

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 8, 2019)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:15 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of December 18, 2018, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster presented an update on the Opioid crisis, the Hepatitis A outbreak, Agency updates and updates on initiatives of the Healthy St. Mary's Partnership.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Proposed Revisions to the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at 10:05 am.

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Notice of Public hearing was posted in the enterprise Newspaper on December 21 and 28, 2018. The proposed revisions to the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance will align the County with the State Public Ethics law, which had several changes as a result of House Bill 879 enacted in 2017.

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing for public comment. There were no public comments. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing for comment, stating that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days, and then closed the public hearing at 10:10 am.

4. PRESENTATION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2018 Audit Presentation

I move to accept the report of the Independent Auditor on the Financial Statements of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for Fiscal Year 2018, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President James R. Guy, Commissioner Eric Colvin, Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner John E. O'Connor

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Update

Motion 1. I move to support the Water Column Lease Legislation.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

Motion 2. I move to schedule a public hearing on St. Mary's County Bond Authority Request, Water Column Lease Legislation, and Storm Emergency Routes to be scheduled on January 15, 2019 during the normal business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize staff to take appropriate steps to ensure a public notice is given and a public hearing is scheduled accordingly after which the Commissioners may take appropriate action on 1.) Water Column Lease Legislation, 2.) Letter of Support for Bonding Authority and 3.) Storm Emergency Legislative Request.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second NONE.

Motion 3. I move to approve and forward Letters of Support for Legislative Proposals to Delegate Morgan, Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation as they were previously submitted.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 15 AND 29, 2019.

B. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - State's Attorney Office - Personnel Requests

I move to approve the State's Attorney request to: promote two attorneys to the position of Senior Assistant State's Attorney; to provide a salary increase to the senior prosecutor; to add one new full time entry level prosecutor position and to re-characterize an existing position as an entry level prosecutor; and to offset FY19 salary expense by utilizing salary savings within the office including utilizing unspent salary from the currently vacant law clerk position.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Maryland Department of Aging FY2019 Area Plan Application Update

I move to approve the FY2019 Area Plan Application Update for the Federal Title III grants, project numbers US1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1909 and 1933, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$465,125 to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Elms Property - First Amendment to Lease Agreement

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement which will extend the lease of the Elms Property an additional 15 years through May 31, 2044.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Adoption of Animal Control Advisory Board

I move to approve the adoption of the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Airtec Lease in St. Mary's County Airport Terminal

I move to approve the short term lease agreement between Commissioners for St. Mary's County and Airtec at the main terminal of Captain Walter Francis Duke Regional Airport.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Renewal with Maryland Environmental Services

I move to approve the amended Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Mary's County and Maryland Environmental Services and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Mission Statement

I approve the Mission Statement of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week, provided general comments and encouraged citizens to attend the Public Forum being held at 6:30 pm.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the salary of a specific employee.

B. PERSONNEL - BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:11 p.m. to 12:27 p.m.
Location: John Savich Meeting Room
Purpose: To discuss consider and discuss appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

C. CAPITAL PROJECT

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Steve Walker, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services
John Deatrack, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Jeannette Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of recreation and Parks
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(5) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:28 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.
Location: John Savich Meeting Room
Purpose: To discuss cost estimates for capital projects to be subsequently placed through the bidding process.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on January 15, 2018.

SLF
Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

10. PUBLIC FORUM

Members present
Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve payments to the Deputy State's Attorney as requested by State's Attorney Richard Fritz.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Tony Jones, Communications Director, provided the format for the meeting and called on the first speaker.

Public comments given by:

Dr. Maureen Murphy, 6355 Hidden Valley Dr., LaPlata, MD 20646
Ted Harwood, 26415 Jones Wharf Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
Steve Vallandingham, 37601 Harrow Hill, Ct., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Randall Williams, 2476 Broad Creek Dr., Hollywood, MD 20636
Cindy Cartwright, 45757 Park Place, Lexington Park, MD 20653
C Aloysius Bowman, 221977 FDR Blvd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Cindy Jones, P.O. Box 406, Valley Lee, MD 20692
Brian A. Johnson, 45846 Nancy Lane, Great Mills, MD 20634
Linda Thomas, 46852 Flower Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Clarke Guy, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
DeForest Rathbone, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Michael McCauley, 29576 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Janice Walthour, 20493 Partins Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Cory Brooks, 17638 Owensville Way, St. Inigoes, MD
Francine Dove Hawkins, 20296 Poplar Ridge Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Marcia Greenberg, 47977 Memory Land, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Larry Tierney, 45211 Cove Manor Rd., California, MD 20619
Tamara Mann, 23213 Daffodil Dr., California, MD 20619
Mark Pinkel, 44076 W Leola Ct., Hollywood, MD 20636
Alycia E. Stack, 45304 Barefoot Dr., California, MD 20619
Joshua Guy, 39160 Guy Family Way, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Kegan Zimmerman, 44460 Redbud Dr., Callaway, MD 20620
Melissa Willey, 21514 Rominger Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Kimberly Dennis, 45698 Nicholas Ct., Great Mills, MD 20634
Rebecca Ali, 22599 McArthur Blvd., California, MD 20619
Laliyah Swailes, Community Youth Mapper
Mary Ludwig, 23356 Mar View Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at approximately 8:30 p.m.