

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 26, 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 19, 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. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Public Health Week.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for Public Hearing - Great Mills Pool/Gymnastics Center Program Open Space Conversion

I move to approve the application for Program Open Space conversion of the Great Mills Pool/Gymnastics Center property and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents and to authorize the Office of the County Attorney to hold a public hearing on April 23 at 9:30 a.m. on the proposed conversion.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2025 - Approval and Execution of the FY2025 Recommended Budget for Public Hearing

Motion 1: I move to approve the FY2025 Recommended Budget as presented, and execute the related documents.

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

Motion 2: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 on the proposed increase to County Local Income Tax percentage to 3.2%.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion 3: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 on the St. Mary's County Fee & Charges increase.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion 4: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 on increasing Leonardtown, Mechanicsville, and Ridge VFD Tax rate to .056.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion 5: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 on the FY2025 Recommended Budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion 6: I move to approve the schedule of nonrecurring and other unique on-time costs to the Maryland State Department of Education for FY2025 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 9 AND 16, 2024. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on April 2, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION -
Resolution for issuance of DHCD bonds

I move to approve the County's Resolution providing full faith and credit of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in authorizing the Metropolitan Commission to issue infrastructure bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,700,000 in accordance with Section 113-2.C. of the Code of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - STS FY25 Grant
Application Resolution

I move to approve the Resolution required as part of the FY25 STS Grant Application approved on March 19, 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

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 538 / SB 484 - Land Use – Affordable Housing – Zoning Density and Permitting
(Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024)

HB 694 / SB 482 - Governor's Office for Children - Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations,
Unions, Governments, and Households (ENOUGH) Grant Program (ENOUGH Act of 2024)

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 9, 2024.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator