

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
February 3, 2003**

Present: Board of County Commissioners
Elaine Kramer, Director Finance
Jeannett Cudmore, Deputy Director Finance
Al Lacer, County Administrator
George Erichsen, Director DPW&T
Richard Rohrbaugh, Director Facilities
Robin Finnacom, Director Lex Park Plan
Donna Sasscer, Ag & Seafood Coordinator
Phil Rollins, Director Rec & Parks
Brad Clements, Board of Education
Kim Howe, Board of Education
George Forrest, Deputy County Administrator

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The pink sheet is the FY03 capital projects including funding sources. Actual approved budgets from 02 and/or 03 are also attached. On spreadsheet, categories are indicated: 1 is necessary completion of a project; 2 code/APF compliance; 3 commitment/critical maintenance; 4 preventive maintenance; 5 leverage resources; 6 programmatic; 7 other; 8 additional justification warranted. (Projects can be pulled that are not 1, 2, 3, or 4.)

Commissioner McKay passed out a proposed budget.

Budget:	\$4,825,419 (outstanding – see pink sheet)
Revised Plan:	\$1,541,017 (paid from impact fees, tsf funds, or pay go)
'03 Savings:	\$3,284,402 -move forward to 04; combine with 04 budget of \$24.7M = \$30M
	CIP group to reduce \$30M to \$15M for FY04

New Proposed 04 budget is \$15,000,000; of which \$9,000,000 goes to BofEd. Keeps bond indebtedness same through FY04. It gives the County time to reevaluate all projects. Over the past several years, the County has spent heavily. Let's slow down and analyze what the State is going to do. In late 04, look at projects that need expediting.

Keep in 2003 (refer to pink sheet)

Transportation Plan

Nicolet Park Expansion

Critical Farms

Purchase Development Rights

Streetscape Improvement

(@ \$40,000, not \$70,267)

Tulagi Place Master Plan

(@ \$150,000 not \$601,679)

Move out to 2004 (out years)

Regional Stormwater Study

Neighborhood Improvement

Chaptico-Mech Road

Parks ADA Access

Drayden Schoolhouse (*)

Connector Road

All Faith Church Road
Chaptico Park

Lex Park Family Center-Demolition
ECC Security Upgrades
Governmental Center Addition
Hiker-Biker Trail Lancaster Pk
7th District Improvement
Elms Beach Expansion
Former Lex Park Library
ADA Transition Plan

Greenview Knolls Parking

(Wicomico Club House not included in this discussion because it's an Enterprise Fund site.)

(*)Commissioner Jarboe heard through the grapevine that Senator Dyson was interested in moving the schoolhouse over by the USO building and putting a historical tourism package together. Phil Rollins will contact Sen. Dyson.

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to accept the above budget proposal excluding Wicomico Club House. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKay stated that transportation and education were the most important capital spending items. After BRAC, the defense industry may make cut backs. Making this a "breather year" relieves pressure on the operating budget and moves expenditures to out years. Commissioner Jarboe offered that the possibility of war is cause for concern.

The '04 will go back to the CIP group to trim total down to \$15,000,000.

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.