

**SPECIAL MEETING
ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MARCH 27, 1997**

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
John J. Kachmar Jr., County Administrator
Steve Welkos, Director of Finance
Roy Hicks, Deputy Director of Finance
Martha Jones, Budget Analyst
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

FISCAL YEAR 1998 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Staff reviewed with the Commissioners Appeals to the FY '98 Operating Budget (with staff's recommendations) and decisions were made as follows on those appeals:

Board of Education

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to reinstate the \$5200 for Field Trips for the JV lacrosse program. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe to reinstate funds for the Bus Contractors - Routes (Acct. Code 7205) in the amount of \$60,282 and Bus Contractors - Special Programs (Acct. Code 7244) in the amount of \$6,500. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to reinstate the funds for the Summer School Program (Acct. Code 7189) in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to reinstate funds for Supplies and Materials (Acct. Code 73xx) in the amount of \$99,861. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to reduce grass cutting for the schools by the requested amount of \$24,226. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to reinstate funds for the Cosmetology Program in the amount of \$18,000. Motion carried.

Mental Health Authority

(Concurrence by the Board to not provide requested additional funding in the amount of \$56,640 stating that other options should be investigated.)

TRICO

(Concurrence by the Board to not fund the requested \$7800 stating this could be consolidated with other like programs perhaps through the Mental Health Authority.)

Recreation and Parks

(concurrence to fund the requested \$40,267 for the Capital Project Manager and to transfer \$63,900 from general maintenance activities to the General Fund.)

Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to direct staff to enter into a Lease/Purchase for the Sheriff's vehicles and to establish a dedicated capital expenditure fund for the savings from this policy.

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to amend the above motion to make it a county wide policy, not just for sheriff's vehicles. Motion failed with all Commissioners voting against.

Vote on the main motion failed with all Commissioners voting against.

After further discussion Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to direct staff to explore feasibility of all options including advantages/disadvantages and costs for Lease/Purchase of county vehicles. Motion carried.

Total Approved for Reinstatement to the Sheriff's Department - \$89,256

Department of Public Works

(Consensus of the Commissioners to not fund the Fifth Road Crew, but to reinstate \$40,000 for electricity.)

Miscellaneous Departments

The Commissioners accepted staff's recommendations to fund the following:

Cooperative Extension - \$1300 (books, publications, copier costs)

Emergency Management Agency - \$6400 for mobile radio and maintenance contract

Department of Planning and Zoning - \$35,000 for clerical support contract and Coastal Zone Management Grant

**State's Attorney - \$30,015 for Investigator position and Office Specialist (P/T)
(Commissioners agreed to fund the positions but take the Investigator position out of the State's Attorney's Office and put it in a Contingency Fund pending decision for placement in the Sheriff's Department.)**

Marcey House

Commissioner Eagan moved, seconded by Commissioner Chesser, to add an additional \$15,000 (one-time grant) to Marcey House's FY '98 Budget. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to take \$5,000 from the Homeless Shelter appropriation and put it toward the \$15,000 given to the Marcey House (making it a similar appropriation as given to Catholic Charities). Motion carried three to two with Commissioners Thompson and Chesser voting against.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Brugman, to take \$10,000 from Sotterley Foundation and put it toward the appropriation for Marcey House. Motion failed two to three with Commissioners Thompson, Chesser and Eagan voting against.

Capital Projects

(Commissioner Eagan left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.)

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to take \$23,000 from the Chancellors Run Regional Park Master Plan and move it to Hollywood Athletic Fields. Motion carried.

(Commissioner Eagan returned to the meeting at 3:57 p.m.)

In addition the Commissioners agreed to adjust the funding for the following Board of Education projects (to take funding from Green Holly wall removal; Middle school pod modifications; Leonardtown High Stage Lighting) and fund the Leonardtown Elementary School Chiller for Air Conditioning System (\$175,000).

Signing of the Fiscal Year 1998 Recommended Budget

Commissioner Brugman moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to adopt and sign the Fiscal Year 1998 Recommended Budget as modified. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 4/1/97**

Judith A. Spalding
**Judith A. Spalding
Recording Secretary**

