

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 25, 2025)
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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 February 11, 2025.

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. MAIN AGENDA

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - ZONE24-0002 - Cusic Properties, 25741 Three Notch Road

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to schedule and conduct a Public Hearing on March 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, regarding ZONE24-0002, Cusic Properties, LC, owner of property located at 25741 Three Notch Road in Hollywood, Maryland, and the proposed ordinance(s) to amend: (1) the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map to change the land use designation of the property from Rural Preservation to Rural Commerce; and (2) the Zoning Map to change the property's zoning district from Rural Preservation (RPD) to Rural Commercial Limited (RCL).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 4 AND MARCH 11, 2025.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY25 Agreements from St. Mary's County Health Department for the Detention and Rehabilitation Center

I move to approve the FY25 Agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center for STOP, Five County, Maryland Community Justice Treatment Program and the Day Reporting program for the total amount of \$1,191,309. I further move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents, including the various budget amendments.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY25 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Grant Award and Adjustment - GOCPP

I move to approve the FY2025 RSAT grant award and adjustment from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of St. Mary's County Sheriff 's Office in the amount of \$189,091 (excluding County match) along with the related budget amendment to establish budget authority using the appropriation reserve and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2026 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant documents for FFY2026, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$18,500 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space FY2025 Grant Award

I move to approve and accept the FY2025 Program Open Space funding for the LED Light Retrofit project for fields three and four at Chancellors Run Regional Park RP2503 for \$275,400 and the Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan RP2102 for \$25,000 and authorize the Commissioner President too 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, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personal Services FY2025

I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing salary and fringe accounts and increasing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account in the amount of \$393,618 due to salary savings.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION 1: I move to submit a letter of support for HB 885/SB 625 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 2: I move to submit a letter of opposition for HB 20/SB 198 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required 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

MOTION 3: I move to submit a letter of opposition for HB 84/SB 395 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 4: I move to submit a letter of opposition for HB 1036/SB 391 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required 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

MOTION 5: I move to submit a letter of opposition for HB 1364/ SB 894 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. 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 to discuss Real Property.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Scott R. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
Brandy McKelvy, Paralegal
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:04 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 4, 2025.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Present: Vanetta VanCleave, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2026 Budget Work Session CIP Follow-Up

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2026 Budget Work Session Operating - Board of Education