

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 20, 2019)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Julie Burch, Recorder

Absent: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of July 30, 2019, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

2. PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation was presented for Forget-Me-Not-Month.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP) for the proposed Hollywood Square Commercial Development Project

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:13 a.m.

Present: Bill Hunt, Director

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Enterprise* on August 2, 2019, and August 9, 2019.

The proposed amendment would change the sewer service category from S-6D to S-3D in anticipation of providing community sewerage services to the proposed Hollywood Square Commercial Development Project.

There were no individuals wishing to speak, Commissioner President closed the Public Hearing for public comment stating that the record would remain open for an additional seven days, and closed the public hearing at approximately 9:23 a.m.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Disposition of Bethune Educational Center Surplus Real Property - Decision

I move to approve the disposition of the county-owned surplus property known as Bethune Educational Center and authorize the Commissioner President to execute any related documents necessary to facilitate the disposition.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - PART 1

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 27 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2019. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on September 3, 2019.

B. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Adult Drug Court Grant Award

I move to accept the additional grant award for the Adult Drug Court Program, project MD2094, in the amount of \$84,607 and approve the related budget amendment to increase the project funding by \$15,530 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

C. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Adult Drug Court Program Sub-recipient agreement with 1 Step at a Time, LLC

I move to accept the sub-recipient agreement for the Adult and Family Recovery Court Programs with 1 Step at a Time, LLC. in the amount of \$3,750 on behalf of the Circuit Court and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

D. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Adult Drug Court Program Sub-recipient agreement with Jude House, Inc.

I move to accept the sub-recipient agreement for the Adult and Family Recovery Court Programs with Jude House, Inc. Project MD2025 in the amount of \$12,250 on behalf of the Circuit Court and authorize the Commissioner President execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

E. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Adult Drug Court Program Sub-recipient agreement with Project Chesapeake

I move to accept the sub-recipient agreement for the St. Mary's County Health Department, Project MD2094, in the amount of \$84,607, and authorize Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION - Requesting approval of an FY2020 categorical budget adjustment for the Head Start grant

I move to approve the Board of Education's request of an FY2020 categorical budget adjustment for the Head Start grant.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

**G. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
FY2019 Solicitation**

I move to approve the FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program-Local Solicitation Application, project US2036, from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the amount of \$16,672, to purchase ballistic helmets protective equipment for the Civil Disturbance Unit, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and Sheriff's Office Staff to submit all electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

**H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Establish "No
Parking" zone along Foxchase Drive**

I move to adopt the Resolution establishing the designation of a "No Parking" Zone along inbound lane (south side) of Foxchase Drive.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

I. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Bronze Memorial Plaque

I approve the Budget Amendment for \$3,585 from the Commissioners Reserve for the purchase of a Bronze Name Plaque and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 9:56 a.m. - 10:07 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in potential Litigation

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:07 a.m. - 10:09 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in potential Litigation

C. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:09 a.m. - 10:32 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in potential Litigation

D. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Bruce Poole, Attorney, The Poole Law Group

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:35 a.m. - 10:58 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in potential Litigation

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - PART 2

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Opioid Litigation Update

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Bruce Poole, Attorney, The Poole Law Group

Opioid addiction has become a nationwide issue. The Poole Law Group represents several counties nationwide in lawsuits being filed against opioid drug manufacturers and distributors. Mr. Poole provided information revealing the companies that supplied the opioids, in St. Mary's County between 2006 and 2012, and a list of the pharmacies that dispensed them. For additional information, log on www.SLCG.com and open the opioid tab.

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION FROM CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 1: On advice of Council, I move to reverse the July 16, 2019 budget amendment and not adjust the Library and Sheriff's Office budgets and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner President Guy tabled the motion until all 5 Commissioners are present to vote.

MOTION 2: I move to approve the Stipulation in the Black vs. Butterfield Circuit Court action and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on __08/27/19_____

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator