

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 20, 2025)
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Members present:

Commissioner Vice President Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow (via Teams)
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Donnie Mills, Acting Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Roy H. Alvey, Chairman, 2nd and 9th Election District
Dale Antosh, 4th & 5th Election District
John E. Pleisse, 3rd Election District
Ronald Hafner, 1st Election District
George Ericksen, Executive Director
Patty Stiegman, Chief Financial Officer
Christy Hollander, P.E., Chief Engineer

1. JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

Commissioner Vice President Alderson called the joint meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Following opening remarks from Commissioner Vice President Alderson and MetCom Chairman Roy Alvey, the following items were presented and discussed.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATES

Present: Donnie Mills, Acting Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Christy Hollander, P.E., Chief Engineer, Metropolitan Commission

Updates were provided for the following joint projects: FDR Boulevard, Southhampton Revitalization Project, Asphalt Overlay Projects, and other projects of interest: Buck Hewitt Road Phase 4, Wildewood Blvd. Sidewalk, Pegg Road Sidewalk, Wicomico Shores, FDR Blvd. sidewalk widening and lighting, and St. Clements Shores WWTP.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Present: Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

An update was given on "St. Mary's 2050: Charting Our Tomorrow." We are currently in community engagement window number two. Citizens wishing to participate can take a follow-up survey until the end of June 2025.

MARLAY-TAYLOR WRF CAPACITY DISCUSSION

Present: George Ericksen, Executive Director

An update was given on the expansion of the Marlay Taylor treatment facility.

ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION APPROVAL OF FY2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND FY2027 - 2031 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

I move to approve the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission FY2026 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) and FY2027- 2031 Plan in accordance with Section 113-30 of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. ADJOURN

Following closing remarks by Commissioner Vice President Alderson, the meeting closed at 10:04 a.m.

Members Present

Commissioner Vice President Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow (via Teams)

David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Julie Burch, Recorder

Not Present: Commissioner President James R. Guy

3. WELCOME

Commissioner Vice President Alderson called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of May 13, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to approve the surplus properties' quitclaim deeds.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

4. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Mental Health Awareness Month
- B. National Drug Court Month
- C. National EMS Week
- D. National Transportation Week
- E. National Public Works Week 2025

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Commissioners of St. Mary's County Set Rates and Approves FY2026 Operating and Capital Budgets

MOTION 1: I move to approve the fees and charges included in the public hearing.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to approve and execute the Revenue Ordinance for FY2026, which sets the tax rates.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 3: I move to approve and execute the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2026, which identifies appropriations and includes compensation increase for appointed employees.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 4: I move to approve the FY2026 Budget, as set forth in the schedules and documents included in the submission, and execute the Approved Budget signature page evidencing our approval of the itemized budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

MOTION 5: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the Annual Budget Certification Statement for FY2026 and submit to the Maryland State Department of Education.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 6: I move to confirm the executed FY2026 Nonrecurring Cost Requests Form submitted to the Maryland State Department of Education.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - ZONE24-0413- Pax River Village Center

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to schedule and conduct a Public Hearing on June 24, 2025, in the morning at a time to be determined, regarding ZONE24-0413, filed on behalf of the owners of property located at 21822 and 21899 FDR Blvd., 0 and 21703 Great Mills Rd., and 21847 Three Notch Rd. in Great Mills, Maryland, and the proposed ordinance(s) to amend: (1) the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map to change a portion of the land use designations of the property from Limited Commercial/Industrial and Mixed-Use Medium-Intensity to Mixed-Use High-Intensity; and (2) the Zoning Map to change a portion of the property's zoning districts from Limited Commercial Industrial (LCI) and Medium-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXM) to High Intensity Mixed-Use (MXH).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson
Abstain: Commissioner Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - 2024 ADDITIONAL LOSAP APPEAL

I move to approve the one additional Fire and EMS volunteer adding them to the 2024 certified LOSAP list.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JUNE 3 AND 10, 2025. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on May 27, 2025.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2026 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland Grant Application - GOCPP

I move to approve the FY2026 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland grant application from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$12,772 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Reorganization

I move to approve the proposed reorganization as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on June 3, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator