

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 14, 2024)**  
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**Members present**

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

**Not Present**

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

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 May 7, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

**2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Drug Court Month
- B. Stroke Awareness Month
- C. Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- D. Older Americans Month 2024

**3. PRESENTATION**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - National Historic Preservation Month Awards

**Present:** Karly Maltby, Planner III, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

The following awards were presented:

## **Historic Preservation Service Award**

John Cook, for the book, "*Before the Base*"

Eve Love, for the book, "*Before the Base*"

Father Francis Michael Walsh, for the book, "*The Story of the Saint Indigoes Mission 1634-1994*"

## **Preservation Project Award**

Paul Choporis, for the preservation and re-purposing of the old "Honey Lane" Restaurant and Bar

## **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 21 and JUNE 4, 2024.** There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on May 28.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - CSM Leonardtown Building A - Petition and Letter of Intent for State Funding**

I move to approve the petition and letter of intent to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for the County share of the project funding to renovate Building A on the College of Southern Maryland's campus consistent with College of Southern Maryland's resolution signed April 2, 2024, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

**C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Act Federal Grant Request Update**

I move to accept the update to the American Rescue Plan as presented with support to IT and to allocate the remaining \$20,861 to Emergency Services as one-time grants to all of our Fire Departments and Rescue Squads.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

**D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - 2024 Financial Health Update**

*Discussion of General Fund Reserve Policy*

I move to accept the policy of going to 15% versus our old policy.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

## **6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.  
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 21, 2024.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator