 to pay the rental on a three year lease on a sign to be placed at the intersection of Routes #404 and #50 at Wye Mills. This sign is designed to attract new industry and people into Caroline County. The Commissioners reserved decision

until the next meeting - June 12th.

The County Commissioners agreed to let the accrued vacation and sick leave time for the County Roads employees, now on the State Roads Commission payroll, be transferred to the credit of the same employees who will change over with the County Roads System beginning July 1, 1956.

Mrs. Carter of the Welfare Board brought in sealed bids for Air-Conditioners for the Welfare Offices. The Board withheld awarding the Bids until a later meeting.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 12, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 12, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on May 29th and June 5th, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1472 to 1501 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 state taxes	\$ 3.48
1955 county taxes	<u>53.76</u>
Total taxes.....	\$57.24

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 19, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 19, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1502 to 1528 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1955 state taxes	\$ 2.73
1955 county taxes	68.56
Total tax.....	\$71.29

The County Commissioners approved the bid of the Cooper Furniture Co. for 4-1 Ton Frigidaire Air-Conditioners for the Welfare offices, but agreed not to defray any part of the cost to conduct additional power into the building as the office space is on a rental basis.

The Board set Friday, June 22, 1956 as a special meeting date to approve the 1956-57 budget and fix the County Tax Rate.

The Commissioners certified the tax rolls on the following tax ditches to the County Treasurer for collection:

Northwest Prong of the Griffith Branch P. D. A.  
Piney Branch Public Drainage Association.

The following recommendations for Managers on the Bears Public Tax Ditch Association was approved by the Board:

John Horvath - three years  
John Roberts - two years  
H. K. Shults - one year

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet in Special Session on Friday June 22, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 22, 1956

The County Commissioners met in Special Session at 7:30 P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The purpose of the meeting was to adopt a budget and fix the county tax rate for the 1956-57 fiscal year.

After approving the Budget of Appropriations listed below, the tax rate was set at \$1.50 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis:

County Commissioners Salary	2250
" " " Expenses	600
Clerk to Co. Commrs. Salary	3200
" " " Expenses	150
Court Stenographer Salary	1200
" " " Expenses	300
Court Officers	700
Probation Officer - Salary & Travel	2100
Atty's. Fees - Appointed by Court	500
Judges of Orphans Court	1900

Other Court Expenses	500
States Attorney Salary	2400
States Attorney Expenses	1200
Jurors & Witness Fees Expenses	2200
Law Library	1000
Registration & Elections Salary	1500
Registration & Elections Expenses	6000
County Treasurer Salary	3000
Extra Clerical Help	300
County Audit	1200
Supervisor of Assessments - Salary	3225
Board of Control & Review	180
Clerks to Assessors (2) Salary	4600
Local Assessor - Salary	2537.50
Re-Assessing Expense	1500
Deputy Treasurer Salary & Asst. Deputy	4600
Treasurer & Deputy Bonds	600
Treasurer's Office Expense	1500
Beer License Board - Salary	450
Atty to Co. Commissioners	1500
Court House Janitor Salary	1200
Supplies for County Offices	650
Fuel & Light	2000
Insurance - County Bldgs. & Contents	1200
Repairs to County Buildings	15000
Water & Sewer Rent	200
Capital Outlay - Furniture & Equipment	3000
General Printing & Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous General Government	650
Constables Salary	1800
Constables Mileage	1800
Volunteer Fire Companies	13100
Forest Fire Control	100
Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff - Salaries	4200
Sheriff's Expense	1500
Inquest Fees	500
Civil Defense Salary	2000
Civil Defense Expense	1500
County Roads	10000
State Health Dept.- Psychiatric Clinic	14000
Ambulance Maintenance	1500
Vital Statistics	200
Support of Insane	9500
Deer's Head State Hospital	2500
Easton Memorial Hospital	7210.77
Welfare Administration	8807
Old Age Assistance	14752
Aid to Dependent Children	3075
Aid to Needy Blind	744
General Public Assistance	3330
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	4986
Board of Children	19044
Home for Aged Women - Easton	250
Paupers Burial	--
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expenses	4500
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	389669.50
Maryland School for the Blind	400
Un. of Md. Extension Service - White	9164
Un. of Md. Extension Service - Negro	2320
Rent - Other County Offices	2110
Caroline Soil District	18100
Teachers Pensions	2340
Social Security - County Share	1000
Incorporated Towns	12500
Bond Redemption	5000
Bond Interest	1050

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The State rate is 10.90 cents per \$100.00.  
There being no other business, the Board adjourned

to meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 26, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*

Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 26, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #1529 to 1629 inclusive were approved for payment.

A petition to organize the Gravelly Branch tax ditch was filed with the Commissioners.

The tax rolls on the following tax ditches were certified to the Treasurer for collection:

Griffith Branch Public Drainage Association  
Oakland Public Drainage Association  
West Henderson Public Drainage Association  
Bears Public Drainage Association  
Old Town Public Drainage Association

The following contract and agreement between the County Commissioners of Caroline County and Paul J. Yoash was executed and ordered entered into the minutes of this meeting:

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 26th day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, by and between THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, a body corporate, hereinafter sometimes called the party of the first part, and PAUL J. YOASH, of Caroline County, hereinafter sometimes called the party of the second part.

WHEREAS, By Chapter 700, Laws of Maryland, 1955, the County Commissioners of Caroline County were authorized and empowered to take back from the State Roads Commission all of the County roads in Caroline County and to operate and maintain same, all of which is more fully set forth in said Chapter 700 above referred to, and

WHEREAS, By Section 480 of the said Chapter 700, the said party of the first part, sitting as "County Roads Board" was authorized and empowered to employ and appoint some competent person as County Roads Engineer, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to said law, the party of the first part has employed the party of the second part to act as County Roads Engineer, beginning as of July 1, 1956, and ending on June 30, 1959, and the said party of the second part has agreed to accept said employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part does hereby agree to employ and use the services of the said party of the second part, and the party of the second part does hereby agree to fill the position of County Roads Engineer for Caroline County for the term beginning July 1, 1956 and ending June 30, 1959, upon the following terms and conditions:

1 - The said party of the first part agrees to pay to the party of the second part the sum of

SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, and ending on June 30, 1957, and the party of the first part further agrees to pay to the party of the second part at least the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) annually for the remaining two years. Any increase in salary of the party of the second part for the remaining two years of said term shall be by mutual agreement of the County Roads Board of Caroline County and party of the second part.

2 - The said party of the second part hereby accepts the said appointment as County Roads Engineer for Caroline County for the period hereinabove indicated and for the salary hereinabove specified, and agrees to perform all the services contemplated by Chapter 700, Laws of Maryland 1955, in accordance with the provisions of said law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this contract and agreement to be executed in duplicate the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CAROLINE COUNTY

By John W. Eveland, President  
Party of the first part

Rachel Collison  
Clerk to Board

ATTEST:  
Rachel Collison

Paul J. Yoash (SEAL)  
Party of the second part

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax	.09
1951 county tax	38.70
1952 state tax	10.64
1952 county tax	315.49
1953 state tax	3.31
1953 county tax	132.29
1954 state tax	13.38
1954 county tax	323.62
1955 county tax	9.60

Total Tax.....\$847.12

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 3, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 3, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John D. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday June 19th and Tuesday June 26th were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

A permit was granted to the Trustees of the Mt. Zion Methodist Church, located near Marydel, to hold a Camp Meeting on their Camp Meeting Ground, from August 12 through August 19, 1956.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 10, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 10, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1 to 19 inclusive were approved for payment.

A delegation from Marydel — including the Town Commissioners — was before the Board to request that the county road leading from Mt. Zion to the Marydel - Templeville road #454 be included in the widening program. The County Commissioners advised the delegation this request would be given consideration.

A permit was granted to the Trustees of the Union Church to hold a Camp Meeting on the Union Church Camp Meeting grounds from August 4, 1956 through August 12, 1956.

Dr. Schadt of the Peninsula Girl Scouts was before the Board requesting cooperation of the County Commissioners in getting 10 men from the Queen Annes County Prison Labor Camp on August 13, 1956 to clean up the grounds and buildings at Camp Todd and close it for the season. The Scouts will finance this project but the direction to use the prison labor must come from the County Commissioners. The Board agreed to cooperate in this matter with the provision that no children would be at the Camp when the labor is used. Dr. Schadt assured the Board the campers would all be away.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 17, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 17, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. EVELAND, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #20 to 43 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to have the Cooper Furniture Company put new tile covering on the main office and small office floors of the Clerk's office.

Mr. Rogers introduced Mr. Regers, the new Assistant County Agent, to the County Commissioners. Mr. Rogers began work in this county on July 1st, 1956.

It was agreed by the Board to take insurance on the stock and contents of the Federalsburg Dispensary on an annual basis, as there was no savings involved for a longer period.

The following memorandum of understanding between the County Commissioners and the Caroline Soil Conservation District was executed and ordered entered on the minute record:

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Caroline County Commissioners and the Caroline Soil Conservation District

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote the public benefit or utility, the public health, convenience and welfare, of the citizens of Caroline County as affected by the activities and operations of the Caroline County Commissioners and the Caroline Soil Conservation District Supervisors in the group and individual drainage program now in effect.

It is agreed that in most cases, at the present time, many older county road drainage structures are either inadequate as to cross-sectional area, location, or depth to meet improved requirements for good lateral drainage from contributing watersheds. Therefore, it is mutually agreed that the Caroline Soil Conservation District Supervisors and/or their representatives will provide appropriate engineering detail for county road drainage structures including: location sketch, cross-sections, profiles, depth of excavation at center line of road, angle of approach and departure of channels to new crossings at the road center line, a minimum recommended pipe size and the area of the contributing watershed.

It is further agreed that the district supervisors, or their representatives, will accompany the county commissioners and/or their representatives on inspection tours of the proposed projects.

It is also agreed that the Caroline Soil Conservation District will provide machinery to excavate the proposed drainage way to grade, construct adequate channels for safe road side run-off, and to place the proposed culvert pipes when and if the equipment is available.

The Caroline County Commissioners will furnish such materials as: pipe, back-fill, rip-rap, sod, seed, required mulching, and labor to effect the proper installation of the proposed structure.

It is further agreed that to lengthen the life of the works of improvement the district will endeavor to develop plans for proper maintenance of the drainage improvements through cooperative agreements with individual farmers and group enterprises. This will be done by encouraging good land use, fencing, seeding, sodding, and incorporating sod filter strips into original designs.

The Caroline County Commissioners will endeavor to alleviate siltation problems at all road side drainage structures caused by erosion within the county right-of-way.

When structures are required to alleviate erosion problems along county roads at drainage structures, the Caroline Soil Conservation District upon request from the County Commissioners or their representatives will provide engineering assistance as required.

Caroline Soil Conservation District,  
By Harry H. Nieck Sr., Chairman  
Date 7/17/56

The signing of this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the District was authorized by a resolution of the District Governing Body adopted at a meeting held on the 16 day of July 1956.

Francis M. Rogers  
Secretary, District Governing Body  
Date

John W. Eveland  
Chairman, of Caroline County Commissioners

- 2 cc. County Commissioners
- 1 cc. Caroline Soil Conservation District
- 2 cc. K.P. Jarvis, State Engineer
- 1 cc. W. U. Leader

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 24, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Danton, Md.  
July 24, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

A permit was issued to the Trustees of the Replanted Zion Methodist Church to hold a Camp Meeting in their grove from August 19, 1956 through September 2, 1956.

A delegation from the University of Maryland

Extension Service was before the Board reporting better office quarters for the Negro Extension Department had been located near Lockerman School. The board approved the new location and made the necessary appointments to arrange for the change of offices.

Mr. Shroyer and Mr. Cox of the board of Directors of the Easton Memorial Hospital presented the bill for Welfare Patients at the Hospital during the year ended June 30, 1956. The Board agreed to pay \$7177.44 toward this - as per an agreement made in January 1956 at a joint meeting of County Commissioners of Talbot, Queen Anne and Caroline Counties.

Mr. Webster Todd was appointed County Commissioner member of the Welfare Board until May 31, 1957. The Board also appointed Mrs. K. Thomas Everngam and Mr. Wm. Wunderlich, Jr. to serve six year terms each - ending May 31, 1962.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday July 31, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 31, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #60 to 105 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following order was passed by the Board:

ORDER

Ordered this 31st day of July 1956, that the portion of the Old Denton-New Bridge road, situate at the southerly limits of West Denton in the Sixth Election District of Caroline County, in petition described, be and the same is hereby closed, it appearing that the Petitioners have fully complied with the code provisions related to the closing of abandoned roads. And be it further ordered that this Board execute a quit-claim deed to the said William S. Orme and Martha B. Orme, his wife, for this portion of road upon payment by them of the costs incidental to this proceeding.

John W. Eveland  
A. Webster Todd  
County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

A quit-claim deed was executed as set out in the above order.

The Board agreed to the purchase of a typewriter for the use of the Board of Elections Supervisors.

A notice was sent to Miss Ella Carter, that on and after September 1, 1956, the County Commissioners desire to cancel the rental agreement on the building now occupied by the Negro Extension Service. The new office quarters will be moved to a location near Lockerman School.

Because of recent increments in the welfare workers salaries, the Board agreed with Mrs. Carter, Director of the welfare Board, to use \$400.00 of the unexpended 1955-56 levy to make up the difference in the local budget for 1956-57.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 7, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 7, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #106 to 127 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Smith asked the Board about the possibility of building a bookroom in the cellar for convenient and clean storage of excess records for various offices - especially Registration & Election books which are being used frequently now for certificates for Social Security program, etc.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 14, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 14, 1956

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

Bills #128 to 151 inclusive were approved for payment.

Corporal Koste was before the Board reporting on the bad conduct attendant to the Colored Camp Meetings. The State Police and the County Officers have tried to keep a check on all the meetings and reported several instances of crap games and sale of bootleg whiskey. Of course, it is understood this is done by separate crowds adjacent to the camp but drawn by the Camp Meetings. The County Commissioners are taking under advisement, the possibility of not allowing any Colored Camp Meetings to be held after the present permits expire.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 21, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 21, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 1956 were read approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #152 to 162 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following proclamation was adopted by the board and notice of publication ordered sent to all the county papers:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the crippling effects on young adults between the ages of 20 and 40 by multiple sclerosis, or MS, is a problem of increasing concern to the citizens of our immediate community as well as in the State of Maryland in which an estimated 2500 are affected by this disease of the central nervous system, and

WHEREAS: the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports scientific research to find the cause and cure of this chronic disabling disease, and further, gives aid to MS patients and their families, and

WHEREAS: public support of the program of the Maryland Chapter is essential to the welfare of those citizens who are crippled or rendered helpless by multiple sclerosis,

NOW, THEREFORE, I John W. Eveland, President of Commissioners of Caroline County do hereby proclaim September 1st to the 30th as MS month, and urge all our citizens to support and contribute to the 1956 MS Hope Chest Campaign of the Maryland Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Caroline County to be affixed this 31st day of August in the year of 1956.

John W. Eveland  
President of Commissioners

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 28, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 28, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #163 to 205 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 4, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #206 to 222 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 11, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 11, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #223 to 251 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners and the Supervisor of Assessors agreed on Nov. 14th & 15th as review dates for viewing the assessable basis of the Fifth Election District.

Mr. Frank Lunter of the firm of Turpin, Wachter and associates, Consulting Engineer met with the Board in answer to a request for information regarding a survey of the interior of the Court House proposing re-habilitation. Mr. Lunter offered to make a preliminary survey and plan sufficient to discuss the adoption of the project.

The Taxables and Viewers on a tax ditch to be known as the South Denton Public Drainage Association met in public hearing, as advertised, for the purpose of organizing this tax ditch. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the Commissioners declared this ditch duly organized.

Mr. Hoopengardner, Superintendent of Schools, met with the Board, to brief the Commissioners on the public meetings of citizens and civic groups to discuss a school building program which provides for construction of two consolidated high schools. This meeting was strictly informative and no decision or opinion was asked or given.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 18, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 18, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Cleveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #252 to 263 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 25, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 25, 1956

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The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #264 to 325 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Ed. Covell was before the Board to invite the Commissioners to an open meeting at the Caroline High School on Wednesday, the 20th, at which time the school building program is to be discussed.

Mr. Lunter, of the firm of Turpin, Wachter and Associates submitted a proposal for the approval of the Board in connection with the survey to re-habilitate the interior of the Court House. The board agreed and the following proposal was adopted:

TURPIN, WACHTER & ASSOCIATES  
Consulting Engineers  
1004 N. Charles St.  
Balto. 1, Md.

September 21, 1956

County Commissioners of Caroline County  
Court House  
Denton, Maryland

Re: Rehabilitation and Addition  
to Court House

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the following proposal for professional services, design and specifications for the work required for the above noted project.

We propose to review all available data, prepare preliminary use survey, studies and estimates, prepare contract drawings and specifications, ready to receive bids, examine all bids for construction and review and make recommendations pertinent to the award, prepare necessary construction contracts, review and approve shop drawings of equipment and/or materials, make periodical inspections of the work and report as to progress, make recommendations as to the payments to contractors and prepare estimates for partial and final payments to the contractors.

For these services, our fee would be as follows:-

- a. For the preparation of preliminary studies, use surveys, estimates and preparation of contract drawings for the remodeling and rehabilitation of the existing structure in accordance with the directions of the County Commissioners a fee of eight percent (8%) of the actual construction costs of this portion of the project.
- b. For the preparation of contract plans and specifications complete, ready for use for the proposed addition to existing structure, a fee of six percent (6%) of the actual construction costs of this portion.

Upon delivery on completion of contract plans and specifications, three quarters (3/4) of the fee in each instance would be payable, remainder to be paid upon completion during construction stage.

Property survey, sub-surface soil investigations, test borings and test piles would be furnished us and cost or costs are not included in the above fees.

Very respectfully yours,  
Turpin, Wachter & Associates

FFL/eak

Frank F. Lunter

Accepted Date: Sept. 25, 1956

John W. EVELAND, Chairman  
A. Webster Todd  
John S. Legates

Attested:

Rachel Collison  
Clerk to the County Commissioner

The County Commissioners agreed to do the necessary repair work at the Health Center as requested in letter from that department dated August 1, 1956.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 State tax	\$ 33.60
1956 County tax	607.06
Total tax	\$ 640.66

The following additional taxes were charged to the County Treasurer:

1956 State tax	\$ 8.27
1956 County tax	113.97
Total tax	\$122.24

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 2, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 2, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #320 to 350 inclusive were approved for payment.

Miss Bullard, Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Kemsburg, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent and Miss Ella Carter were before the Board requesting an alteration in office rental to include an extra room for meetings. It was agreed to void the present lease for three rooms at \$430.00

per year and effect a new lease for four rooms at a rental of \$50.00 per month beginning October 1, 1956. Miss Carter agreed to make certain necessary repairs and alterations in rooms as requested by Miss Bullard.

The following letter was directed by the Board to the State Roads Commission requesting clarification of certain sections of road the State Roads Commission wants back into the County Roads System:

October 2, 1956

Mr. Robert O. Bonnell, Chairman  
Maryland State Roads Commission  
108 East Lexington Street  
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Mr. Bonnell:

On Friday, September 28, 1956 the County Roads Board of Caroline County met in special session in reference to certain sections of road mentioned in a letter to the County Commissioners of Caroline County, from Mr. W. F. Childs, Advisory Engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission. This letter was under date of September 20, 1956.

During this meeting the Commissioners brought forth a letter dated May 27, 1952, written by Mr. Emmett Hignutt, President, at that time, of the County Commissioners of Caroline County.

In this letter Mr. Hignutt states that the Board of County Commissioners will take that part of the old road, which will be eliminated by the use of the new Federalsburg By-pass, back into the County Roads System for maintenance.

Since, as of May 27, 1952, no part of the actual Federalsburg By-pass had been completed, the Board of County Commissioners request a meeting with you or representatives of your office to discuss the exact sections of road that were at that time meant to be included in the County Roads System.

To us, this matter is most imperative, since we do not wish to be put in the position of becoming legally liable for accidents connected with maintenance on state roads, or non-maintenance on County roads.

Thanking you for your cooperation, we remain,

Sincerely yours,  
John W. Eveland, President  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 3.30
1956 county tax	69.38
Total tax.....	\$ 72.68

The following additional tax was charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1956 state tax	\$ 1.96
1956 county tax	27.00
Total tax.....	\$ 28.96

Mr. Ed Covell, Headed a Citizens Committee delegation of 19 persons representing all parts of Caroline County in a plea for One Senior High School for the County. A petition signed by the entire delegation was presented to the board and filed in this office.

There being no other business, the board adjourned to meet Tuesday October 9, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 9, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #357 to 377 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 16, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 16, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland  
John S. Legates

Mr. Todd absent to attend funeral.

Bills #378 to 394 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 3.96
1956 county tax	<u>152.38</u>
Total tax.....	\$156.34

A delegation of women from Preston, headed by Mrs. Lloyd F. Price, presented a petition in protest of the One Consolidated School Plan now being discussed in public meetings throughout the County.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 23, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 23, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday, Oct. 9, and Tuesday October 16, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #395 to 407 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to sit as a Board of Control and Review on November 16, 1956 for hearings on assessments in the First and Seventh Election Districts.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the Welfare Board, invited the Commissioners and their Clerk to a dinner meeting of the Welfare Board and Staff on Monday, November 26, 1956.

Mr. Jacob O. Williams, spokesman for a delegation from the Federalsburg area, presented a petition of 2307 signers, white and colored, from all sections of the county in protest of any "one-school" plan in the school building program.

A letter from Mr. J. Dallas Blades was also presented to the Board, in connection with the above mentioned petition. Both instruments are filed in this office.

The Board agreed to sit in regular session on Tuesday November 6, 1956- Election Day.

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 30, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 30, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #408 to 471 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 2.04
1956 county tax	<u>43.13</u>
total tax.....	\$ 45.17

Mr. Harris and the Commissioners got the fall lime allotment for the County Farm adjusted and ordered for delivery to the Farm.

Mr. Covell and Mr. Chaffinch were before the Board in protest of the value of the petition presented last week with some 2300 names against any one school plan. These gentlemen advised the Board they were circulating a similar petition against any two school plan that would be presented to this Board.

Mr. Legates received a citation and commendation from the American Red Cross for his Chairmanship of the 1956 Fund Drive which went over the 100% quota.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 6, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 6, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #472 to 493 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following increases on the tax rolls were charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1956 state tax	\$ 11.44
1956 county tax	<u>172.35</u>
total tax.....	\$ 183.79

The following petition to close a portion of an abandoned County road was adopted by the Board and ordered filed:

PETITION

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY:-

The Petition of Maryland Broiler Industries, Inc.,  
by John R. Hargreaves, President, respectfully represents:-

FIRST: That your Petitioner, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, owns land situate in the Sixth Election District of Caroline County, adjoining West Denton; said land lying generally Southeast of the Denton-New Bridge Highway, which road has been recently improved and relocated, resulting in the abandonment of part of the old Denton-New Bridge road binding upon the land of your petitioner.

SECOND: That with accordance with Article 25 of the annotated Code of Maryland, (1951 Edition), Section 125, your Petitioner has placed a Notice, (copy of which is hereto attached,) of their intention to Petition the Commissioners of Caroline County for the closing of said old and abandoned roadbed in the Denton Journal, a Caroline County Publication: said Notice appearing for three weeks in the issues of September 23th., October 5th., and October 12th.

THIRD: That your Petitioner has secured the services of J. Malcolm Bye, reg. land surveyor, who has surveyed and made a plat of the aforesaid abandoned roadbed, description for which is as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the North line of the old Denton-New Bridge road, which point is also the Northeast corner of the abandoned roadbed conveyed to William S. Orme, and wife, and running thence North 77 degrees 00 minutes East with said North line of the old road-bed the distance of 441 feet; thence running at right angles in a Southerly direction the distance of 30 feet to the South line of said old roadbed; thence running South 77 degrees 00 minutes West approximately 441 feet with the South line of said old roadbed; thence North 51 degrees 50 minutes West 30 feet across said road to the place of beginning, containing whatsoever quantity of land that it may.

FOURTH: That it is clearly evident to your Petitioner that said roadbed will not in any manner be used or maintained by the County in view of the new and improved road to be known as Denton-New Bridge Highway.

TO THE END THEREFORE:-

Your Petitioner having complied with Article 25 of the annotated Code of Maryland and the Sections thereto related to the closing of an abandoned road by the County Commissioners, do request that the Commissioners of Caroline County formally and forever close that portion of the roadbed as hereinbefore described. And further, that the Commissioners for Caroline County execute and place upon record a deed conveying the aforesaid abandoned roadbed by metes and bounds description to your Petitioner, The Maryland Broiler Industries, Inc., a body corporate.

(signature)  
John R. Hargreaves, President  
Maryland Broiler Industries, Inc.

(SEAL) ATTEST: (signature)  
Paul A. Croll,  
Secretary

STATE OF MARYLAND, CAROLINE COUNTY, TO WIT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this 30th day of October, 1956, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Paul A. Croll, Sect. of Maryland Broiler Industries, Inc., and made oath in due form that the facts and statements contained in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

(SEAL)  
signature  
Daniel O'Day  
Notary Public

A quit claim deed was executed by the Commissioners  
for the above named road. *Doc 131-420 331*

There being no other business, the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday, November 13, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 13, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November  
6, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #494 to 582 inclusive were approved for  
payment.

Mr. O. H. Christopher, Constable-at-Large for the  
Federalsburg area, was before the Board requesting a police  
radio for his car. Mr. Christopher reported to the Board  
that there had been public subscriptions from local business  
men to pay the costs of the radio and that the Maryland  
State Police would make installations, but that the County  
Commissioners would have to act as purchasing agent. The  
Commissioners agreed to this request with the understanding  
there would be no financial obligation involved on the part  
of Caroline County. Mr. Christopher was notified of this  
by letter.

Notices were ordered sent to all persons interested  
in the re-digging of the Long Marsh Ditch for a meeting on  
Monday November 19th, 1956, to find out if there is sufficient  
interest in having this ditch cleaned out.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned  
to meet Tuesday, November 20, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 20, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates

Mr. Todd was away on vacation.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #583 to 598 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Frank Lunter of the firm of Turpin, Wachter and associates, consultant architects, met with the Board and executed Form H-495 application for advance for funds for public works planning in connection with the remodeling and making additional office space to the Court House.

Mr. E. H. Covell and Mr. James Chaffinch Jr. were before the Board and presented a petition in protest of any "two or more schools" in the proposed school building program. This petition had 2672 signatures and was presented to off-set the petition against a "one school plan" filed here on October 23, 1956.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov. 27, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
November 27, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #599 to 648 inclusive were approved for payment.

The annual reports of the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent were presented to the Board.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax \$	3.85
1956 county tax	60.45
total tax.....\$	64.30

Mr. Christopher, Constable-at-Large, remitted \$467.50 in payment for mobile radio to be installed in his car for use in constable work.

There being no other business, the board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 4, 1956.

*Jean F. Larrimore*  
Jean F. Larrimore, Acting Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 4, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #649 to 677 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 11, 1956.

*Jean F. Larrimore*

Jean F. Larrimore, Acting Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 11, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the following regular meetings were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Tuesday, November 20, 1956  
Tuesday, November 27, 1956  
Tuesday, December 4, 1956

Bills #678 to 703 inclusive were approved for payment..

Judge Carter requested the appointment of a Court Secretary. The secretary will do one-half time Court work for Talbot and Caroline Counties. Judge Carter requested each county pay one-fourth of the salary. The Commissioners agreed to this arrangement to begin January 1, 1957

The County Commissioners agreed to meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 26th, 1956 and Wednesday, January 2, 1957, the regular Tuesdays being Legal Holidays.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 18, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 18, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on December 11, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the board.

Bills #704 to 763 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following letter to the Caroline County Medical Society was submitted by Dr. Riley, who presented the following plan for the approval of the County Commissioners of the principle involved in the program—that is — to contact adult organizations and the Health Officer will be present at their meetings to give the polio shots with the Commissioners supporting the plan to the extent of providing \$100.00 for vaccine. The County Commissioners approved the plan.

C-O-P-Y

Dr. Robert Kingsbury  
President,  
Caroline County Medical Society,  
Federalburg, Md.

Dear Doctor Kingsbury,

A little while back you expressed to me your opinion that although you thought the Medical Society would approve of the Health Department giving third shots of polio vaccine to the school children, you did not feel that they would approve the giving of the vaccine through the Health Department to any older groups.

I have given this matter a great deal of consideration and come up with the following set of thoughts on the matter:

1. Assuming that a polio vaccine is available that will prevent serious paralysis in poliomyelitis,
2. The Health Department can obtain vaccine for all persons for whom it is recommended,
3. The Health Department has the personnel, the equipment and desire to give the vaccine to those persons for whom it is recommended,
4. Who would be responsible in the eyes of the public and our own consciences if next summer we have an episode in Caroline County similar to the one in St. Michaels this past summer?
5. Would the Caroline County Medical Society publicly accept responsibility and so inform me in writing - which can be published - that they will accept full responsibility for the lack of an all out effort to prevent polio by the widest use of the vaccine as possible?

Any decision that will be made will have to be based on these thoughts since as thoroughly as I have racked my mind, I can come up with no alternative ones. Do you or the Society have any others?

It is a difficult, important decision that has to be made.

Yours truly,  
Edwin G. Riley, M. D.

Stewart Wright, insurance broker, was before the Board

reminding the Commissioners that he was in a position to direct an insurance survey if the Board contemplated such a plan.

The Caroline Soil Conservation Service entertained the County Commissioners and their Clerk at Luncheon in appreciation of the cooperation of the Board to the Drainage program. A discussion of the re-digging of the Long Marsh Ditch ensued. The County Commissioners agreed to sponsor this project provided it was in their legal jurisdiction. The Board agreed to get its attorney's opinion in the matter.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, December 26, 1956.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
December 26, 1956

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #764 to 781 inclusive were approved for payment, except #778 to Carroll F. Bright, Postmaster, which was voided.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 2, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 2, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, December 26, 1956 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #782 to 798 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 State tax	\$	6.31
1956 County tax		110.85
Total Tax	\$	<u>117.16</u>

The following letter was ordered sent to Mr. Hoopengardner,  
Secretary-Treasurer of the Caroline County Board of Education:

January 2, 1957

Mr. Wilbur S. Hoopengardner  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Board of Education of Caroline County  
Denton, Maryland

Dear Mr. Hoopengardner:

The County Commissioners have today received a proposal and a formal request for new school facilities for Caroline County with a request—"that the decision of the Board of County Commissioners be presented to the Superintendent of Schools in writing not later than Thursday, January 3, 1957".

The County Commissioners of Caroline County could not formally agree on the Plan, and therefore deny the request for funds in the amount of \$2,380,000 to carry out the provisions outlined in Plan 111 of your proposal.

Very respectfully yours,

John W. Eveland, President  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

The County Commissioners purchased a new Underwood typewriter for \$180.63 for use in the Secretary's office of Judge Carter.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 8, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 8, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #799 to 832 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. O. H. Christopher, Constable-at-Large, was before the Board in regard to the maintenance of the police radio recently installed in his car. Mr. Christopher explained that the State Police will keep up the maintenance on the radio at no cost to the county, except for the costs of the replacement parts required. This parts costs should not exceed \$25.00 per year. Mr. Christopher reported. The initial radio and install-

ation was made at no cost to the county so the Board agreed to pay for replacement parts as needed and billed to the county.

The Commissioners agreed to purchase a desk and chair for Judge Carters secretary.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 15, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 15, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #833 to 850 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 1.23
1956 county tax	46.13
Total tax.....	<u>\$47.36</u>

Mr. Thawley, Attorney to the Board, reported that in his opinion, the County Commissioners could sponsor the re-digging of the Long Marsh Ditch under the Federal Water Shed Act. The Commissioners informed the Caroline Soil District of this opinion in order that the project proceeding could be started.

Dr. Riley introduced Mr. Saunders, County Sanitarian, to the Board and informed the Commissioners he was setting up a program to eliminate individuals from disposing of sewage into open ditches.

A petition to organize the Hobbs tax ditch was filed with the Commissioners.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 22, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 22, 1957

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John W. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #833 to 850 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 1.20
1956 county tax	<u>33.00</u>
Total tax.....	\$34.20

Mr. Thawley reported to the Board that he had been in conference with Delegate Harry Hughes regarding the revising and amending the Caroline County Dog laws. It is the opinion of these two men that the Public General Laws will have to be repealed before a local law for the County can be set up. Mr. Hughes said, however, that Queen Annes County is revising its local law that was made in 1955 and he is watching it so that we may use it as a pattern to institute a workable dog protection program in Caroline County.

Judge Carter and Mrs. Trader, Court Probation Officer, reported to the Board the activity of the Juvenile Court program for the year just ended. The Commissioners commended Mrs. Trader on the work accomplished during the year and re-appointed her for another one year term.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 29, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
January 29, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 6.87
1956 county tax	<u>103.50</u>
Total tax.....	\$110.37

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 5, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 5, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #926 to 954 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 21.96
1956 county tax	<u>301.66</u>
Total tax.....	\$323.62

Mr. Woodson of the Social Security Board, was before the Commissioners with a request that this Board find an office for the Social Security representative to interview recipients and see if satisfactory space could be obtained.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 12, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 12, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #955 to 971 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 1.04
1956 county tax	<u>36.00</u>
Total tax.....	\$ 37.04

The Board agreed to allow the Constable in the First Election District mileage, not to exceed \$30.00 per month, in order that he may give better service to the towns of Goldsboro, Henderson and Marydel.

Mr. Smith, attorney to the Town Council of Federalsburg, informed the Board that a bill had been introduced into this session of Legislature to allow the town to collect a town tax on dogs.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 19, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 19, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present; John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John D. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #972 to 982 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 1.58
1956 county tax	29.25
Total tax.....	\$30.83

The Board agreed to cancel plans for project to add additional rooms for office space to the Court House, and notified Mr. Lunter, architect, of this intention.

The Board agreed to furnish rental of the Fire Hall in Denton for use of the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Merrick of the Soil Conservation District was before the Board requesting the Boards approval of a bill to authorize the County Commissioners to use general funds for draining lands. The Board expressed its approval of such a bill and urged its introduction into Legislature.

The balance of the afternoon was used as a continuance of the Roads Board Meeting held over from the morning session.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 26, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
February 26, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday, February, 12, 1957 and Tuesday, February 19, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #983 to 1040 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners with Mr. Yoash, the County Road Engineer visited the County Farm, and a couple of sections of roads and bridges that need some immediate repairs.

The County Commissioners ordered the following directive from the Board of Education to be entered on the minutes on this date followed by a copy of a letter to the County Delegation from the County Commissioners, in response to the request set forth in this directive.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
Denton, Maryland  
February 25, 1957

To the County Commissioners:

The Board of Education met in special session on Friday, February 22, 1957, to discuss the school building problem of the county. A unanimous decision was reached by the Board on the plan outlined in the request below.

The Board of Education hereby requests the County Commissioners to supply money in the amount of \$2,997,000 between the period July 1, 1957 and July 1, 1960. The money will be used to build the following buildings according to the accompanying time schedule.

<u>July 1, 1957</u>	
Northern Senior High School to replace the present high schools of Denton, Greensboro and Ridgely. This school is to be located North of Denton.	\$1,450,000
Renovation of present high schools.	\$ 175,000
Federalsburg Replacement (Elem. and Jr.-Sr. High)	\$ 500,000
Total 1957	<u>\$2,125,000</u>

<u>January 1, 1960</u>	
Southern High School for Federalsburg and Preston. This school is to be located somewhere between the two communities.	\$ 872,000
Total 1960	\$ 872,000

The first request of \$2,125,000 is to be made available during the fiscal year following July 1, 1957.

The second request of \$872,000 is to be made available during the fiscal year following July 1, 1960.

An advisory committee to the Board of Education composed of the County Commissioners and such other citizens (not to exceed 8) as the Board of Education and County Commissioners see fit to name shall be established. This committee shall be consulted on problems related to the building program

outlined above and shall be advisory only and shall not bind said Boards in any action which they shall take.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilbur S. Hoopengardner /s/  
 Secretary to the Board

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
 DENTON, MARYLAND

February 26, 1957

Hon. Layman J. Redden  
 Hon. Harry R. Hughes  
 Hon. Orland B. Blades  
 Caroline County Delegation  
 Annapolis, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find copy of letter from the Board of Education of Caroline County to the County Commissioners under date of February 25, 1957, in which the Board of Education requests our Board to supply money in the amount of \$2,997,000. for the erection and renovation of high schools in Caroline County, Maryland, in accordance with the time schedule set forth in said letter. The Board of County Commissioners has met with the Board of Education on several occasions regarding this matter, and we are in accord with their request. We, therefore, would like you gentlemen to promptly introduce in the Maryland Legislature a suitable bill authorizing a bond issue to take care of this request.

We would like to suggest that the bill have a provision whereby the disbursement of the funds shall be upon the joint order of the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County and the Board of Education of Caroline County. Such a provision was set forth in Section 6 of Chapter 501, Laws of Maryland, 1949, when a similar bill was passed.

We will appreciate it if you will provide us with several copies of this bill after the same has been introduced.

Respectfully submitted,  
 John W. Eveland  
 John S. Legates  
 A. Webster Todd  
 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday March 5, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
 Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
 March 5, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
 John S. Legates  
 A. Webster Todd

Bills #1041 to 1065 inclusive were approved for payment.

A petition to organize a tax ditch to be known as the Trice-Nagel Public Drainage Association was filed with the Commissioners.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the County Welfare Board, met with the Board to discuss a means of obtaining repayments of responsible persons for patients in the Mental Hospitals. After this conference Mrs. Carter agreed to work up a tentative scale for refunds for the approval of the Board at the next meeting.

A Committee of the Maryland Historical Society for Caroline County requested that the Commissioners give \$200.00 to help defray costs of landscaping of the plot where Colonel Richardsons tomb has recently been restored. The Board agreed to this request.

The County Commissioners adopted the following Resolution pertaining to the County Roads Board of Caroline County.

March 5, 1957

RESOLUTION NO. 3 PERTAINING TO COUNTY ROADS BOARD.

WHEREAS, The County Roads Engineer in and for Caroline County, Maryland, at the regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, acting as the County Roads Board of Caroline County, held on February 12, 1957, recommended a Point System be used in classifying improvement of The County Road System in Caroline County, and

WHEREAS, We, The County Commissioners of Caroline County, acting as The County Roads Board of Caroline County, have investigated the workings and results of the aforementioned Point System in other counties, and

WHEREAS, We, The County Commissioners of Caroline County, acting as The County Roads Board of Caroline County, have given said Point System our consideration, and desire to follow the recommendation of The County Roads Engineer for Caroline County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The County Commissioners of Caroline County add to its present rules and regulations, a rule, to be known as Rule 1 to read as follows:

"Rule 1 - First, The County Roads Engineer, in and for Caroline County, Maryland, will determine the total mileage of all roads in the County System (this data to be kept up to date, year by year).

Second, - The County Roads Engineer, in and for Caroline County, Maryland, will determine the mileage of County Road in each Election District (this data to be kept up to date year by year).

Third - The County Roads Engineer, in and for Caroline County, Maryland, will determine for each Election District the percentage of the total County System that is located in the respective Election District.

Fourth - Each year, when the program of new construction is drawn up, or recommended, the mileage of improvement shall be prorated to each Election District in an amount equal to the percentage of roads, of the total County Road System, which lie in respective Election District.

Fifth - In order to determine which mileages of road are to be done in each Election District, THE POINT SYSTEM shall be used as outlined following.

Each road in the County shall be classified as to mileage, traffic count, number of inhabited residences, school bus route, Federal-Aid system route, milk collection route, intersecting roads, connecting link, if it is a section less than one mile long between two paved or surface treated roads.

An explanation of the distribution of points is set forth below:

- (1) MILEAGE- Actual mileage of earth or gravel portion of the road.  
No point value.
- (2) TRAFFIC PATTERN: This is a section indicating the average number vehicles per day using the roadway.  
The point distribution is as follows:
- |          |              |     |   |       |
|----------|--------------|-----|---|-------|
| 0-25     | cars per day | --- | 1 | point |
| 26-50    | " " "        | --- | 2 | "     |
| 51-100   | " " "        | --- | 3 | "     |
| 101-150  | " " "        | --- | 4 | "     |
| 151-200  | " " "        | --- | 5 | "     |
| 200-plus | " " "        | --- | 6 | "     |
- (3) NUMBER OF INHABITED RESIDENCES: This is the actual number of houses, the entrances of which are on the gravel or earth portion of the road.
- |         |        |     |   |       |
|---------|--------|-----|---|-------|
| 0-5     | houses | --- | 1 | point |
| 6-10    | "      | --- | 2 | "     |
| 11-15   | "      | --- | 3 | "     |
| 16-20   | "      | --- | 4 | "     |
| 21-plus | "      | --- | 5 | "     |
- (4) SCHOOL BUS ROUTE: Those roads selected by school authorities which, if constructed, will complete a bus cycle, thereby school operation more effective.  
If selected --- 1 point  
If unselected - 0 "
- (5) FEDERAL-AID: Points apportioned as follows for Federal-Aid participation:  
Those roads now recognized as Federal-Aid Secondary Routes-----2 points  
Those roads which could possibly be admitted to the Federal-Aid System -----1 point  
Those roads which will not be admitted to the Federal-Aid System -----0 point
- (6) MILK COLLECTION ROUTE: Those roads used as routes for milk collection from dairy farms.  
Those roads used -----1 point  
Those roads not used ----0 "
- (7) INTERSECTING ROAD: A road enters into the County road, being coded, at any point between the beginning and ending points of the mileage indicated, which would increase the use over and above the factors listed for said road.  
For each such intersection ----- 1 point  
For each cross road ----- 2 points  
If no crossroad or intersection - 0 point
- (8) CONNECTING LINK: A road of 1.00 mile or less between two paved or surfaced treated roads, which if built will materially benefit the travelling public and in all probability greatly increase the traffic pattern.  
If yes ---- 1 point  
If no ---- 0 "
- (9) FINAL CLASSIFICATION: Indicates the sum of all code numbers for each portion of gravel or earth road.

Sixth - The County Roads Engineer, in and for Caroline County, shall proceed with the studies, charting, and classification necessary to accomplish and compile records according to the above outlined POINT SYSTEM.

Seventh - The County Roads Engineer in and for Caroline County, Maryland, after the records for the POINT SYSTEM have been compiled, shall have available for the inspection and general knowledge, these records, for all residents of Caroline County, Maryland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any rule and regulation of the County Commissioners, or The County Roads Board, of Caroline County, inconsistent with this rule, is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this rule and regulation shall take effect as of October 1, 1957.

THE ADOPTION OF THE AFOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, ON THE 5th DAY OF MARCH, 1957.

John W. Eveland, President  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CAROLINE COUNTY

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 12, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 12, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday, February 26, 1957 and Tuesday March 5, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1066 to 1084 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 State taxes	\$	3.73
1956 County taxes		<u>81.30</u>
Total Taxes.....	\$	<u>85.03</u>

Mr. Hoopengardner, County Superintendent of Schools, presented a rough draft of a bill to borrow money to build schools, for the approval of the Board, which was approved.

Mr. Hoopengardner also presented the following Resolution which was approved and signed by the members of the Board.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education for Caroline County, Maryland, had revised its request for financial assistance

from the State under the provisions of Chapter 609 of the Acts of 1953, Regular Session; and the revised applications for said financial assistance must be approved by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, do hereby formally approve the revised applications of the Board of Education for said County and petition the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland for a loan of

( \$ ) and grant-in-aid of  
(\$487,000.00) for the purpose of financing the following school building projects in Caroline County:  
State

Name of School	Total Cost	Grant-in-Aid	State Loan
FEDERALSBURG ELEMENTARY	\$ 17,708.00		\$ 17,708.00
FEDERALSBURG HIGH	500,000.00		404,373.00
JONESTOWN ELEMENTARY	19,009.00		19,009.00
LOCKERMAN HIGH	27,500.00		27,500.00
RIDGELY ELEMENTARY	18,410.00		18,410.00
TOTAL	<u>\$582,627.00</u>		<u>\$487,000.00</u>

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Commissioners of CAROLINE County, Maryland, do hereby consent to enter into the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland in order to participate in said State financial assistance.

John W. Eveland  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Signatures of County Commissioners

March 12, 1957  
Date

Mrs. Beulah Carter, Director of the Local Welfare Board, presented a rough draft of a certification to be used for determining the eligibility for payment of a patients hospital care in a Mental Hospital. This certification was approved by the Board but must be approved by the State Department of Public Welfare before it can be adopted by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Saunders, County Sanitarian, was before the Board with plans for putting up various signs in regard to Maryland Clean-Up week. The Board approved the adoption of this project.

The County Commissioners considered the application of James Moore as Forest Warden and went on record as making no objection to this appointment by the State Department of Forestry.

Mr. Carroll Bright, Postmaster, reported to the Board that he has curtailed mail delivery on two streets in Denton because unclaimed dogs were running loose.

The following Resolution regarding the assessment of Household Goods was adopted by the Board:

March 12, 1957

R E S O L U T I O N

As a result of the annual assessment program, now in effect

in the State of Maryland and Caroline County,

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Caroline County discontinue collecting county taxes on Household Goods and that no assessment on Household Goods will be made in the 1957 re-assessment.

John W. Eveland, President  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CAROLINE COUNTY

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

Albert Rinner spoke to the Board about a drainage problem on his property apparently caused by a stopped-up culvert on the county road. The Board agreed to look into the matter with the County Roads Engineer.

The County Commissioners adopted the following Amendment A to Resolution No. 3, Pertaining to the County Roads Board of Caroline County

AMENDMENT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 3, PERTAINING TO THE  
COUNTY ROADS BOARD

WHEREAS, We, The County Commissioners of Caroline County, wish to amend Resolution No. 3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Commissioners of Caroline County add to its present rules and regulations, a rule to be known as AMENDMENT A TO RESOLUTION NO. 3 to read as follows:

FIRST - The County Roads Board Engineer in and for Caroline County, Maryland, is instructed to inform the County Commissioners of Caroline County, acting as The County Roads Board of Caroline County, whenever the percentage of the total County paving in any Election District differs by more than 2% from the percentage of total County Roads in the Election District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any rule and regulation of The County Commissioners of Caroline County, inconsistent with this rule, is hereby repealed to the extent of said inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this rule and regulation shall take effect October 1, 1957.

THE ADOPTION OF THE AFOREGOING AMENDMENT WAS, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, ON THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 1957.

John W. Eveland, President  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CAROLINE COUNTY

ATTEST: Rachel Collison, Clerk

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 19, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 19, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1085 to 1092 inclusive were approved for payment.

The list of Managers for 1957 on Tax Ditches under the New Law were presented to the Commissioners, was approved and ordered filed in this office.

The following local policy on Certification for Mental Hospital Care was approved and adopted by the County Commissioners;

LOCAL POLICY - CERTIFICATION - MENTAL HOSPITAL CARE  
Manual Part. II. Section..900

Certification of Hospital Care at State Expense  
(Title of State Manual Section)

Caroline County

(Local Department)

Date Approved by Board 3-11-57

Effective Date 3/57 Date Approved by State Dept. 3/57

Date Approved by County Comm. 3-19-57

1. Legal Base - Agreement entered into by the Caroline County Commissioners and the Caroline County Welfare Board is that the Caroline County Welfare Board is to determine eligibility for payment of a mental patient's hospital care and determine his place of legal residence. The County Commissioners expect to bill and collect amounts due as determined by this policy.

II. Procedures

1. APPLICATION - Application is to be made directly to the Welfare Board, on referral from the Caroline County Commissioners, by someone who can furnish the necessary information.
  2. RESIDENCE- Residence is to be determined for the last year's continuous residence in order for the Commissioners to determine who should carry responsibility for payment.
  3. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY TO PAY - Financial eligibility is limited to those who are unable to pay full cost of care per month, the cost being that set by the D.M.H. and which may vary from time to time.
- A. HOME OWNERSHIP- The applicant's home in which he lives would not be considered a resource except when it represents a substantial investment.

Property owned by the relatives who have primary responsibility for the patient shall not be considered a resource as long as it is occupied by the primary relative or his dependents.

- B. FUNERAL EXPENSE - An applicant may retain a resource for the payment of funeral expenses. This may be in the form of insurance policies,

bonds, stocks, bank account and property not used as a home, etc.

I. We are not concerned with the amount of the face value of insurance but the cash value of insurance in excess of \$500 is to be considered a resource. In addition, the patient or the primary responsible relative living in the home with the patient may retain an additional \$500 in cash value of other combined resources.

C. SUPPORT FROM RELATIVES

I. Resources from relatives shall be determined by use of:

a. Schedule A - Income scale for determining resources from children of patient or from parent of an adult handicapped person who has been customarily dependent on the patient for support.

b. Schedule B - Income scale for determining resources from spouse of patient (Husband always for wife, wife for husband if living together, or from parents of patient if a minor child.

II. Income used for application of the scale is regular income computed on the basis of current earnings and other income and in consideration of anticipated earnings and other income for the coming year. Regular income in kind is to be considered and evaluated according to Schedule C of this rule.

III. Extraordinary expenses such as hospital bills for immediate family, housekeeping services or baby-sitter for dependent children left at home, etc., may be taken into consideration and subtracted from the income before application of income schedule.

D. PATIENT'S OWN INCOME - If the patient has regular monthly income, payable directly to him, it is generally a resource for payment of hospital care except that:

A. \$5.00 per month of such income is considered as needed for incidental expenses in the hospital.

B. If such income is needed to maintain the family group remaining at home (the patient's spouse and/or dependent children), the income scale in Schedule B is applied to this and all other income in the family group for determining the resource available for payment.

III. Recovery - The Welfare Board will supply information regarding property to the Commissioners on form 906 in order that the Commissioners may determine within their discretion whether they wish to recover from this property. No recovery shall be instituted by the County Commissioners against the home so long as it is occupied by the spouse, the minor dependents, or adult handicapped child of the patient.

IV. Certification - Decision as to eligibility is indicated on SDPW Form #906; to be completed in ink, indelible pencil, or typewriter, and properly signed. Decision is made as promptly as possible and no more than 30 days after date of application, except that where delay is due to the applicant's failure to present necessary information when final decision is to be made within 60 days from date of application.

V. Reconsideration - Reconsideration of financial eligibility shall be made annually or when relevant changes are reported by someone on patient's behalf; the results of the reconsideration will be indicated on form #906. Where there is no ability to pay and there seems no indication that there will be change, these patients' eligibility will not need to be reconsidered. For reviews, form #906 will be marked "Reconsideration" in the top right hand corner.

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SCHEDULE A  
INCOME SCALE - SECONDARY RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR DETERMINING ABILITY OF CHILDREN TO SUPPORT

	<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$ 2,400	\$ 200
2	3,600	300
3	4,560	380
4	5,400	450
5	6,180	515
6	6,840	570
Each Additional person over 6	600	55

SCHEDULE B  
INCOME SCALE - PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR DETERMINING ABILITY OF PARENT TO SUPPORT CHILD

	<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$ 1,980	\$ 165
2	2,760	230
3	3,540	295
4	4,200	350
5	4,800	400
6	5,400	450
Each Additional person over 6	600	50

SCHEDULE C  
STANDARD FOR DETERMINING VALUE OF INCOME IN KIND

<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Annual Value of</u>		
	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>Shelter</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
One or more people	\$ 550	\$ 250	\$ 110

SDPW #242 (Rev. 8/56)

Local Policy Sheet

A group of colored people headed by Cora Stanford, was before the Board in regard to the suspension of mail delivery on their streets because of a dog nuisance. The people requested assistance in restoring the mail service but stated that one carrier delivers the mail but the other man will not. The Commissioners did not feel disposed to interfere inasmuch as there was some delivery service, the nuisance was eliminated.

Cora Stanford also wanted payment for 65 chickens, 40 ducks and 12 turkeys, she claims were killed at night by stray dogs about a "year or more ago". This had not been previously reported to the Board, however, and the Board deferred decision.

Harry Hughes, Caroline County Delegate, explained that under the present law, the County Commissioners are to make refunds for damages caused by dogs out of any money collected by a dog tax—in the order that claims are filed; that if no

tax is collected then no money is available for such payments—it is not intended that such claims are to be paid out of the general funds.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, March 26, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
March 26, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.  
Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1093 to 1156 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 2, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 2, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1157 to 1188 inclusive were approved for payment.

H. Saulsbury Sparks, Constable-at-Large, whose term expires in May 1957, was before the Board to say that unless some additional travel allowances were available he was not interested in the re-appointment.

The Board instructed the Clerk to write a letter to Governor McKeldin to say that the County Commissioners are in favor of the Bill to increase the Teachers pay in the amount of \$400.00 per year, and request his favorable support of this Bill.

The following Minutes were ordered incorporated into the records of the County Commissioners on this date:

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CAROLINE COUNTY  
Denton, Maryland

April 2, 1957

MINUTES

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The Board of Education and County Commissioners met jointly in special session at the Board of Education Office on Thursday, March 28, 1957, at 11:00 P.M.. This meeting was called following the meeting of the Advisory Committee for School Buildings. Messrs. David W. King, Elias W. Nuttle, Orrell Saulsbury, Jr., John Eveland, John Legates, Webster Todd, and Wilbur S. Hoopengardner were present. Messrs. Brooks Nagel and Gilbert A. Banning were absent.

After a brief discussion, the members present unanimously accepted the preliminary plans for the Federalburg replacement. Discussion then followed on the preliminary drawings of the Northern Senior High School. Considerable time was spent discussing the possibilities of looking into various kinds of construction, particularly Structo Steel for possible use in this building. The Superintendent, upon the request of Mr. Legates, pointed out a number of relationships between the Structo prefabricated school and a school planned locally in relation to educational needs of the community. It was agreed, however, that the Structo engineer be invited to look over the plans for the Northern Senior High School. The group unanimously supported the idea that regardless of the type of construction used the building should be planned in such a way as to provide the kind of educational opportunities that our high school youth must have for a modern program of education. The members present unanimously approved preliminary plans of the Northern School as submitted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilbur S. Hoopengardner /s/  
Secretary to the Board

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 9, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 9, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1189 to 1213 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 2.02
1956 county tax	38.25
Total Tax.....	\$40.27

The Board agreed to allow the Constables-at-Large \$.08 per mile for travel allowances beginning April 1, 1957. Proper notices ordered sent to the Constables.

The Board agreed to have the Court Room painted by E. Page Jones and notice to Mr. Jones ordered mailed.

May 2, 1957 was set aside as Board of Control and Review Day for the assessments.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 16, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 16, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1214 to 1233 inclusive were approved for payment.

It was agreed by the Board to have Mr. Marvin Smith, Attorney, substitute as Attorney to the Board for Mr. Wesley Thawley while he is out because of illness.

Mr. Hoopengardner, Superintendent of Schools, requested that \$37,120 additional money be included in the 1957-58 local levy to be used for increase in teachers salaries. Mr. Hoopengardner urged an immediate answer, but the County Commissioners withheld decision pending further deliberation.

Mr. Shroyer of the Easton Memorial Hospital, requested the use of space in the Court House or on the lawn to use as headquarters for a campaign for Blue Cross and Blue Shield membership, for June 7 & 8 and June 14 & 15. The Board agreed.

The Board agreed to make the necessary alterations in the amount of \$263.70 to the County Health Building to air-condition the reception office.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 23, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 23, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1234 to 1249 inclusive were approved for payment.

The request for \$37,120 additional money for teachers salaries made on April 16th was further discussed but no decision reached.

The Extension Service Departments presented their budgets for inclusion in the 1957-58 local levy.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 30, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
April 30, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1250 to 1310 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Commissioners made the following appointments for Constables for a two year term ending in May 1959:

Oliver H. Christopher - Constable-at-Large  
Grover C. Tharp - Constable, First District

The bond of Oliver H. Christopher was approved by the Board.

The Bonds of Trial Magistrate L. Claude Howard, and substitute Trial Magistrate Truman H. Richards were approved by the Board.

The County Commissioners agreed to have the annual County audit for the year ending June 30, 1957, done by Mr. Arthur E. Southard, Easton, Md.

Mr. Horace Morgan and delegation, representing a Hillsboro - Queen Anne Recreation Group, was before the

Board with an offer to buy the closed Hillsboro School for use in their project. The Board referred this committee to the Board of Education. *see minutes dated May 21, 1957 for omission*

Rodney Holsinger, was before the Board in regard to the horrible condition of the City and County Dump directly across from his home. The Board conferred with the County Sanitarian to see what could be done. Mr. Saunders, the sanitarian, agreed to start clean-up proceedings.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 7, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 7, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1311 to 1331 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Bond of Grover C. Tharp - Constable for the First Election District, was approved by the Board.

The Bond of Grover C. Tharp-Constable for the First Election District, was approved by the Board.

Mrs. Cawley, was before the Board regarding the loose dog nuisance in the County. The Board assured Mrs. Cawley, this matter was being given serious consideration and a policy would be adopted to the necessary control of this situation.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 14, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 14, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1332 to 1353 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Taxables and Viewers on a tax ditch to to known as the Towers-Cohee Public Drainage Association met in public hearing, as advertised, for the purpose of the organization of this ditch. After a vote was taken, which was unanimously in favor, the Commissioners declared the ditch to be duly organized.

The County Commissioners made an appointment for 2:30 P.M., May 21, 1957, with Mr. Thawley, attorney to the Board, to work out a plan to adopt a dog control program beginning July 1, 1957.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 21, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 21, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1354 to 1367 inclusive were approved for payment.

On April 30, 1957, a delegation was before the Board with an offer to buy at a very nominal fee, the Hillsboro School property, for a recreation center. The minutes of that date omitted the names of the delegation namely: Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Horace Morgan, Mr. Alfred Gadow and Mr. Francis Fleming. Also omitted was the agreed opinion of the County Commissioners that if the school was sold to this group and it ceased to function as a community recreation center, then it should be so stipulated in the deed that the property should revert to the County. The Board ordered this omission noted on the minutes of this date.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, May 28, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
May 28, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1368 to 1431 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Layton, of the Soil Conservation Service was before the Board requesting an opinion in writing from the Boards Attorney indicating that the Commissioners have the authority to sponsor the re-digging of the Long Marsh Ditch under Water Shed Act #566.

Beginning with the May 1957 account, the Commissioners agreed to allow the assessors a flat \$75.00 each per month for local travel expenses in lieu of rendering monthly mileage accounts.

Mrs. Carter, Director of the local Welfare Board, reported that a plan is being made by the State Dept. of Welfare to make payments to eligible persons in Chronic Hospitals if additional local participating funds would be available in Old Age Assistance, Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled, Needy Blind and General Public Assistance categories, to allow said grants. Certain recoveries of money may be made in the form of refunds by billing the patients for hospital care. The Board agreed to allow the additional money for this service.

The Board approved the application for Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of the Public Law #566 for opening and draining the Long Marsh Ditch.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 4, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 4, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1432 to 1450 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board directed the Clerk to write a letter to the Baltimore Corps of Engineers in protest of a notice to establish special regulations of the draw bridges at Denton and Dover Bridge. The letter follows:

June 7, 1957

Col. Stanley T. B. Johnson  
U. S. Army Engineer District  
Baltimore Corps of Engineers  
23rd St. & Maryland Ave.  
P. O. Box 1715  
Baltimore 3, Maryland

Dear Colonel Johnson:

The County Commissioners of Caroline County wish to go on record in protest of the proposals from your office dated 24 May 1957 for the establishment of special regulations to govern operation of the draws of the highway bridges across the river at Denton and at Dover Bridge, which would require at least six hours advance notice to be opened.

The County Commissioners feel that this regulation would not be in the best interest of certain business facilities in Denton, thus would prove to be a great economic hindrance to the community.

Very respectfully yours,  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Mr. Rogers, County Agent, was before the Board in regard to getting special right-of-way easements and special stipulations on tax ditches where the ditch line varies from the proposed ditch in the original organization. The Board reserved decision in this matter pending further discussion.

The County Commissioners signed the necessary legal agreements with the State of Maryland to participate in the "General Public School Construction Loan" to borrow \$303,000.00 to be used for the purpose of financing the construction of public school buildings and public school facilities and/or for the purpose of financing the purchase of real estate which may be required in connection therewith.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 11, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 11, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1451 to 1476 inclusive were approved for payment.

Wm. Spencer Ross was before the Board in an appeal to curtail the carnival-like shows now in practice at certain Colored Camp Meetings in the County which causes an element of bad conduct at the meetings. Mr. Ross protested that these roadside attractions are from out of the State and their elimination at these meetings would do much to cut down on the trouble usually found there. The Commissioners promised cooperation in helping to stamp out this nuisance and referred Mr. Ross to the States Attorney.

Mr. Hoopengardner, County Superintendent of Schools, reported that the School Board concurred in the request previously made by this Board to include in the Hillsboro School deed that privileges to use the building as a voting place could be retained and that the playground would remain a public playground.

Mr. Hoopengardner also reported that the School Budget for 1957-58 would be presented at a joint dinner meeting on June 20, 1957.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 18, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 18, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Eveland absent due to illness.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1477 to 1490 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and abatements in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1951 state tax.....	\$ 1.00
1951 county tax.....	71.48
1952 state tax.....	1.04
1952 county tax.....	77.24
1953 state tax.....	3.73
1953 county tax.....	217.80
1954 state tax.....	4.32
1954 county tax.....	271.37
1955 state tax.....	22.92
1955 county tax.....	521.36

Total Tax.....\$1192.26

A delegation of the Denton Chamber of Commerce requested the Board to authorize use of the county roads dump trucks for one days use on the boat basin project at Denton. The Board agreed that the county trucks would be unavailable at this time. The delegation also requested use of the county owned dragline for one day while it was en route between jobs. The Board agreed to allow this use of the dragline on advice of the Soil Conservation District that it was on direct route from job to job and would entail no extra transportation costs.

Mrs. Hynson requested re-consideration of the financial re-imbusement for her husband at the Eastern Shore State Hospital reflecting that her two daughters could not pay the required \$33.05 each per month. Mr. Todd and Mr. Legates agreed that some effort should be made to pay it, at least for a trial period.

The following letters were ordered incorporated into the minutes of this date.

June 18, 1957

Mrs. Beulah Carter, Director  
County Welfare Board  
Denton, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Carter:

This will serve as your authority to retain \$1983.31, which represents a balance of county funds in your budget for the year ending June 30, 1956, to be used for the purchase of air-conditioning units and to defray costs of salary increases.

Very truly yours,  
John S. Legates, V. Pres.  
County Commissioners  
of Caroline County

June 17, 1957

County Commissioners of Caroline County  
Denton, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Re: Long Marsh Ditch

Some time ago you advised me that Queen Anne's County and Caroline County were contemplating the joint project of opening and draining the "Long Marsh Ditch", which is the division line between the two Counties. You desired my opinion as to whether or not your Board was a proper Board to sponsor the Caroline side of the operation.

I have familiarized myself with the Federal Statute, known as Public Law No. 566, approved by Congress on August 4, 1954, and generally referred to as the "Water Shed Protection and Flood Prevention Act", and this letter is to formally advise you that, in my opinion, your Board is a proper Board to sponsor this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wesley E. Thawley,  
Attorney to Board

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There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 25, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 25, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #1491 to 1574 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. Redden, attorney for Herbert R. McKinley-an applicant for a Beer License who was refused, requested the Commissioners to re-open the application and review the case. The Board refused this request.

The County Commissioners agreed to work with the State in coordinating with the incorporated Towns in the Mosquito Control Program in so far as the County would certify the information on costs and work done by the Towns and that no county funds would be expended in this project.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 state tax	\$ 6.62
1956 county tax	<u>98.63</u>
Total tax	\$105.25

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The Board agreed to sit in Special Session on Thursday, June 27, 1957 at 7 o'clock P.M. to approve the budget for the 1957-58 fiscal year and set the county tax rate for 1957-58.

The following tax levies on Public Drainage Associations were certified to the County Treasurer for collection:

Piney Branch, West Henderson, Bears, North West Prong of the Griffith Branch, Oakland, Old Town and Griffith Branch.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet in Special Session on Thursday, June 27, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
June 27, 1957

The Board met in Special Session at 7:00 P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The purpose of this meeting was to adopt a budget and set the county tax rate for the 1957-58 fiscal year.

The Budget of Appropriations listed below was adopted and approved by unanimous approval and the tax rate was put at \$1.79 on each \$100.00 of assessable basis.

1957-58

County Commissioners Salary	2250
" " " Expenses	600
Clerk to Co. Commrs. Salary	3500
" " " " Expenses	300
Court Stenographer Salary	1200
" " " Expenses	300
Court Officers	700
Probation Officer Salary & Travel	2100
Apty's. fees appointed by Court	1200
Judges of Orphans Court	1800
Other Court Expenses	500
States Attorney Salary	2400
" " Expense	1500
Jurors & Witness Fees	2200
Law Library	1000
Registration & Election Salary	1500
" " " " Expense	6000
County Treasurer Salary	3000
Extra Clerical Help	300
County Audit	1200
Supervisor of Assessments Salary	3200
Board of Control & Review	180
Clerks to Assessors (2) Salary	5000
Local Assessor Salary	2500
Re-Assessing Exp. & Assessors Mileage	1800
Deputy & Ass't. Treasurer's Salary	5000

1957-58

Treasurer & Deputy Bonds	600
Treasurer's Office Supplies	1200
Beer License Board Salary	450
Atty. to Co. Commrs. & Welfare Bd.	1500
Court House Janitor Salary	1200
Supplies for County Offices	800
Fuel & Light	2000
Inurance - County Buildings	750
Repairs to County Buildings	4000
Water & Sewer Rent	200
General Printing & Advertising	1000
Miscellaneous General Government	650
Constables Salary	1800
Constables Mileage	1800
Volunteer Fire Companies	13100
Forest Fire Control	100
Sheriff's & Deputy Salary	4200
Sheriff's Expense	2500
Inquest Fees	800
Civil Defense Salary	2200
"    "    Expense	1300
County Roads	10000
State Health Dept. - Psychiatric Clinic	18334
Ambulance Maintenance	1500
Support of Insane	9500
Deers Head State Hospital	2500
Easton Memorial Hospital	7210.77
Welfare Administration	9390
Old Age Assistance	16440
Aid to Dependent Children	3116
Aid to Needy Blind	584
General Public Assistance	3360
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	5184
Board of Children	18972
Home for Aged Women - Easton	250
Lunacy Examinations	100
County Jail Expense	3000
Training Schools & Reformatories	2000
Regular School Budget	503159
Maryland School for the Blind	200
Un. of Md. Ext. Service - White	9454
Un. of Md. Ext. Service - Negro	2850
Un. of Md. Ext. Service - Utilities	850
Rent - Other County Offices	2400
Caroline Soil District	20650
Teachers' Pension etal Pensions	3293.16
Social Security - County Share	1000
Incorporated Towns	12500
Bond Redemption	5000
Bond Interest	875
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There being no other business, the Board  
adjourned to meet in regular session on Tuesday,  
July 2, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 2, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Bills #1 to 8 inclusive were approved for payment.

The County Commissioners withheld issuing a permit  
to hold a Camp Meeting at Mt. Zion, pending further  
conferences with the States Attorney and the Attorney

to the Board regarding the nuisances and lack of order prevalent at these meetings in former years.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 9, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 9, 1957

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meetings on Tuesday, June 25, 1957 and Tuesday, July 2, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills 9 to 42 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board approved the annual State Bonds of the County Treasurer and directed same be immediately recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County.

Mr. VanSant, attorney for Clarence T. Hignutt, applicant for Beer License, was before the Board and withdrew said application before decision on hearing, held July 2, at Beer License Board Meeting, was given.

The Board agreed to raise the salary of Trial Magistrate L. Claude Howard from \$1500.00 to \$1800.00 annually beginning July 1, 1957.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 16, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 16, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #43 to 70 inclusive were approved for payment.

John W. Eveland was named County Commissioner member to serve on the Welfare Board for the term ending May 31, 1958.

The list of new officers on the Tax Ditch Organizations under the Old Law was filed with the Board.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 23, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

July 18, 1957

On July 18, 1957, Mr. Eveland, President of the Board, signed a permit for the Trustees of the Union Methodist Church to hold a Camp Meeting on their Camp Meeting Ground from August 3, 1957 through August 11, 1957. Application for this permit is filed in this office.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 23, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to urgency of business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #71 to 100 inclusive were approved for payment.

Permits to hold Camp Meetings on their Camp Meeting Grounds were issued to the following Churches. Applications for same are on file in this office:

Mt. Zion Methodist Church near Marydel  
Replanted Zion Methodist Church near Ridgely.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 30, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
July 30, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #101 to 155 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to the extension of Daylight Saving Time until midnight on Saturday, October 26, 1957.

The following questionnaire from the Legislative Council of Maryland was answered and returned to the proper authority:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF MARYLAND  
Room 311, City Hall  
Baltimore 2, Maryland

July 12, 1957

TO THE MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCILS:

At the recent session of the General Assembly, there was a recommendation from a joint committee working on the Capital Improvement bill that some study should be made of the possibility for having waterfront landings or boat ramps constructed at points at which State and County roads touch waterfront areas. The Special Committee of the Legislative Council established to look into this question met yesterday, July 11, at Easton, Maryland and resolved to send the following questionnaire to all county governing bodies. To insure that the committee will be able to discern your views on this matter, please return this questionnaire as soon as possible to this office.

List the locations available in your county for such landings, indicating those most suitable for this purpose and most strategically located:

Stony Point          6th Election Dist. Williston - Third E.D.

New Bridge          "          "          "          Choptank - Fourth " "

Ganeys                  8th          "          "          Federalsburg-Fifth ""

Do you favor such a proposed service for small boats in your county?           YES          

Would you accept plans for the construction of boat ramps and landings financed 50% by the State and 50% by the County or local interested political sub-division within your county?  
          YES          

Would you favor having the building and maintenance of these landings under County control or under the control of the State Department of Forests and Parks?           St. Dept. of            
          Forests and Parks          

Additional comments:           Would also like to see a program to            
          help restore privately owned Mill Ponds in the County.          

If you will return this as soon as possible, preferably before August 5, it will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,  
A. Clarke Hagensick  
Research Assistant

From:  
County Commissioners  
Caroline County

The Commissioners ordered the Clerk to write a letter to Constable O. H. Christopher requesting his attendance at all hearings of Trial Magistrate Howard at Federalsburg.

Dr. Edwin G. Riley, Health Officer for Caroline County, requested a \$300.00 a year local supplement to the salary

of Mrs. Behlke, public health nurse, who will replace Mrs. Trice, (who resigns as of Sept. 1), as senior public health nurse and who will not be so classified by the State Health Department. The Board concurred in this request and the self-explanatory letter follows:

STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CAROLINE COUNTY

Denton, Md.

July 29, 1957

Mr. John Eveland,  
Chairman  
Caroline County Board of  
County Commissioners,  
Court House,  
Denton, Md.

Dear Mr. Eveland,

After being on the staff of the Health Department for thirteen years, Mrs. Catherine Trice who is our senior public health nurse is resigning in order to devote full time to her family.

At this time Mrs. Trice has a merit system classification of Senior Public Health Nurse which carries a salary of \$4597 per year. There is no other nurse in the department who is qualified to fill this position and in checking with our state office find that they have no one on their application list who is qualified for this position (in order to qualify the nurse must have a year of college work and three years experience).

We will need someone to supervise the work of the nurses. I would like to have Mrs. Ellen Behlke act in this position. Mrs. Behlke is classified as a public health nurse and is at the top of her salary scale under that classification. Since she will have increased responsibility I would like to request that your Board authorize a supplement to her salary to the extent of \$300 a year.

We will replace Mrs. Trice with a nurse in the classification of Public Health Nurse with a starting salary of \$3391 per year. This means that between the salary Mrs. Trice is now receiving and that of the new nurse will be a difference of \$1206. I have checked with the state health department fiscal section and find that you will not be billed for your part of this salary that is not used. Since the matching of county to state at the present time is 40% to 60% this would mean that the county share of the \$1206 would be \$482. If Mrs. Behlke were given the \$300 a year supplement there would still be a saving to the county under the present budget for operation of the health department.

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If you see fit to approve this supplement I would request that it be paid in monthly allotments of \$25 to Mrs. Behlke from your office. Starting Sept. 1, 1957.

Hoping you can approve this request since Mrs. Behlke should receive a remuneration in line with her responsibilities and also that this can be done at a saving to the County under the current budget.

Yours truly,  
Edwin G. Riley, M.D.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 6, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 6, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to urgency of business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #156 to 192 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 13, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 7, 1957

The Board met in Special Session in regard to:

Stoney Point Petition.

Present: John S. Legates, John W. Eveland, A. Webster Todd, Paul J. Yoash, W. E. Thawley, Atty. to the County Roads Board; Francis Fleming, Cooper Elben, John Decker and Milton Beaven.

Mr. Thawley acted as moderator and asked various questions of the petitioners, represented by Messrs. Fleming, Elben and Beaven; likewise of Mr. Decker acting for himself and Mr. Joseph M. Eaton owners of the property which is the public road and landing at Stoney Point.

After much discussion, during which it was brought out that the Stoney Point road and the Stoney Point landing had been used for more than fifty years by the public; and after it was brought out that there is no documentary proof that any part of the road or landing is county property, or that the county has jurisdiction over said road, or landing; and after Mr. Decker stated that although he did not feel, at this time, that he would deed any part of the road or landing to the county, Mr. Decker stated that he was not against the use of the landing by the public.

In order to resolve the situation, the County Roads Board agreed to scrape the road when it did not interfere with the regular work of the County equipment, and agreed to do a minimum of bushing along this road, when necessary. This agreement to be held only as long as it does not set a precedent for county maintenance on other sections of public

roads in the county.

The petition for the above is as follows:

WHEREAS, the Stoney Point Road, which leads from the Hillsboro-New Bridge Road to the Tuckahoe River, has been enjoyed for generations as a public right-of-way to the said River for purposes of fishing, boating, swimming, etc.;

AND WHEREAS, the said road has fallen into disrepair and limited usability because of the lack of any responsible or organized supervision;

AND WHEREAS, it is the desire of the undersigned to continue to enjoy for themselves and posterity the recreational facilities made available by said Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Caroline County, do respectfully urge and petition The County Roads Board of Caroline County to incorporate and include the aforementioned road in the County Roads System and henceforth maintain it in a suitable condition for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

Francis T. Fleming, H. Barton Butler, F. Cooper Elben, A. W. Hammer, Clinton F. Stoops, Russell Eaton, V. J. Carter, N. E. Knott Jr., A. B. Gadow, George Saathoff, Milton W. Beaven, Wm. H. Eveland, W. Leslie Wright, Henry Hollingsworth, Dawson Carroll, Dan Hollingsworth Jr., Wilmer Blunt, W. E. Callahan, Charles E. Scott, Stephen M. Wood, N. J. Cade, Charles Porter, Charles Garey, Harry Whitby, O. O. Stivers, Gordon L. Mears, W. A. Boon, W. I. Palmatory, Harold Miller, H. F. Worth, Robert Maloney, M. Winder Harris, R. O. Long, Leo C. Kreigh Jr., Otto Schurman, E. L. Hughes, Lloyd T. Uber, Leon McNeal, Harry L. Collison, Paul Zierl, Randolph Griffith, C. W. Murphy, C. Wright, R. Meredith, Fleetwood Elben, Ross Allen, Carlton Pinder, C. R. Hicks, J. H. Walls, Calvin B. Blades, and Howard H. Lucas. (Signatures)

There being no other business the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 13, 1957.

*PJY/rc.*  
Paul J. Yoash  
Acting Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 13, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Legates absent due to urgency of business.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 1957, were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #193 to 221 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to set as a Board of Control and Review of Assessments on Thursday and Friday September 19th and 20th respectively.

Arrangements were made for the County Commissioners to attend a regional meeting, of the Legislative Councils Committee on State Roads, to be held in Chestertown on

August 21, 1957.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 20, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 20, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #222 to 236 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1956 State tax	\$ 1.38
1956 county tax	<u>8.50</u>
Total tax	\$ 9.88

The County Commissioners offered to pay one-half the expenses of the Probation Officer to attend the Third Governor's Conference for the Prevention and Treatment of Juvenile Delinquency, if Talbot County would pay the remaining one-half. The Board instructed that Mrs. Trader, Probation Officer, be notified of this action and of the desire of the Board for a report on the Conference.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, August 27, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
August 27, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #237 to 288 inclusive were approved for payment.

Mr. L. Claude Howard, Trial Magistrate in Federalsburg, was before the Board requesting extra clerical help for his office in order that his records could be filed on time.

The Board agreed to allow \$1.00 per hour for this extra help with the proviso that the time was not to exceed 8 hours per month.

Mr. & Mrs. Jaglowski and a Mrs. White from Federalsburg in protest of the nuisance caused by profane and abusive language, and outside loitering around the place of business operated by James Dickerson who hold a license to sell Beer. The Board agreed to contact the proper authorities and try to clear up this disturbance.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 3, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
Sept. 3, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #289 to 307 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board approved the application for Watershed Protection and Prevention Act of the Public Law #566 for opening and draining of the Marshy Hope Ditch.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 10, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 10, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P. M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #308 to 343 inclusive were approved for payment.

The following letter pertaining to roads and streets in subdivisions was ordered entered in the minutes of this meeting:

Denton, Md.  
September 10, 1957

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Mr. Milo Crane, Agent  
Williston Estates  
Denton, Maryland

Dear Mr. Crane:

It has come to our attention that you are acting as Agent for the sale of lots in the sub-division known as Williston Estates.

It has also been brought to our attention that the streets in the sub-division have rights-of-way of 30 feet and 40 feet.

On September 13, 1955, the County Commissioners of Caroline County adopted, in regular session, Sub-Division Regulations requiring 50 foot rights-of-way on all streets in any sub-division, which would be intended to be included into the County Roads System of Caroline County. In short, the County Commissioners resolved that before they would accept any road into the County Roads System such roads must have a right-of-way of 50 feet.

The above refers only to right-of-way, in addition, there are other regulations, which may be had upon inquiry at the office of the County Commissioners.

Hoping that this may be of help to you in your planning for the sub-division in question and any future development anticipated by you, we remain,

Sincerely,  
John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd  
Board of County  
Commissioners of Caroline  
County

Rachel Collison, Clerk

I. F. Andrew, deputy sheriff, requested the County Commissioners to pay for the telephone service on his private home telephone, stating that it was for official use only. The Board reserved decision on this request.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 17, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 17, 1957

The County Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #344 to 357 inclusive were approved for payment.

The Board agreed to allow the property in Federalsburg, owned by Robert W. Holt, be exempt from state and county taxes as long as it is used for a Health Clinic Building at no rental. The maintenance of this building is done by the Federalsburg Rotary Club.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 24, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
September 24, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 O'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #358 to 425 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1957 state tax	\$ 28.63
1957 county tax	<u>359.34</u>
Total tax	\$387.97

Additional taxes in the following amounts were charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1957 state tax	\$ 45.61
1957 county tax	<u>497.73</u>
Total tax	\$543.34

Mr. Hoopengardner, Supt. of Schools, reported to the Commissioners that a suitable location for the Southern School had been selected and the necessary land purchased. He also reported that an agreement to till the land, until construction begins, is being worked out between the Board of Education and the former owner.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 1, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 1, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

Mr. Eveland absent to attend a funeral.

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #429 to 451 inclusive were approved for payment.

An amendment to the tax roll of the Old Town Public Drainage Association was presented to the Commissioners and duly certified to the Treasurer for change in billing. A copy of the amendment is filed with the original 1957 tax roll.

Mr. Downes, Attorney to the Town of Marydel, was before the Board to request payment of the \$100.00 flat fee share of county taxes due to the town. Mr. Downes cited the fact that the town had not collected this money for the past four years and requested payments retro-active to the tax year 1953. The Board concurred in this request.

The following errors and insolvencies were allowed the County Treasurer:

1957 state tax	\$ 5.40
1957 county tax	<u>64.44</u>
Total tax	\$69.84

The following additional taxes were charged to the County Treasurer for collection:

1957 state tax	\$ 9.47
1957 county tax	<u>123.24</u>
Total Tax	\$132.71

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 8, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 8, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #452 to 487 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1957 state tax	\$1.07
1957 county tax	<u>9.85</u>
Total tax	\$10.92

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 15, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 15, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #488 to 508 inclusive were approved for payment.

Errors and insolvencies in the following amounts were allowed the County Treasurer:

1957 state tax	\$ 8.41
1957 county tax	<u>105.61</u>
Total TAX	\$114.02

Additional taxes in the following amounts were charged to the Treasurer for collection:

1957 state tax	\$ 24.37
1957 county tax	<u>306.10</u>
Total tax	\$ 330.47

The Board instructed the Clerk to write to the City Police Department of Cambridge, Maryland, that due to budgetary reasons the Caroline County Commissioners would be unable to participate in the three county effort to purchase a deceptograph and train an operator for its use.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 22, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 22, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #509 to 523 inclusive were approved for payment.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 29, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk

Denton, Md.  
October 29, 1957

The Commissioners met at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

Present: John W. Eveland, Pres.  
John S. Legates  
A. Webster Todd

The minutes of the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 1957 were read, approved and adopted by the Board.

Bills #524 to 589 inclusive were approved for payment.

Samuel Jopp gave an estimate of \$800.00 for panelling Judge Carter's office and building book shelves for the Judges Library.

The State Board of Education, represented by Miss Helen M. Clark, Director of Division of Library Extension and Dr. John J. Seidel, Assistant State Superintendent of Schools, discussed with the Board the recent appropriation of the Federal Government, under Public Law 597 which makes available funds through the State Department of Education to help develop library service in rural areas of the State. Caroline County is eligible to participate in this program under certain conditions, set forth in the following program:

5.0 The State Program and Budget for the Fiscal Year

5.1 Program for the Fiscal Year. Following is a description of the program for the State project designating the rural area to be served for the fiscal year 1958.

Project I. The State project covers the rural areas of the whole State.

A. The duties listed in Section 176 are being carried out by the Division of Library Extension.

B. State aid is distributed to the counties for county public libraries according to Section 178.

C. Rural library development funds will be distributed to counties which receive State aid and will be used for current operations.

a. To counties in the first year of their establishment.

(1) \$12,000 to each county public library serving less than 40,000 people, which presents a plan to insure the use of the money to promote the further development of public library service in its rural areas and which works with a neighboring county or counties, in areas with a potential population of 75,000 people, to develop mutual agreeable forms of cooperation.

(2) \$20,000 to each county public library, serving more than 40,000 people, which presents a plan to insure the use of the money to promote the further development of public library service in its rural areas and which works with a neighboring county or counties, in areas with a potential population of 75,000 people, to develop mutually agreeable forms of cooperation.

(3) \$20,000 to each county public library, serving a potential population of 75,000 people, and not bordered by a county with less than 75,000 people in whose area this county should develop cooperation, which presents a plan to insure the use of the money to promote the further development of public library service in its rural areas.

b. To counties which have had established public libraries for a year or more.

(1) \$4,000 annually to each county public library serving less than 75,000 people, which is willing to work with a neighboring county or counties to develop mutually agreeable forms of cooperation.

(2) \$4,000 annually to county public libraries serving populations larger than 75,000, which present plans to insure the use of the money to promote the further development of public library service in their rural areas.

(3) If, in any year, the available total amount will not allow the payment of \$4,000, each county library shall receive an equal share of that which is available.

If, in any year after 23 county libraries are established, the available total will allow the payment of \$4,000, each county library shall receive an equal share of that which is available.

The Board agreed to abate the reimbursement from Marie and Doris Hynson for the care of their father, Percy O. Hynson, at the Eastern Shore State Hospital. Abatement in the full amount is retro-active to June 1, 1957—with the stipulation that as long as their father remains in the State Hospital, they will cooperate in an annual review on the status of their ability to pay.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, November 5, 1957.

*Rachel Collison*  
Rachel Collison, Clerk