



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Mar 03 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

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 business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

- A. Invocation and Pledge
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of February 24, 2026.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

Motion Carries 6-0

2. 9:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

- A. National Developmental Disability Awareness Month
[National Developmental Disability Awareness Month](#)  [National Developmental Disability Awareness Month.pdf](#) 
- B. Women's History Month

[Women's History Month.docx](#)  [Women's History Month Proclamation.pdf](#) 

C. Anniversary of the National Senior Nutrition Program

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D. National Social Work Month

[National Social Work Month](#)  [National Social Work Month Proclamation 2026.pdf](#) 

3. 9:25 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 10, 2026 AND MARCH 17, 2026

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B. [STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- FY27 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\) Grant Application](#) 

The Office of the State's Attorney proposes to apply for the FY27 VOCA grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP) to provide direct victim services on a large scale in St. Mary's County. The program will implement the continuation of the Victim Advocacy Division to support the victims of crime in St. Mary's County by improving stability and safety, providing access to necessary resources, and empowering victims to have a stronger voice in the criminal justice system. The grant application is for six full-time positions and 40% of the Director's position. Furthermore, the grant application includes contractual mental health services.

[FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Memo to CSMC.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Grant Cover.pdf](#)

 [FY27 SMC SAO Grant Application.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Forms - S-1.pdf](#)

 [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Forms- S-1 w Leave.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO Subrecipient-](#)

[Organizational-Capacity-Questionnaire- CFO Signed.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA](#)

[Certification Assurances.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Certification of Applicable](#)

[Financial Reporting.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Certification Regarding](#)

[Lobbying.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Determination Interact with Participating](#)

[Minors.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Certification Assurances CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting CSMC](#)

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[FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Certification Regarding Lobbying. CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[FY27 SMC SAO VOCA Determination Interact with Participating Minors CSMC](#)

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I move to approve the FY27 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act Grant application and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin; 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

- C. [DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - LOSAP Eligibility Lists](#) 
[ORD to St Mary's County Code 181 2020-52 LOSAP CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 
[RES 2023-10 LOS VFDRS and ALS CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 
[Resolution 2006.pdf](#) 
[Resolution 1979.pdf](#) 
[St. Mary's County Code Chapter 181 LOSAP.pdf](#)  [Fire Rescue ALS 2025 Eligibility lists - redacted Redacted.pdf](#)  [LOSAP Eligibility ListsCSMC Memo LOSAP Rosters March 2026.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the 2025 LOSAP Eligibility Lists as presented and have the Commissioners sign all related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow; 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

- D. [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personnel Services FY2026](#) 
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[Q2 Salary Sweep Memo.PDF](#)  [BA Backup.pdf](#)  [Q2 Salary Sweep BA.PDF](#)  [Q2 Salary Sweep BA CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing salary and fringe accounts and increasing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account in the amount of \$504,949 due to salary savings and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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

4. 10:00 a.m. - LEGISLATION

- A. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - LEGISLATIVE UPDATES](#) 
[JSH Memorandum - 3.3.26 jsh.pdf](#)  [County Attorney's Tracking Report 2.26.26 .pdf](#)  [Senator Jack Bailey Legislation 2.26.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Todd B. Morgan Legislation 2.26.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Matthew Morgan Legislation 2.26.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Brian M. Crosby Legislation 2.19.26.pdf](#)  [JSH Memorandum - 3.3.26](#)

[Supplemental jsh v3.pdf](#) 

Present: John Sterling Houser

Mr. Houser discussed SB 357 - St. Mary's County Gaming by Qualified Organizations - License Required; SB 343 - Judgeship - Circuit Court and District Court; and Local Bond Initiatives.

5. 10:30 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

6. MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Personnel.

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

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

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: 10:22 a.m. - 10:30 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, unless the individual, as a matter of public record, makes a written request for an open session.

7. 10:45 a.m. - CLOSED SESSION

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator

9. 1:30 p.m. - BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2027 Budget Work Session for Elected Officials](#)

[Budget Request](#) 

The Budget Work Session will provide follow-up from the February 24, 2026, budget work session and start discussions of the Elected Officials FY2027 budget request.

[BWS 03.03.26 Board Package.pdf](#) 

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, CFO
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

Julie Burch