

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 17, 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

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:06 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of July 27, 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. PROCLAMATION

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Aviation Day
- B. 185th Anniversary of the Piney Point Lighthouse

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

3. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster reviewed COVID-19 data and discussed the highly contagious Delta variant of the disease. She expressed concern about the rising rate of infection and stressed the importance of receiving the vaccination. She also provided recommendations to create safer environments for work place setting; an update on the free digital vaccine card; and information concerning the COVID-19 booster vaccinations for moderate and severe immune compromised individuals.

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 24 AND 31, 2021.

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Maryland Office of Problem Solving Courts Award for the Adult Recovery Court Program and Family Recovery Court, MD2225

I move to approve the Adult and Family Recovery Court Award, MD2225, from the Office of Problem Solving Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court Adult and Family Recovery Court Programs, in the amount of \$269,000, and approve the related budget amendment that includes County funding of \$186,211 for a total of \$455,211, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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. CIRCUIT COURT - Adult Drug Court Program Sub-Recipient agreement with Project Chesapeake - MD2294

I move to accept the sub-recipient agreement for the St. Mary's County Health Department, Project MD2294, in the amount of \$84,607, and authorize Commissioner President to 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, O'Connor

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2022 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Application for the Child Support Grant

I move to approve the FFY2022 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Application for the Child Support Grant, Project US2217, from the Maryland Department of Human Services for Child Support Enforcement in the amount of \$490,375 Federal and \$297,728 County funds and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute and submit the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY2022 Program Open Space Grant Award

I move to approve the FY2022 Program Open Space funding for the Cecil Park Athletic Lights (\$202,500) and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan grant (\$25,000) and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the two related Budget Amendments.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Airport Innovation District Update

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development

Tripp Muldrow, Consultant, Arnett Muldrow

John Deatruck, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Kaselemis provided an update on the St. Mary's County Airport Innovation District Master plan. Mr. Muldrow provided an overview of the branding process and unveiled the AeroPark Innovation District logo design. Mr. Deatruck discussed the current and future infrastructure projects at the airport.

G. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request Budget Authority to Receive Lease Payments for TechPort

I move to approve the Budget Amendment decreasing the Commissioners Appropriation Reserve by \$75,000 to allow St. Mary's County to receive and pay the lease obligation to S. Hunt Aero for TechPort and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Solar Energy Task Force Report

Present: William B. Hunt, Director
Harry Knight, Deputy Director

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Knight presented a final report from the Solar Task Force addressing their recommendations, for key solar concepts and policy goals, for St. Mary's County.

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - MOU between National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) and St. Mary's Transit Systems (STS) for Technology Strike Team Technical Assistance.

I move to approve the MOU between National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) and St. Mary's Transit Systems (STS) for Technology Strike Team Technical Assistance to assist STS in developing an actionable plan.

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

J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Airport Rescue Grant Program (ARGP) Application

I move to approve the grant application under the American Rescue Plan Act 2021 (Public Law 117-2) (ARPA) from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$59,000.00 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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

K. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Resolution - To designate the County Treasurer to Issue Bingo Licenses and to Adopt Regulations for the Administration of Bingo Licenses

I move to approve and adopt the Resolution to designate the County Treasurer to Issue Bingo Licenses and to Adopt Regulations for the Administration of Bingo Licenses.

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

5. 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 to discuss Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 12:05 pm - 12:08 pm

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss the salary of an employee.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, 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: 12:08 pm - 12:11 pm

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss committee appointment.

MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION 1: I move to approve the salary increase for the Drug Court Case Manager as requested.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O' Connor

MOTION 2: I move to appoint Stacy Clements, Planner III in the Department of Land Use and Growth Management, as the representative for St. Mary's County on the Patuxent River Commission.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O' Connor

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 24, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator