

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 6, 2024)**  
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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 Guzma, 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 9:02 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 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, 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. Dating Violence Awareness Month
- B. Black History Month

**3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

**A. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND - State of the College**

**Present:** Dr. Tuajuanda C. Jordan, President  
Brandon Engle, Director of Government Affairs

Dr. Jordon provided an overview of St. Mary's College discussing enrollment, tuition, curriculum, and resources it provides for the county.

**4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 13 AND 27, 2024.** There will be no Commissioners meeting on February 20, 2024.

**B. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Juror Fees Funding Budget Increase**

I move to approve the request by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County of \$60,000 in additional budget funds to cover the costs of jurors fees through end of FY2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Resolution - Adding the Deputy County Administrator to the Resolution Delegating Administrative Authority Concerning Ministerial Acts**

I move to approve the Resolution to add the Deputy County Administrator to the Resolution Delegating Administrative Authority Concerning Ministerial Acts

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**5. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates**

I move to send a letter of support for SB 712 - State-Owned Nursing Homes - Deficiencies, Citations, and Fines - Reporting Requirements with amendments clarifying that local governments are also informed.

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. 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 for Legal Advice and discuss Litigation Strategy.

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. LITIGATION STRATEGY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator  
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney  
Victoria Shearer, Outside Council  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:23 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To discuss strategy in litigation.

### **B. LEGAL ADVICE**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator  
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept of Public Works and Transportation  
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:51 a.m. - 11:14 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice.

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 13, 2024.

JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator