

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1995

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Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recording Secretary

ANNUAL REPORTS

Economic Development Commission

Present: Commission Members: Brian Clarke, Chair; Kennedy Abell, Cheryl Ahearn
F. Elliott Burch, Jr., Joe Gough, Charles Hayden
Aleck Loker, Director, DECD
Sue Wilkinson, "

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Clarke stated that the role of EDC is to be advisors and counselors to the Commissioners in considering the needs of the business and economic community. He reviewed significant activities of the past year stating that EDC has placed its main focus on efforts to protect and expand the presence of the Navy and supporting contractors in the County. Mr. Clarke stated the EDC will focus on attracting business to the county, retaining businesses that are presently here, and addressing concerns and needs relative to the significant Navy presence in the County.

Areas of discussion included the incubation project and economic incentives.

In conclusion Mr. Clarke invited the Commissioners to attend the monthly EDC meetings held on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Present: Jan Briscoe, Chair
Mike Luginbill
Alexis Haas

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. Ms. Briscoe reviewed the purpose of the Board which is to provide impartial oversight of public guardianship cases to ensure that disabled persons receive the services and treatment which have been ordered by the Court. Ms. Briscoe advised that the Board met twice in 1994, as required, and reviewed ten guardianship cases.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

Board for the Community College at St. Mary's

Present: Elizabeth Dufresne, Chair
(Members: Gay Boecker, Fred Wallace, Charlotte Young)
Elaine Ryan, Vice President, Charles County Community College
Jay McGrath, Department of Public Works

The referenced individuals appeared before the Commissioners to present the 1994 Annual Report for the Board for the Community College at St. Mary's. Mrs. Dufresne reviewed the Board's accomplishments during 1994 including a review of the progress of the new community college facility in St. Mary's grant funding, enrollment statistics, meeting attendance, etc.

A copy of the report is on file in the Commissioners' Office.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Mary Pat Pope, Administrative Officer

As a follow up to the December 15 Strategic Planning Workshop, Mr. Cox and Ms. Pope appeared before the Commissioners to discuss strategic planning. Ms. Pope reviewed a proposed survey which will be presented to community organizations, church groups, boards and committees for completion and analysis. Included in the handout was a schedule to accomplish the survey process with the goal that by December the Commissioners will have conducted internal and external surveys and the beginning of a strategic plan.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed survey, made various amendments, and directed staff to revise the survey incorporating the amendments as agreed upon by the Board.

FISCAL YEAR 1996 BUDGET REVIEW

Present: Edward V. Cox, County Administrator
Charles Wade, Director of Finance
Martha Jones, Budget Analyst

Mr. Wade distributed a handout setting forth certain assumptions, revenue forecast, other sources of revenue, debt service feasibility, capital budget, undesignated fund balance, and recommendations including a budget development schedule. During discussion Mr. Wade requested authorization to proceed with a "Strawman" budget with the assumptions that have been presented.

During the review of the information provided by staff, the Commissioners gave majority consensus to the following:

- Agreed to consider an increase in the tipping fee
- Agreed to consider a fee for transfer station usage
- Agreed to retain tobacco barn credit
- Agreed to retain the property tax rate at \$2.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

In conclusion the Commissioners authorized Mr. Wade to proceed with a "Strawman" budget with the referenced assumptions after which the Commissioners will begin the budget work sessions to develop a Recommended Budget by April 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 3/14/95

Judith A. Spalding
Recording Secretary