

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, November 7, 2023)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 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 October 31, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Family Court Awareness Month
- B. National Hospice and Palliative Care Month
- C. National Family Caregiver Month
- D. National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Darlene Stalcup for her retirement

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 14 AND NOVEMBER 28, 2023. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 21, 2023.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- FY24 GOCPYVS Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (BJAG) Grant Award

I move to approve the FY24 GOCPYVS Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (BJAG) Grant Award and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Assistant State's Attorney Position Conversion

I move to approve the Office of the State's Attorney's request to convert a Senior Legal Assistant I position and the County-funded portion of the Child Support Assistant State's Attorney into a full-time attorney position.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Land Preservation Update

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

Caroline King, Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development Program
Director

Abby Greenwell, Contract Manager Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

An update on the county's two designated Rural Legacy Areas (RLA): the Huntersville RLA and the Mattapany RLA was presented. The county partners with non-profit agencies that carry out the County's land preservation goals in the designated Rural Legacy Areas. The Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust (PTLT) is assigned to pursue land preservation in the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area, and Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is assigned to pursue land preservation in the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area.

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Financial Sponsorship of SBHC Anniversary Event

I move to approve the financial sponsorship to the St. Mary's County Health Department Anniversary Event reviewing the progress of the School Based Health Centers and authorized Commissioner President to execute the attached Budget Amendment in the amount of \$3,680.00

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

**F. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Professional Services Agreement -
Government Relations Consultant**

I move that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County engage Bruce Bereano as a government relations consultant and lobbyist for calendar year 2024 along the terms described in the proposed engagement letter and authorize Commissioner President to sign any and all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Alderson

5. 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 personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy 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: 10:55 a.m. - 11:04 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss appointment of a member of a public agency.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Sheriff Steven A. Hall, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
Major Clay Stafford, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
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: 11:05 a.m. - 11:18 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss salary of a member of a public agency.

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve the Sheriff's Office requested correction to the Detention and Rehabilitation Warden position.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 14, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator