

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 19, 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 Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of July 29, 2025.

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 2: I move to approve the appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

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

MOTION 3: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter to Debra Burch, Clerk of the Circuit Court, requesting recordation of the \$250,000 Public Official Bond issued by NGM Insurance Company on behalf of George Erichsen, who has been appointed to serve as interim treasurer of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

A. National Aviation Day

- B. National Black Business Month
- C. Child Support Awareness Month

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING - TEXT25-0112, Amendment to Allow Use Type 28 in RCA Overlay District

I move to authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to postpone the Public Hearing from August 26, 2025, to September 9, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. to consider TEXT25-0112, a request to change the County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to allow Use Type 28 in the Resource Conservation Area Critical Area Overlay District.

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. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 26 AND SEPTEMBER 9, 2025. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on September 2nd.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY26 Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Grant Award - GOCPP

I move to approve the FY26 Performance Incentive Grant Fund grant award from the Governor's Office in the amount of \$185,688 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 Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY26 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application (RSAT) Grant - GOCPP

I move to approve the FY2026 RSAT grant application from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on the behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$224,556 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY26 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Part II Grant Award - GOCPP

I move to approve the RSAT Part II grant award from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$70,909 (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

E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY26 School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Application - Fixed Amount

I move to approve the FY2026 School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Grant from the Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Center for School Safety, in the amount of \$196,906 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY26 GOCPP Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) Award

I move to approve the FY26 GOCPP Gun Violence Reduction Grant award and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Maryland 9-1-1 Board

I move to approve the spending plan for the Maryland 9-1-1 Board Trust Fund, Project MD2638, for the total amount of \$951,900 for FY2026 and authorize the Director of Emergency Services to sign 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

H. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY26 Waterway Improvement Fund Award PL-2601

I move to accept the \$249,000 Waterway Improvement Grant award from the Department of Natural Resources for Wicomico Shores and Forest Landing improvements 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

I. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY27 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Application

I move to approve the FY27 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Application in the amount of \$249,000 for repairs at St. George and Tall Timber landings and authorize Department staff to submit online as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY26 Developmental Disabilities Administration Grant Award

I move to approve the Department of Health FY26 Developmental Disabilities Administration Community Grant award for \$35,000, the Budget Amendment increase of \$5,219 from the R&P Reserve, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents for staff to submit online.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY27 Community Parks and Playground Grant Application

I move to approve the Community Parks and Playgrounds Application and Project Agreement from the Town of Leonardtown in partnership with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the Department of Recreation and Parks Leonardtown Splash Pad location 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

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS:

Commissioner Alderson requests that the County Attorney investigate the framework for and an Ordinance concerning for-profit parties in St. Mary's County.

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources
Jennifer Utz, Director, Department of Emergency Services
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 10:23 a.m. - 10:28 a.m.

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee

B. Personnel

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 10:28 a.m. - 10:44 a.m.

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee

C. Litigation

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
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
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) and §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:46 a.m. - 11:14 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in litigation

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 26, 2025

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator