The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 PM on March 19, 2013, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and all attendees introduced themselves.

February Minutes: Reviewed, corrected, and unanimously accepted.

**MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC - Budget Presentations:**

**Recycling – Eileen Kao**

- Biggest change – add $500,000 to communicate new goal – 70% by 2020
- Intent is to get the new goal ingrained into the mindset of the county residents
- A 6 month marketing blitz (all modes of communication)
- County Staff will find ways to extract added value from the marketing dollars spent
- Great opportunity to applaud meeting the last goal and to push the county to the next step
- A chance to re-wire the public and re-set methods and expectations

**Financials – Anthony Skinner**

- Overall 6.5% decrease in department spending from 2013, $101.4M from $108.4M
- Rates to each of the County sectors remain the same for the most part. Nonresidential (medium – up 5.5%)
- Debt service – all but RRF paid off in FY13
- Collection expense up ~1% - CPI adjustment
- Tipping fee remains the same

**Transfer Station & Gude – Peter Karasik**

- Gude – completing assessment of remediation – $1.26M
- Corrective measure report due June 1 to MDE. Then we wait for a response before setting anything into motion.
- Oaks – status quo – still some ground water contamination in NW corner
- Out of County Haul – ash disposal costs down – beneficial reuse – waste volumes are down
Dickerson Facilities – Bill Davidson

- Site 2 – pond work completed
- MES to complete needed Barn repairs
- Deer management continues to recover rental property value hurt by deer crop damage
- RRF – debt service reduction w/ refinance
- Forecast tonnage processed reset down to 550,000
- Electrical pricing is down, impact of Natural Gas on the entire energy sector
- Dickerson Master Plan expenses down – schedule changes
- Compost Facility – Capital expense reductions
- MES contract cost reduction

Pain Points
- Out reach – 2014 good
  - Historically an issue – lower funding

Budget sub-committee to meet and draft comments.

OLD BUSINESS

April Scribe: Craig has volunteered for April

Subcommittee Reports: none

NEW BUSINESS

Paula, Jerald, and Mark to County Exec meeting at 8:30 this evening – focus on organic recycling.

Sara will be taking a MC College Camera Crew and Students to watch and record this cycle’s tip and sort effort. Plans are for this to show up on MC Cable.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

ACRONYMS

CC  County Council
CE  County Executive
CNG  Compressed Natural Gas
CPI  Consumer Price Index
DAFIG  Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DSWS  Division of Solid Waste Services
ERP  Enterprise Resource Planning
FY  Fiscal Year
HHW  Household Hazardous Waste
MC  Montgomery County
RRF  Resource Recovery Facility
MES  Maryland Environmental Services
SWAC  Solid Waste Advisory Committee