The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:40 PM on March 17, 2015, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions were then made.

**MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION  FY 16 Budget Presentations**

County Department of Solid Waste Services presented the FY16 solid Waste Budget with a special focus on changes over the FY15 Budget. Summaries of each section’s presentation as follows.

A. Skinner – Budget overview: Slight increase in dollars, overall the budget and FTEs are flat. Solid Waste expenses: Personnel – $11.3 million, (10%); Operations – $96.7 million (86%), Capital Outlay - $3.9 million (4%). Solid Waste rates are decreasing 4% for all three sectors. The Refuse Collection charge is increasing $4, from $66 to $70 in order to build up reserves from a prior year expense. Tipping fees are remaining flat.

E. Kao – Recycling: education includes $245K for two specific initiatives. Continued focus on communicating the 70% by 2020 goal. Will continue to use existing creative materials and keep up efforts to maximize the value received for each dollar spent. Education on the polystyrene ban/recyclable/compostable only will also receive increased funding. Exemptions: external packaged raw meats/fish/poultry in grocery stores. Staged implementation of the ban to allow time for implementation.

G. Corrick – Collections: 2% increase in overall expenses. Cost for collection will increase as all 13 area contracts are now eligible for annual CPI (cost of living) adjustments. Costs for bins and carts are increasing as the current inventory in service is aging, resulting in greater replacement demand than in previous years. Budget also includes an additional contractor and a truck for bin and cart delivery.


B. Davidson – Site 2: Up 9% to $157K, maintenance. RRF: down 6% to $42.5M, debt service. Up, CSX contract, lower energy value. FY16 tons 590Kvs. FY15 578K. Dickerson Master Plan: up 1% to $95K. DAFIG, forest implementation, water monitoring. Compost Facility: 25% up to $5.7M. Cap to replace grinder, $737K. Op cost up on tub grinder. Waste System Planning: up 11% to $371K. Staff, consultants, special studies.
OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: Tabled.

Appoint April Scribe: Appointed.

Subcommittee Reports:

DAFIG Discussion: Site 2 and the committee’s response to the County’s real estate plans. Also a review of the area history: sludge processing, to leaf composting (court order), next landfill (Site 2), RRF. A heavy solid waste burden has been placed on this community and the County is sensitive to their concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

Soil and Food Waste: Jessica Weiss, a SWAC member, is looking at composting food waste on County owned property, use the product to augment soil onsite and grow table vegetables. Need clear regulations to be established. DSWS will develop a strategy to contractually obtain access to or promote the development and use of food waste composting capacity to service Montgomery County waste generators within six months after new MDE regulations are in place.

Budget Letter – Sub-Committee will draft a letter to the County Council endorsing the budget as presented. Committee voted to authorize Sub-Committee to submit that letter to the County Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

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
DEP Division of Environmental Protection FY Fiscal Year
ERP Enterprise Resource Planning HHW Household Hazardous Waste
MES Maryland Environmental Services MC Montgomery County
SWAC Solid Waste Advisory Committee RRF Resource Recovery Facility