

**SPECIAL MEETING
ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 10, 1996**

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Dan Ichniowski, Interim County Administrator
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Chesser moved, seconded by Commissioner Eagan, to meeting in Executive Session to discuss a matter of Litigation (Zoning Issues), as provided for in Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Litigation

Present: Commissioner Barbara R. Thompson, President
Commissioner D. Christian Brugman
Commissioner Paul W. Chesser
Commissioner Frances P. Eagan
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Dan Ichniowski, Interim County Administrator
Doug Durkin, County Attorney
Jon Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning
Judith A. Spalding, Recorder

Authority: Article 24, Section 4-210(a)8

Time Held: 11:15 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Action Taken: Staff reviewed various legal issues relative to zoning.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ISSUES

WORK SESSION

Present: Jon Grimm, Director, Planning and Zoning
Doug Durkin, County Attorney
Martin Fairclough, Director, Department of Economic Development

In preparation for the joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals, the Commissioners conducted a work session on issues related to the comprehensive plan. Mr. Grimm advised that four community meetings have been held regarding the update of the 1988 Comprehensive Plan and the 1990 Zoning Ordinance. Pursuant to the State's 1992 Planning Act the County's Growth Management Plan will be revised and adopted by July 1, 1997. Included in the handouts distributed by Mr. Grimm were: Summary Policies of the Comprehensive Plan; Sensitive Areas Plan Element; Strategy for the 21st Century (Comprehensive Plan--goals and objectives for land use, environment, transportation, economic development, housing, and community services); visions, consistency requirements, sensitive areas element requirements, structure of land use plan, trends, considerations for the future and time, statistical summary, and time schedule for update and implementation of the plan.

Areas of discussion included: agricultural land, transfer development rights, tax credit for agriculture (to be included in 1996 legislative package), and recreation facilities.

In conclusion Mr. Grimm stated that after public participation his department will develop options and alternatives and balance the issues (public interest/private property; preservation/development, etc.) And will make recommendations for the Plan. He further pointed out that he will also look at other issues including funding, managing and implementation. The document will go to the Planning Commission in the fall with a public hearing by the County Commissioners after the first of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 6/18/96**

Judith A. Spalding
Recording Secretary