

**PROPOSED CIP '03 FINAL
AND OPERATING BUDGET
WORK SESSION
March 14, 2002**

Present: Board of County Commissioners
 Elaine Kramer, Director of Finance
 Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director Finance
 Phil Rollins, Director Recreation and Parks
 Robin Finnacom, Director Lexington Park Plan
 Brad Clements, St. Mary's Public Schools
 Mr. Carney, Director of Budget and Finance, St. Mary's Public Schools
 Dr. Pat Richardson, Superintendent of Schools, St. Mary's Public Schools

Ms. Kramer opened the work session discussing page 3 of the Debt Capacity Calculations and the Carver options. Of the three options discussed, the Board decided to pursue a 9/06 opening, moving \$2.0M from 06 to 05. The Board identified corresponding projects in years 02 03 04 and 05 to offset the \$2.0M for Carver. The Board identified \$1.180M from Lexington Park Tulagi Place, \$500,000 from Chaptico Park, \$300,000 from Nicolet Park. The difference comes from Critical Farms in 04.

OPERATING BUDGET

Assumptions:

- Pay-go at \$2M for CIP
- BofEd Maintenance of Effort @ \$794,000
- Other agencies at 1% increase
- Non-County Agencies @ 02 level – no new requests
- Compensation:
 - 2% COLA effective 7/1/02 with normal steps
 - Parity with MSP for Sworn Officers (MSP based on a 4 mo. deferral of step)
 - Position reclassifications – subject to Board approval
- Severely limited positions (adding only 4.6 positions)
- Focus on non-recurring costs
- Priorities
 - Debt service
 - Payroll and fringe benefits
 - Utilities
- Focus on FY02 activity to reflect changes in 03 reconciling budget
- 10% increase in health insurance spread through many departments; 11% for BofEd
- Decrease services to base in each department

Recommended actions to take:

- Investigate leasing vehicles vs purchasing them
- Need the square feet that have been added to County buildings (from Rohrbaugh)
- Robin Finnacom will gather more information on the Master Plan for Lexington Park
- Bring info on Senior Citizen property tax relief to next meeting