

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 9, 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 February 2, 2021, as presented.

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

**2. PRESENTATION**

A Commendation was presented to Jeffrey McLane on the occasion of his retirement from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office.

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 2, 2021.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 19, 2021.

**B. ST. MARY'S COUNTY LIBRARY** - Semi-Annual Brief

**Present:** Michael Blackwell. Director

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of library operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic and stated that digital content use was up 40% over last year. He noted that citizens who do not

have internet can sit in the library parking lot to gain access to WiFi. He also discussed reopening plans.

**C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - Governor's Office for Children-Community Partnership Agreement for FY21 Local Management Board & Sub-Recipients Agreements

**MOTION #1:** I move to authorize the County LMB Chair and Department Staff to execute the FY2021 Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) Appendices A & B and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

**MOTION #2:** I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the FY2021 Community Partnership Agreement for project numbers MD2160, MD2162, MD2163, MD2164, MD2167, MD2168 and MD2188 from the Governor's Office for Children in the amount of \$406,446 State Funds, and \$1,102 County Funds for a total of \$407,548, and related budget amendments.

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 authorize the Commissioner President to execute the sub-recipients agreements between the County Government and St. Mary's County Public Schools, Center for Children, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and 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

**D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - Resolutions to accept various roads into the County Highways Maintenance System and establish speed limits

**MOTION #1:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Eldorado Farm Drive into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for that road of Eldorado Farm Subdivision.

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

**MOTION #2:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Hilton Run Court, Almar Street, and Nick Street into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the

Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for those roads of Ranieri Run Subdivision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION #3:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept FWD Drive and Greg Street into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for those roads of the Twin Ponds Subdivision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION #4:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Daphne Drive, Barbet Drive, and Quail Street into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for those roads of the Broad Creek Subdivision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FDR Phase 3A  
Fee/Easement Acquisition - Hill Option Contract**

I move to approve the Option Contract between John D. Hill and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for easement acquisition needed for constructing the FDR Boulevard Phase 3A project and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Proposed Update - Handbook of Personnel  
Policies and Procedures for Hourly Employees**

I move to approve the proposed updates to the Handbook of Personnel Policies and Procedures for Hourly Employees as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Suspend Redistricting Board Appointments**

I move that the Commissioners approve the Resolution suspending the appointment requirement for the Redistricting Board as it will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety of the citizens of St. Mary's County and that the Commissioners suspend the March 1, 2021 deadline until July 1, 2021, for when the Commissioners must appoint the Redistricting Board.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **H. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contract**

Postponed

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

##### **A. BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Present:** Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 5475 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 108 COVID-19 related deaths. She then provided statistics for the current COVID-19 vaccinations in St. Mary's County. Twelve percent (13,922) of St. Mary's Population has been vaccinated. Fifty-two percent of citizens in the age group of 75 and over and forty-one percent in the 65 -74 age group have received their first vaccination; approximately five percent have already received their second vaccination. She discussed the difficulties of receiving enough vaccine dosages for distribution. She also presented the virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony for St. Mary's County School-Based Health Centers at Margaret Brent Middle School and Spring Ridge Middle School.

**MOTION:** I move to approve sending a letter to the Governor requesting more vaccines for the St. Mary's County Health Department.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, 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 oppose House Bill 745 - Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Number Required - and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition 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

**MOTION #2:** I move to Oppose House Bill 1005 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

## **6. 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 Real Property.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. REAL PROPERTY**

**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  
John Deatruck, Director, Dept. Public Works and Transportation  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Property Acquisition

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:05 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 23, 2021.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator