

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1996**

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**WORK SESSION
SOLID WASTE ISSUES**

Present: Dan Ichniowski, Director, Department of Public Works
Amy VanGoren, Recycling Coordinator
Melva Abell, Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Donnie Hammett, “
Ken Hastings, “
Bill Mattingly, “

As a follow up to the May 21 discussion the Commissioners continued a work session on solid waste issues. Mr. Ichniowski recapped the previous discussion and reported on the following additional issues: Data Collected and Costs (solid waste program costs, cost recovery, and alternatives); subsequent analysis (full recovery costs, and waste stream percentages); Calvert County's proposal to expert solid waste; cost of privatization; and alternative fee schedules (tipping fee, sticker fee, environmental fee, tire disposal cost)

Areas of discussion included:

- * the need to get of existing landfill as mandated (possibly in two years)
- * there is no reserve to close the current landfill
- * that because of Calvert County's operation, St. Mary's County will lose revenue
- * Bedminster proposal for reducing waste to compost
- * costs of paying off current bond and landfill closure costs.
- * that the County get an investment firm o review the costs and revenue figures

Decisions needed by the Board:

- * To build a new landfill or not
- * To give direction regarding a new fee schedule
- * To draft an addendum to the Master Plan

After discussion the Commissioners agreed to the following:

- * To have the numbers (costs/revenues) reworked and once it is determined how long it will take to get this information, place the discussion on solid waste issues back on the agenda in order to make decisions.
- * To consider if the County does not build a landfill what the costs would be to operate a transfer station to move trash out of the county and the amount of tipping fee.

- * To authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed to finalize the documents for an RFP
- * To begin process for increasing tire disposal fee
- * To begin a public relations campaign plan to explain the change in the fee structure.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**Minutes Approved by Board of
County Commissioners on 7/2/96**

Juditha Spalding
Recording Secretary