

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 12, 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 Bolton 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 9:02 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 February 5, 2019.

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

2. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letters of Support for SB 292/HB 477 - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition."

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 2: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letter of Support for SB 551 - Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release Services Program - Victim Notification."

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the four Letters of support to Senator Bailey, Delegate Morgan, Delegate Clark and Delegate Crosby for the 2019 Bond Bill Initiative - St. Mary's County - The Newtowne Players - Three Notch Theater.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 4: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letter of Support to the Environment and Transportation Committee for HB 359 – St. Mary’s County – Building Authority – Repeal.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 5: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letter of Support to the Environment and Transportation Committee for HB 484 – St. Mary’s County – Charitable or Fundraising Campaign Fund.

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

MOTION 6: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letter of Support to the Economic Matters Committee for HB 982 – St. Mary’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C Per Diem Licenses.

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

MOTION 7: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Letter of Support to the Ways and Means Committee for HB 819 – St. Mary’s County – County Income Tax – Credit for Employees of Targeted Businesses.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 5, 2019. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 19, 2019.

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - St. Mary's County Railroad Right-of-Way - Brief

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Brandy McKelvey, Paralegal

The history of the Railroad Right-of-Way, types of easements along the right-of-way and the easement agreement process was presented.

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Huntersville Rural Legacy Area Expansion

I move to approve the letter of support for the expansion of the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area.

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Health Insurance Benefit - Brief

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Tammy McCourt, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services & Human Resources,
St. Mary's County Public Schools
Tricia Lehmann, Care First Account Representative

An overview of the CareFirst Blue Cross BlueShield Health Insurance Plans for St. Mary's County Government and St. Mary's County Public Schools was presented.

E. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Sheriff's Office Space Needs

MOTION 1: I move to approve the budget amendment transferring \$100,000 from the Capital Projects FIN19 Reserve to complete a comprehensive space needs plan for Sheriff's Office operations and authorize the Commissioner President to approve the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

MOTION 2: I move to approve the budget amendment for \$1.5 million from the Capital Projects FIN19 Reserve to plan for a commercial property purchase and renovation for a Sheriff's Office District Station.

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Plan of Action - Recreation Facilities and Park Improvements

I move to approve the recommended Action Plan “A” regarding Athletic Field Lights and upgrades within the FY19 RP1903 CIP Recreational Facilities and Park Improvement Plan realigning project RP1903 and to approve the budget amendment transferring RP1402 to the FIN19 Capital Reserves and authorize the Commissioner President to sign 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

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Stop Sign Request on Dr. Johnson Road at Mount Sterling Court to create a multi-way intersection

I move to approve the Resolution to install stop signs on Dr. Johnson Road at Mount Sterling Court.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel

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

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. LAND ACQUISITION

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
John Parlett, Charlotte Hall Commerce Center, (via Teleconference)
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:22 a.m. - 11:38 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss a request for land swap of real estate.

B. LAND ACQUISITION

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
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:39 a.m. - 11:41 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss request to purchase commercial real estate.

C. 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
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:42 a.m. - 11:58 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the appointment of a member of a public agency.

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to authorize John Parlett, on behalf of the Charlotte Hall Commerce Center, to apply for a perc test and enter upon the County property, known as 20.24 acres of land located in Charlotte Hall, to conduct the perc testing.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:02 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 2/26/19

SLF

Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

7. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget work session to review CIP, Impact Fees, Capital Revenue and Debt

8. ADJOURN

9. PRESENTATION - TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL BRIEF

Present: John Hartline, Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

An overview of the services provided to the Tri-County Area was presented. Discussion of a potential bill in Annapolis increasing the funding to \$135,000 that each of the three counties would pay to the Tri-County Council resulted in a consensus among the Commissioners to send a letter of support once the bill is dropped.

10. ADJOURN