

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, March 21, 1996**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**RESPONSE LETTERS**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 1997 BUDGET**

The County Administrator presented draft correspondence individuals who have written regard the proposed budget for the Board of Education and funding priorities. The letter indicates that sufficient funds for certain items included in the draft budget. After review of and amendments to the letter the Commissioners agreed that the letter be revised as indicated and returned for their signatures at a future meeting.

**IMPACT AID FROM GOVERNOR**

The County Administrator advised that the Governor in his supplemental budget request has included \$1M for Southern Maryland for education aid. The major portion of those funds will come to St. Mary's County if the bulk of the students, as a result of the NAWC expansion, come to St. Mary's. Mr. Loker encouraged the Commissioners to contact the Southern Maryland delegation to emphasize the importance of receiving this funding.

Mr. Loker further pointed out that \$150,000 has also been included in the state budget for the Higher Education Center.

**LETTER FROM CHOPTICON HIGH SCHOOL  
REQUEST TO MEET WITH COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Thompson referred to a letter dated March 6 from the Chopticon High School School Improvement Team extending an invitation to the Commissioners to join the group for a lunch at the school to discuss the Bd/Ed's FY '97 proposed budget.

The Commissioners indicated they would not go as a group; however, if any single Commissioner was interested, he/she would make arrangements to do so.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION  
FEDERAL IMPACT AID**

As a follow up to March 19 discussion, Commissioner Thompson presented revised correspondence addressed to various members of the U. S. Congress regarding the important of receiving federal impact aid for the St. Mary's County public school system.

After discussion the Commissioners agreed with the amendments to the letter and that it be re-presented to the Board on Tuesday, March 26.

**FISCAL YEAR 1997 RECOMMENDED BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Present: Aleck Loker, County Administrator  
Steve Welkos, Director of Finance  
Martha Jones, Budget Analyst

The Commissioners continued with a work session on the Fiscal Year 1997 Recommended Budget. The next session will be on Monday, March 25, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Board of  
County Commissioners on 3/26/96

Judith A. Spalding  
Recording Secretary