

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 16, 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
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 9:04 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 March 9, 2021, as presented.

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

2. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed the St. Mary's County Health Department plan for preparing for future emergency readiness. She discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 6,118 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 117 COVID-19 related

deaths. Positivity rates of COVID-19 in St. Mary's County have decreased. She reviewed the vaccine eligibility and provided statics for the current COVID-19 vaccinations in St. Mary's County. Twenty percent of St. Mary's population has been vaccinated. Sixty-nine percent of citizens in the age group of 75 and over and seventy-three percent in the 65 -74 age group have received their first vaccination; approximately fifty-five percent of citizens in the age group of 75 and over and forty-seen percent in the 65 -74 age group have received their second vaccination dosage.

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 Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Social Work Month
- B. Equal Pay Day

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Maps of St. Mary's County to delete the existing 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line and replace with the new Critiical Area Boundary Line from the Statewide Base Map as required by HB 1253.

I move to table the decision to adopt the Official Zoning Maps with the new Critical Area Boundary line required by HB 1253 to enable County staff to meet with the Critical Area Commission to request a deadline extension to develop a text amendment to allow qualifying projects to develop using the current Critical Area Boundary with timelines acceptable to the Critical Area Commission and authorize Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION #1: I move to support HB 1038/SB 747 – State Board of Elections – Membership, Contract Management, Ballot Drop Boxes and Voting System Financing and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the House and Senate Committees for these bills.

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

MOTION #2: I move to oppose HB 670 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter of opposition to HB 670 to the Senate Committee and Speaker of the House.

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 #3: I move to oppose HB 655 as amended and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter of opposition to HB 655 and to request an amendment to put the contents of HB 655 –County Commissioner and County Boards of Education - District Voting (plurality voting) to a voter referendum for the people of St. Mary’s, Calvert and Charles Counties (if they vote to agree) to decide and vote on in the 2022 election.

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. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 23 AND 30, 2021.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Andrews
Landfill Cover Repair SW-2101 Budget Amendment**

I move to approve the Budget Amendment reducing the FIN21 Capital Reserve by \$585,000 and establish project SW2101 St. Andrew's Landfill Cover Repair and authorize the Commission 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY 2022 MDOT Transportation Priority Letter Transmittal

I move to approve the FY 2022 MDOT Transportation Priority Letter as amended and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the St. Mary's County MDOT Transportation Priorities letter and transmit to Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Slater.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY2022 St. Mary's Transit System Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2022 St. Mary's Transit System Annual Transportation Grant Application to the Maryland Transit Administration in the amount of \$2,672,816 for operating and capital programs and authorize the Department Director to submit the ATP electronically, consistent with the reviewed documents reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FDR Phase 3A - Marie Anne Girard Option Contract

I move to approve the Option Contract between Marie Anne Girard 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 John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of \$30 million General Obligation Bonds

I move to approve and execute the Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30 million to fund previously approved capital projects as described in the resolution and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, 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 over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

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
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 12:38 p.m. - 12:48 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 pm.

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

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Review Proposed Budget for County Department Budget Requests, Compensation, and Universal Fees

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director of Finance

11. ADJOURN