

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 15, 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. (via Teams)
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the 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 June 24, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Park and Recreation Month
- B. Maryland Buy Local Week

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Final Decision - Amendments to Stewart's Grant PUD

In the matter of TEXT24-0030, amending the Stewart's Grant Planned Unit Development, I move to approve the proposed ordinance.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision -
ZONE24-0413 Pax River Village Center**

For the requests outlined in ZONE24-0413 (Pax River Village Center), having considered the public testimony and written comment and accepting the staff report, I move to approve/disapprove the proposed amendments to: (1) the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map to change the land use designation from Limited Commercial/Industrial and Mixed-Use Medium-Intensity to Mixed-Use High-Intensity for a portion of the properties which are not within the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ); and (2) the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning designation from Limited Commercial Industrial (LCI) and Medium Intensity Mixed-Use (MXM) to High-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXH) for the portions of property which are not within the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ); and (3) direct Staff to prepare findings of fact and final ordinances consistent with this decision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson

Nay: Commissioner Colvin

Abstain: Commissioner Ostrow

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 22 AND 29, 2025

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Acceptance of Maryland Office of Problem Solving Courts Award for the Adult Recovery Court Program and Family Recovery Court

I move to authorize the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to approve the Adult Recovery Court Program and Family Recovery Court, MD2625, from the Office of the Problem-Solving Court Programs in the amount of \$311,421 and approve the related budget amendment that includes County funding of \$232,000 for a total award of \$543,421 and to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. CIRCUIT COURT - Acceptance of Administrative Office of the Courts Award for the St. Mary's County Family Services Program

I move to accept and approve the Family Services Program award, MD2620, from the Administrative Office of the Courts in the amount of \$225,990.10, and approve the Budget Amendment, and 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

D. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY26 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award

I move to approve the FY26 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act Grant award and authorize the Commissioner President to 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2026 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 1 of 3) Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 1 of 3) grant award, project #US2610 from the Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps Seniors on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$165,816 total; \$144,972 Federal; \$16,165 required County match, and \$4,679 additional County funding to continue this volunteer program and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS -Childcare Center Management Discussion

I move to approve Recreation and Parks submitting a solicitation for the management of the employee childcare center.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Colvin

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Litigation

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner (via Teams)
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
John Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:00 a.m. - 11:09 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in litigation

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 22, 2025.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator