

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 5, 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 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 February 27, 2024.

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. National Developmental Disability Awareness Month
- B. Women's History Month

## **3. PRESENTATION**

### **A. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND - State of the College**

**Present:** Dr. Yolanda Wilson, President, College of Southern Maryland  
Cathy Allen, Board of Trustees, College of Southern Maryland  
Kenneth Abell, Board of Trustees, College of Southern Maryland  
Genesis Ingal, President, Student Government Association. College of Southern Maryland

Dr. Wilson discussed the notable points of distinction the college has earned in the past year. She discussed the Strategic Plan's Core Pillars: Student success, Employee success, and Community success; along with the new pillars launching in Summer 2024: Access, Momentum, and

Mobility. She also discussed the new CSM Connector bus, which provides connecting bus services to all CSM campuses. In partnership with The Patuxent Partnership and the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance new Cyber Security Immersive Labs were created. A video depicting the college students' success and their accomplishments this past year was shown.

Mr. Ingal, SGA President, spoke about his journey as a first-generation college student at the College of Southern Maryland and how the college's flexible mode of learning has helped him in his voyage towards a college degree.

#### **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

##### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 12 AND 19, 2024**

##### **B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Loan Application Package**

I move to approve the Metropolitan Commission's request to submit a loan application for the funding of prior approved Capital Improvement Project through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in the amount of \$11,257,216 plus cost of issuance and administrative fees, in accordance with Section 113-30.2.C of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD ASPHALT OVERLAY CY2024**

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Asphalt Overlay Services Contract for Calendar Year 2024 to HOLCIM-MAR, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance of Contract related documents.

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 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Congressionally Directed Spending Requests (Earmarks)**

I move to approve the Federal Funding Request Letters to the Federal Delegation, support the Department's completion of the online applications consistent with the materials, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **5. LEGISLATION**

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

**Present:** John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

The following bills were discussed:

HB 19 / SB 207 - Natural Resources - Northern Snakehead - Common Name

HB 43 / SB 316 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts – Authorization

HB 685 / SB 516 - Economic Development - Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission

## **6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 12, 2024

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **8. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

### **A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2025 Budget Work Session for Elected Officials Budget Requests**

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

I move that we take the Fire Tax rate increase for Leonardtown VFD from .024 to .056;  
Mechanicsville VFD from .046 to .056, and Ridge VFD from .036 to .056 to Public Hearing on  
April 23rd at Great Mills High School at 6:30 pm.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **9. ADJOURN**

