

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Feb 24, 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

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 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.

A. Invocation and Pledge - Commissioner Ostrow

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

[021026 DRAFT.docx](#) 

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of February 10, 2026.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Seconded by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

2. 9:05 a.m. - COMMENDATION

- A. [Dr. Deborah Dennie — Middle School Principal of the Year](#) [Dennie,Deborah.pdf](#)

3. 9:10 a.m. - PUBLIC HEARING

- A. [DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - TEXT25-0112, Amendment to Allow Use Type 28 in RCA Overlay District](#)

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:10 a.m.

Present: Jessica S.B. Andritz, Director

Chris Longmore, Attorney

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on February 6, 2026, and February 13, 2026, in *Southern Maryland News*. This public hearing was to receive public comment on the Vestry of All Saints Church in Avenue, which has petitioned for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. All Saints Church would like to establish a Head Start preschool program in an existing structure at 21656 Oakley Road. The Property is zoned Rural Preservation District (“RPD”) and lies fully within the Resource Conservation Area (“RCA”) Overlay District. Current zoning regulations allow a program such as Head Start in the RPD, but not in the RCA.

Commissioner President Guy requested that David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open it to public comment.

No Public Comments were given.

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 9:16 a.m.

[Memo to CSMC re TEXT25-0112 - JSBA \(02.12.2026\).docx](#)

[Attachment 1 - TEXT25-0112 - Use Type 28 - Day Care Non-Medical in RCA Overlay - JSBA \(01.09.2026\).docx](#) 
[Attachment 2 - Application - TEXT25-0112 \(08.11.2025\).pdf](#) 
[Attachment 3 - Zoning and Critical Area Map \(08.11.2025\).pdf](#)
 [Attachment 4 - Legal Notice Use Type 28 - SLC \(01.28.2026\).pdf](#)  [Attachment 5 - Letter from Erik Fisher, Chair, Critical Area Commission - JSBA \(01.09.2026\).pdf](#) 
[2.24.26 PH Sign in sheet.pdf](#) 

4. 9:20 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 3, 2026 AND MARCH 10, 2026
[030326.pdf](#)  [031026.pdf](#) 

- B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE – FFY2027 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications
[Agenda Item Template](#) 

To present the Maryland Highway Safety grant documents for approval and request authorization for the Commissioner, President, and the Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

[LE-St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office-2027-107.pdf](#) 

[LE-St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office-2027-116.pdf](#) 

[Sheriff's Department Memorandum.pdf](#) 

[US2783 & US2784 Grant & Other Agreement Cover.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant documents for FY2027, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$13,000 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Seconded by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,

Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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- C. [SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Mutual Aid Agreement between the Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office](#)  [Sheriff Memo to CSMC - Mutual Aid Agreement 2-2-2026.pdf](#)  [Mutual Aid Agreement CHCSO, CAL-CSO, and SMCSO.pdf](#) 

The purpose of the proposed 2026 Mutual Aid Agreement is solely to renew and re-execute the Agreement under the authority of the current Sheriffs and County Commissioners. No substantive or operational changes have been made to the Agreement. The Addendum approved in 2012, which amended Paragraph 10 concerning the duration and termination of the Agreement, remains incorporated and unchanged.

I move to approve the updated Mutual Aid Agreement between the Calvert County, Charles County, and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Offices supporting inter-jurisdictional cooperation, public safety coordination, and regional law enforcement partnerships, and have the Commissioners sign the related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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- D. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Proposed Repeal and Reestablishment of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee](#) 

Proposing to repeal and re-establish the Hazard Mitigation

Planning Commission

[Memo - CSMC - Update to the HMPC meeting - 2026.02.10.doc](#)
[✎ Resolution - 2026 - Restating the Establishment of the St. Mary's County Multi Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee - 2026.02.10.docx](#) [✎ Resolution 2006-35.pdf](#) [✎ Resolution 2017-42.pdf](#) [✎ Resolution 2023-04.PDF](#) [✎ 2026-04 ORD Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee CSMC Signed.pdf](#)
[✎](#)

I move to approve the Resolution Restating the Establishment of the St. Mary's County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

E. [DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Budget Amendment for Aerial Imagery Capture](#) [✎](#)

Aerial Imagery Capture Funding-Budget Amendment to realign funding for CSMC approval.

[2.24.26 Aerial Imagery Capture Informational Memo.pdf](#) [✎](#)

[MDSTMA26 - Imagery 1in 2in with Impervious Surface.pdf](#) [✎](#)

[2.24.26 BA-Realign funding from 0544 to 1153 Aerial Imagery Capture-Eagleview.pdf](#) [✎](#) [2.24.26 BA-Realign funding from 0544 to 1153 Aerial CSMC Signed.pdf](#) [✎](#)

I move to amend the budget to reallocate \$72,980 from electronic reference/software maintenance funds to contract services for Aerial Imagery Capture.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, and
Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr and
Commissioner Eric Colvin

Motion Carries 3-2

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Fire and Rescue Loan Policy
Proposed Updates

Request for approval of the updated Fire and Rescue Loan
Policy as directed.

[Revolving Loan Fund Board Package.pdf](#)  [Update to Fire
and Rescue Loan Policy](#) 

I move to approve the update to the Fire and Rescue Loan
Policy.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION -
FY26 ST. MARY'S TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN
GRANT AWARD

[St. Mary's Transit System \(STS\) Transportation](#) 

[St. Mary's FY26 TDP.pdf](#) 

[Memo STS TDP Award.pdf](#)  [BA -TDP FY26.Signed.pdf](#)  [STS-
FY26 GrantAward Coversheet TDP.Signed.pdf](#)  [Exhibit A-
5333bWarranty-Aug 2017.pdf](#) 

[Exhibit B-Guidelines for Project Admin-June 2025.pdf](#) 

[Exhibit C-Authorized Designee-Regional Planners.pdf](#) 

[Exhibit D-FTA-Master-Agreement-v34-2025-11-26.pdf](#)  [St. Mary's FY26 TDP. CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

The FY26 STS Transportation Development Plan (TDP) grant award and budget is **\$100,000** . The Federal and State share for the operating budget is **\$85,000** ; the local share is **\$15,000**. The 2026 TDP will serve as a basis for preparing the Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) for future grant funding. The emphasis is on service performance, developing routes and reducing costs while maintaining or increasing ridership. The plan will review available transit services within the county, identify community transit needs, analyze demographics and land use through people and trip generators, and provide a final recommendation including budget and implementation.

Motion 1 – Grant Agreement Approval

I move to approve the FY2026 Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) Transportation Development Plan Grant Agreement for the St. Mary’s Transit System (STS) in the amount of \$100,000.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

MOTION 2: I move to approve the related Budget Amendment.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

MOTION 3: I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

MOTION 4: I move to authorize the Director of Public Works and Transportation to submit the Grant Agreement electronically.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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- H. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FINAL
CHILDCARE FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH YMCA
[RECREATION AND PARKS- Final Childcare facility agreement
with YMCA](#) 
[MOU signed childcare center 12 16 2025.pdf](#)  [YMCA
agreement memo 2 24 2026.pdf](#)  [Agreement - YMCA Child
Care - 2026.02.24 - unsigned.pdf](#)  [YMCA Childcare agreement](#)

[CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the final agreement with the YMCA for the operation of the childcare center and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

5. 10:20 a.m. - LEGISLATION

- A. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - LEGISLATIVE UPDATES](#)
[County Attorney's Tracking Report 2.18.26.pdf](#)  [Senator Jack Bailey Legislation 2.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Todd B. Morgan Legislation 2.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Matthew Morgan Legislation 2.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Brian M. Crosby Legislation 2.19.26.pdf](#)  [HB 493 Letter of Support to Judiciary jsh.docx](#)  [543 Letter of Support to Judicial Proceedings jsh.docx](#)  [HB 493 SB 543 Text.pdf](#)  [SB 867 Letter of Support to Finance.pdf](#)  [sb0867F.pdf](#)  [HB 916 Letter of Opposition to ET and Appropriations.docx](#)  [hb0916F.pdf](#)  [SB 674 Letter of Opposition to Budget Taxation Finance.docx](#)  [sb0674F.pdf](#)  [HB 1344 Letter of Support to ET.docx](#)  [hb1344F.pdf](#)  [JSH Memorandum - 2.24.26 Draft jsh.pdf](#)  [JSH Memorandum - 2.24.26 Supplemental.pdf](#)  [S1 - HB 1552 - Draft LoS to GLE.pdf](#)  [S2 - HB 1552 - Bill Text.pdf](#)  [S3 - HB 1552 - F&P Note.pdf](#) 

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

MOTION 1: I move to support SB 867 - Economic Development - Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission - Alterations and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter of support for Committee hearings for this bill.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

MOTION 2: I move to oppose HB 916/SB 674 - Transportation - Regional Transportation Authorities and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign a letter of opposition for Committee hearings for these bills.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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MOTION 3: I move to support HB 1344 - Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Study and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign a letter of support for Committee hearings for this bill.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

6. 10:50 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

7. 11:00 a.m. - MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Property.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Seconded by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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Present:

James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Raymond Bivens, Director, Department of Recreation & Parks
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:19 a.m. - 11:28 a.m.

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property.

8. 11:05 a.m. - CLOSED SESSION

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 3, 2026.

_____JB_____
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. 1:30 p.m. - BUDGET WORK SESSION

- A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – FY2027 Budget Work Session CIP & Operating – Board of Education and Zero-Based Budget Pilot Departments [Agenda Item Template.pdf](#) 

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, Chief Financial Officer

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

I move to the approved CIP requested changes and authorize the FY26 Budget Adjustment and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy,
Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr,
Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner
Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0