

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 29, 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 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

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Minutes of July 22, 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

MOTION 2: I move to approve the Appeal Letter for Evergreen at Cedar Lane.

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. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented for:

A. Henry Brodersen Volunteer Recognition

B. Chris Kaselemis Retirement

3. MAIN AGENDA

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION - TEXT25-0112, Amendment to Allow Use Type 28 in RCA Overlay

MOTION 1: I move to authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to conduct a morning Public Hearing on August 26, 2025, to consider TEXT25-0112, a request to amend the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by allowing Use Type 28 in the Resource Conservation Area Critical Area Overlay.

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

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to submit the proposed ordinance to the Critical Area Commission for its review and approval.

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 19 and AUGUST 26, 2025. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on August 5th or August 12th.

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION - Budget amendments to return existing SMCPS CIP Funds to the FIN Capital Reserve and request use of those funds for projects in FY2026

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the budget amendments reducing PS1805, PS2601, PS2602, and PS1403 and increase various Capital Projects in the total amount of \$1,384,745 as presented by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Status Update on St. Mary's 2050 (Comprehensive Plan)

Present: Jessica S.B. Andritz, Director
Leigh Anne King, AICP, Director, Clarion Associates

An update regarding St. Mary's 2025: Charting Our Tomorrow was presented.

D. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Maryland Critical Area Commission Grant for FY 2026

I move to approve the budget amendment for \$25,000, authorize the Department of Land Use and Growth Management to accept the awarded Maryland Critical Area Commission Grant for

FY 2026 in the amount of \$25,000.00, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - ZONE24-0413
Pax River Village Center

I move to approve and sign the final ordinance, which includes the required findings of fact, to change the zoning designation to High-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXH) for the portions of the properties located outside the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) at the Pax River Village Center in Lexington Park, MD.

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - MOU with Towson University for
Regional Workforce Study

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Towson University for a Regional Workforce Study and have the Commissioner President sign all related agreements.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - New and Expanding Business
Property Tax Credit Incentive for Aviation Systems Engineering Company (ASEC)

I move to approve the New and Expanding Business Property Tax Credit for Aviation Systems Engineering Company (ASEC) and have the Commissioner President sign all 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

H. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2026 Area Plan Update
Application and Notification of Grant Award for State Grants

I move to approve the FY2026 Area Plan Update Application and Notice of Grant Award for the state grants, Project #s MD2601, MD2602, MD2604, MD2606, MD2614 received from the

Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services, the related budget amendments, 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

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Airport Paving Contract Award Recommendation

I move to approve and authorize the Procurement Office to sign a contract in an amount estimated to exceed 1 million dollars to Allan Myers MD, Inc., to complete the paving at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport in accordance with the contractual agreement finalized by County staff.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Land Water Conservation Fund Grant Award

I move to accept the \$350,000 Land Water Conservation Grant award for the construction of St. Clements Shores and Cecil Park playgrounds.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Arts Council Grant - Beneficiary agreement

I move to approve the Maryland State Arts Council grant agreement and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

L. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Approval of 2026 Legislative Agenda Schedule

I move to approve the proposed schedule for development of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County's 2026 Legislative Agenda as presented by the County Attorney's Office.

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 19, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

7. PUBLIC FORUM

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/Timekeeper

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center, and requested Ms. Guzman provide the forum's format.

Public Forum comments were provided by:

Nancy Zearfoss, Bushwood MD
Richard Lord, Bushwood MD
Roy Fedders, Dameron MD
Jennifer Davis, Lexington Park MD
Diana Diggins, Leonardtown MD
Maretta DeVenuta, California MD
Jennifer Carlson, California MD
Troy Cowan, Lexington Park MD
Brandon Russell, Clements MD
Kimberly Mumford, Leonardtown MD
Leah Sours Lexington Park, MD
Amelia Yunker

Zakkiyya Cunningham Lexington Park, MD

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak, so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 7:11 p.m.