

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 23, 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
Leenika Belfield-Martin, Communications Coordinator, Public Information Office
Tracy Rohan, 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 September 16, 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 FY26 Scholarship applications 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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Service Dog Month
- B. International Underground Railroad Month

3. MAIN AGENDA

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

No Action: the vote was postponed to September 30, 2025.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 7, 2025.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Tobacco Compliance Enforcement Initiative MOU for FY2026

I move to approve the FY2026 MOU between St. Mary's County Health Department and the Sheriff's Office, Project MD2643, for Tobacco Sale Compliance and Enforcement in the amount of \$25,000 and to approve the related budget amendment, authorizing the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute any 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

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Budget Amendment FY2026 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA) for Child Support

I move to approve the budget amendment in accordance with the fully executed FY2026 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement (CRA) for the Child Support Grant and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Crisis Intervention Team Training MOU for FY2026

I move to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Charles County Department of Health and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Project MD2650, for Regional Crisis Intervention Team Training in the amount of \$36,182, and to approve the related budget amendment, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute any 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION - St. Mary's County Public Schools FY2027 - FY2032 State Capital Improvements Program Approval

I move to approve that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County sign the letter of support for the FY2027 - FY2032 State Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Board of Education on September 10, 2025, to be submitted to the Interagency Commission on School Construction, in accordance with state procedures.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow
Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Determination of FY2026 Fee-in-Lieu for the Purchase of Transferable Development Rights

I move to set the FY2026 Transferable Development Rights Fee-in-Lieu at 120% of the FY2024 average fair market value of intermediate transfers, \$5,280.00.

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 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Van Ward Road - Reduce Speed Limit

I move to adopt the ordinance to reduce the maximum speed on Van Ward Road and have Commissioner President sign any 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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislation - Vote on 2026 Legislative Proposals for St. Mary's County

MOTION 1: I move to request legislation amending Article 19 Chapter 46 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County to increase by \$2 million the maximum amount of general obligation bonds that St. Mary's County may issue for the St. Mary's County Capital Revolving Financial Fund for Fire Fighting Equipment and Facilities; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and, if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No action taken

MOTION 2: I move to request legislation amending Article 19 Chapter 113 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County to exempt public purposes from capital contribution charges for EDU allocations; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and, if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No action taken

MOTION 3: I move to request legislation amending §21-507 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to include St. Mary's County in the list of counties in which roadside solicitations of money and donations are prohibited; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and, if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 4: I move to request legislation amending Article 19 Chapter 113 as submitted by METCOM; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and, if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric S Colvin
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 5: I move to request legislation amending Chapter 267 of the St. Mary's County Code as submitted by the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and, if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No action taken

MOTION 6: I move to support the proposal to amend §4-104 of the Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to exempt family-oriented recreation and, entertainment facilities from the admissions and amusement tax as submitted by Kristopher McDonald; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and if introduced as legislation in the 2026 session, to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No action taken

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 30, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator