

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 26, 2021)
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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 (Via WebEx)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

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 January 12, 2021, as presented.

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Annual Recognition of Boards, Committees and Commissions

The following individuals were recognized for their participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Commission

Scott C. Bacon, Bonnie Browne, Lynn Klug, Phil Langley, Robert L. Lumpkins, Charlie W. Mattingly, Richard A. Polk, Stephen T. Reeves, Patrick Russell, Michael Sirk, Ronald E. Verbos, Joseph W. Wood

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Mike Brown, Dr. Joseph L. DeVitis, Dr. Rene E. Grace, Sherry L. Pierce, Thomas Stokel, Kathleen Werner

Airport Advisory Committee

James E. Alexander, Albert R. Babcock, Bryan Barthelme, Jr., George Hill, Carrie Kelly, Ted Klapka, Robert M. Lightstone, Gerald Edward Meyerman, Henri Sahut, Robert Zaorski

Animal Control Advisory Board

Cesar Afanador, Drema Ballengee-Grunst, Aubrey Briggs, Melinda Brown, Melissa Carnes, Dr. David Langford, Dr. Patricia M. Richardson, Rita Weaver

Board of Appeals

Guy Bradley, John Brown, Lynn Delahay, Rich Richardson, Daniel F. Ichniowski, Wayne Miedzinski, George Allan Hayden

Board of Trustees Museum Division

Bryan Barthelme, Sr., Michael L. Blackwell, Dr. Walter Boswell, Dr. Catherine Bowes, Michael Brown, Peter D. Butt, Amy M. Davis, Dr. Regina M. Faden, Robin Finnacom, Lynn Fitrell, Laura Friess, Victor Govier, Karla A. Langhus, Mary J. Pettit, Eleanor F. Slater, Dale Springer

Building Code Board of Appeals

Wayne Hunt, James (Danny) Johnson, Michael J. Mummaugh, Stephen Wilson

Commission for Women

Kimberly Bannister, Olivia Bossert, Jazmine A. Bottoms, Wanda Brown, Joanna Colvin, Carolyn Guy, Marta Kelsey, Juanita Nether, Norma Pipkin, Taylor R. Spencer, Catherine A. Stewart, Katherine M. Stone, Kathleen Werner, Sandra Simmons, Catherine Herndon

Commission on Aging

Annmarie K. Abell, Joseph M. Adams, Sr., Dr. Walter Boswell, Linda Fry, Carolyn Guy, Virginia Morris, Gail Murdock, Omonigho O. Olumese, Janet J. Perryman, Rev. Keith B. Schukraft

Commission on People with Disabilities

Ian Fairclough, Susie Fowler, Jaclyn Hall, Brad Hamlet, Barbara G. Hess, Philip E. Horne, Jennifer Rudolph, Sheryl St. Clair, John Stober, Kegan Zimmerman

Commission on the Environment

Molly Boron, Thomas Brewer, Norman L. Dean, Jr., Melissa R. Rodriguez, George Thompson, Kristen Whitesell, Steven W. Woodburn

Compensation Review Commission

Pat Dolan, Maria Icaza, Tom Jarboe, Caroline King, Mary Ann Murray, John K. Parlett, Jr., Scott Randall

Economic Development Commission

John Barr, Jr., Laura Clarke, Lisa Creason, Philip Dorsey, William R. Hall, III, Dr. Tracy Harris, Barbara Ives, Phil Langley, Tristan J. Marino, Gerald Edward Meyerman, Theresa Mitchell, Tom Sanders, Elizabeth C. Torgerson, Ronald E. Verbos

Electrical Examiners Board

Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, James (Danny) Johnson, Ronald L. Phetteplace, Robert Spence

Elms Advisory Committee

George Baroniak, Charles Cameron

Emergency Services Board

Jason Adams, Gary Bell, Shawn Davidson, Stephen Facini, James M. Mattingly, III, J. A. Nelson, Ernest Rogers, Peter (Rocky) Woodburn

Ethics Commission

Rev. Lawrence H. Crabtree, Dr. Joseph L. DeVitis, Jean-Marie H. Hansen, Kathleen Mcclernan-Walz, Joseph I. Russell, David Willenborg

Family Violence Coordinating Council

Tania Ceasar, Annie Kenny

Historic Preservation Commission

Robert J. Hurry, Eve Love, Ginger A. Newman-Askew, Peter LaPorte, Craig Lukezic, Kent Randell, Teresa Wilson

Housing Authority Board

Roy Alvey, Michelle Armsworthy, Michael Bellis, Joshua Brewster, Tina Dean, Erin M. Ramos, Natalie Weech, Alexis Zoss

Human Relations Commission

Joshua Brewster, Vante Burkes, Joanna Colvin, Amy M. Davis, Adrienne M. Dillahunt, Cheremie Frisby-Spencer, Steve Hall, Max Levasseur, Ashley M. Raley, Sean M. Wickers

Length of Service Award Program

Mary Ann Murray

Library Board of Trustees

Carolyn Guy, James Hanley, Sandra P. Hauenstein, Carolyn Beth Roth, Tressa Setlak, John Walters, Janice Walthour

Local Management Board

Anna N. Cotton, Troy E. Cowan, Michael Dunn, Robin T. Johnson

Metropolitan Commission

Roy Alvey, Dale Antosh, Bryan Barthelme, Sr., Keith Dugan, Rudolph K. Fairfax Jr., Alice Gaskins, Gerald Edward Meyerman, Joseph I. Russell, Robert Russell, George Thompson

Planning Commission

Merl Evans, Joseph C. Fazekas, William R. Hall, III, Caroline King, Patricia Robrecht, Joseph A. St. Clair, Kim Summers, James Thompson, Joseph L. Van Kirk

Plumbing Gas Fuel Board

Daniel Garrison, Richard Montgomery, Bernard Taylor

Recreation and Parks Board

Douglas Bellis, Christine M. Kaila, Patrick Murphy, Thomas Nelson, Chanda Norton, Fred J. Parker, Tara Shade, Joshua Shaffer, Gregory E. Weaver, Kathryn B. Weatherly

Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's County

Mary Ann Murray

Social Services Board

Michael L. Blackwell, Richard Buckler, Adam Dyson, Thomas A. Hedderick, Margaux F. Keller, Terry Prochnow, Alycia E. Stack, Annette Wood

Solar Task Force

Dr. Michael Cain, Bonnie Kelnberger, Jeffery Shaw, Bryan Thomas, Sr., George Thompson

Transportation Advisory Committee

Laura E. Carrington, Adam L. Dyson, Lemuel Proctor, Thomas Rogers

Tri-County Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Diane Harris, Robert S. Mcgann

Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board

Terry Black, Peter Delman, Thomas Dixon, Patrick E. Dugan, Bernard T. Kneeland, Jr., David Phalen, Gregory E. Weaver, Thomas Schumacher

Youth Advisory Committee

Mahree E. Annan, Taylor L. Berry, Mary Fearn, Marcia E. Greenberg, Joshua R. Guy, Mykayla K. Hayden, Zachary N. Hill, Lamont M. Lee, Sr., Rebeka Meja, Maria L. Sokolowki, Donovan E. Weekley, Maria L. Williams

YMCA Local Exploratory Committee

Catherine A. Askey, Captain John Brabazon, Mike Brown, Ashleigh Dufrense, Jenna N. Guzman, Tyrone Harris, Beverly B. Johnston, Monika Lee, Omonigho O. Olumese, John K. Parlett, Jr. Bennett G. Wilson

B. North County Farmers Market Virtual Ground-Breaking

The North County Farmers Market ground-breaking ceremony was presented.

3. PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was presented for School Choices Week.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND - State of the College

Present: Dr. Maureen Murphy, President

Dr. Murphy presented a video presentation depicting the significant role the College of Southern Maryland plays in the community, the challenges they have faced as a result of COVID-19 and the assistance they have provided students during these unprecedented times.

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - DECISION - Disposition of county-owned surplus real property known as 22695 Old Rolling Rd, California, MD

I move to approve the disposition of surplus real property, described as 22695 Old Rolling Road, California, MD, and the adjacent Lots 500-1A and 500-1B; and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all documents necessary to finalize this transaction.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - DECISION - Transfer of surplus real property Tulagi Place/South Coral Place Alleyway to Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, a nonprofit corporation

I move to approve the transfer of county-owned surplus real property, described as Tulagi Place/South Coral Place Alleyway, located in Lexington Park, MD, to the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department, a private nonprofit, without consideration; and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all documents necessary to finalize this transaction.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - DECISION - Authority Having Jurisdiction - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing Proposed Legislation

I move to request adoption of a new Public Local Law of St. Mary's County that states that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are the Authority Having Jurisdiction over the provision of services provided by Rescue Squads and Advance Life Support ("Emergency Medical Services" or "EMS") units or entities in St. Mary's County, sign a letter of support to the Delegation and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to support the proposed legislation to give St. Mary's County bars and restaurants a one-year waiver from paying their liquor license fee as proposed by Delegate Morgan and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 2: I move to oppose House Bill 589/Senate Bill 493 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3: I move to oppose House Bill 655 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 4: I move to support House Bill 525 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 2 AND 9, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approval of Loan Application for St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

I move to approve the Maryland Water Quality Financing Application for Federal fiscal year 2021 and State fiscal year 2023 Capital Project Financial Assistance through the Maryland Department of the Environment in the amount of \$3,098,991, in accordance with Section 113-3.C. of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Visit St. Mary's MD Marketing and Media Plan

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept of Economic Development
Regina Faden, Executive Director, Historic St. Mary's

The annual update for Visit St. Mary's MD Marketing and Media Plan was presented.

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Rural Legacy Area Preference

I move to prioritize the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area for funding from the State of Maryland and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and any other related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY21 Fees and Charges

I move that the FY21 Fees and Charges increases within the Recreation and Parks Recreation Division and the Wicomico Golf Course Enterprise Funds be delayed to April 1, 2021.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign RP1203 Piney Point Lighthouse

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related Budget Amendments decreasing RP1803 Rec Facility & Park Improvement by \$7,907 and increasing RP1203 Piney Point Lighthouse Museum by \$7,907.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approval of Resolution for the Realignment of 2020 Sold Bonds

I move to approve and execute the Resolution, supplementing Resolution 2020-05, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds designating additional projects to be financed with the proceeds for the sale of such bonds 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, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - MDE Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Application (Bayside Road)

I move to approve the application and submission to the Maryland Department of Environment Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program for the design and construction of road improvements to Bayside Road, authorize the DPWT Director to submit the application, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

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

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

Time Held: 12:20 p.m. - 12:25 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider appointment of an employee

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Webex)
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: 12:26 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Discuss appointments to Boards and Commissions.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:40 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 2, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator