

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 19, 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, Communications 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 March 12, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Focus Elite Sports and Mentoring
- B. National Agriculture Day

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Animal Ordinance Revision

I move to hold a public hearing on April 30, 2024, in the evening at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed animal ordinance revision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 26 AND APRIL 9, 2024. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on April 2, 2024.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY25 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2025 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Application and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Additional FY24 Program Open Space grant application

I move to approve the Program Open Space Development application for additional funding for the Skate Park projects in the amount of \$274,000 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) FY25 Notice of Base Funding Availability-Local Management Board (LMB) Application

I move to approve the FY2025 Community Partnership Agreement Notice of Funding Availability Application (NOFA) from Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$547,684 in State Funds; and \$1,102 County funds to allow providers to assist children, families, youth and young adults, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY2025 St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2025 St. Mary's Transit System Transportation Grant Application to the Maryland Transit Administration in the amount of \$3,539,200 for operating and capital

programs and authorize the Department Director to submit the ATP electronically, consistent with the documents reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

The following bills were discussed:

HB 654 - St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages - Nonprofit Performing Arts Theater License

HB 651 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit

HB 653 - St. Mary's County - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts

HB 519 - St. Mary's County – Board of Education - Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting

HB 521 - St. Mary's County - Public Ethics - Prohibition on Campaign Contributions From Individual Registered Lobbyists

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

HB 352 / SB 362 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

HB 571 / SB 485 - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Modifications

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

HB 812 / SB 589 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission - Funding

HB 950 / SB 1125 - Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding

HB 1407 - County Tier 1 Renewable Sources - Generating Systems, Capacity, and Generation - Prohibition, Studies, and Plans

HB 805/SB 0537 - Cannabis - Licensee Locations - Restrictions

HB1436 - Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request

6. 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 for the purpose of discussing Personnel – Boards, Committees and Commissions.

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

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL - Boards, Committees and Commissions

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
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator II
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 10:42 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss appointment within the Agricultural, Seafood and Forestry Board

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 26, 2024.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Review Proposed Budget for State Agencies, Non Profit Grants, and Final Balancing for the Recommended Budget

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

MOTION 1: I move we approve the non-profit as presented out of fund balance.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner President James R. Guy.
Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin

Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I make a motion we take up this funding on appeal after advice from Council.

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

No Vote

MOTION 3: I move that we provide \$7M to the school through income tax by raising the income tax from 3.0 to 3.2%.

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