

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, November 4, 2025)
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Members present

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

Not Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Vice President Alderson called the business 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 October 28, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Family Caregiver Month
- B. National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week

3. PRESENTATION

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Present: Dr. Christine Bergmark, President/CEO
Ryan Schlotterbeck, Chair

Dr. Christine Bergmark, President/CEO, and Ryan Schlotterbeck, Chair, provided a brief overview of St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce Membership, Strategic Plan, Advocacy, and Events.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 18 AND DECEMBER 2, 2025. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on November 11 and November 25, 2025.

B. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Donation Request

I move to approve the acceptance of a donation made by Ms. Walters to the St. Mary's Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$159,295 solely for the use of Department of Aging clients including but not limited to client personal care items, medical needs and minor home improvements, not to exceed \$2,500 per client.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Authorization to Award Piney Point Lighthouse Living Shoreline Project

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to execute the Contract Award for the Piney Point Lighthouse Living Shoreline Project to Coastal Design and Construction, Inc., in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million, subject to receipt and acceptance of contract-related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personnel Services FY2026

I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing salary and fringe accounts and increasing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account in the amount of \$755,766 due to salary savings.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to cover the Local Share SDAT invoices

I move to approve the budget amendment to move \$400,433 from the Commissioners' Reserve account to the SDAT Miscellaneous Expense account to cover the local share of the SDAT invoices and authorize the Commissioner Vice President to sign the related document.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing of equipment approved in the FY2026 Budget

I move to approve and sign the Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing agreement in the amount \$900,000, with Bank Funding LLC, as recommended by the Finance Department, and authorize Commissioner President and appropriate staff to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 18, 2025.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Present:

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/Timekeeper

Commissioner Vice President Alderson 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:

Kurt Engel

Janelle Gardiner

Mary Ludwig

Ann Marie Abell

Lawrence Joy

Lawrence Ludwig

Roy Fedders

Mike Schwartz

Candice Hicks

Amelia Yunker

Natalie Campbell

Dolly Griffin

Rev. Andrea Hemmings

Ceandra Scott

Sheila Wilburn

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