



## Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Mar 10 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

### 1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

#### Members present

**Commissioner Vice President Scott Ostrow**

**Commissioner Eric S. Colvin**

**Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt**

**Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.**

**David Weiskopf, County Administrator**

**Jenna Guzman, Communication Director, Public Information Office**

**Julie Burch, Recorder**

**Not Present: Commissioner President Guy**

**Commissioner Vice President Ostrow 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
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

[Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Mar 03 2026 - Minutes - Html](#)  [St. Mary's County Historical Society - Draft Letter of Support for Tudor Hall Restoration and Supporting Documents.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of March 3, 2026.

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

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

[St. Mary's County Historical Society - Draft Letter of Support for Tudor Hall Restoration and](#)

[Supporting Documents.pdf](#)  [Signed letter of support for Tudor Hall.pdf](#) 

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for the St. Mary's County Historical Society's application to the Maryland Historical Trust's Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program.

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

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

**2. 9:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATION**

A. Problem Gambling Awareness Month

[Problem Gambling Awareness Month](#)  [Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proc 2026.pdf](#) 

**3. 9:10 a.m.- MAIN AGENDA**

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

[Agenda Item Detail - Decision - TEXT25-0112, Amendment to Allow Use Type 28 in the RCA Overlay District.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](#) 

[Memo to CSMC re TEXT25-0112 - JSBA \(01.09.2026\).docx](#) 

[Post Public Hearing Staff Report - JSBA \(03.03.2026\).docx](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, by amending Schedule 50.4 and Section 51.3.28 to allow Use Type 28, Day Care, Non-Medical, in the RCA overlay zoning district, which shall become effective upon the date of approval from the Critical Area Commission.

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

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr; seconded by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt  
**Yea:** Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr, Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

**Motion Carries 4-0**

**4. 9:25 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 17, 2026, AND MARCH 24, 2026.

[031726.docx](#)  [032426.docx](#) 

B. [STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- FY27 GOCPP Gun Violence Reduction Grant \(GVRG\) Application](#) 

The Office of the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County Gun Violence Prosecution Program helps to successfully prosecute criminals who illegally use or possess firearms in St. Mary's County. The program aims to bolster prosecution efforts in addressing gun-related crimes by enhancing evidence analysis and case preparation through the implementation of the Evidence Analyst position, ultimately leading to more successful convictions and safer communities in St. Mary's County, MD. Program funds provide personnel.

[FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Memo to CSMC.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Grant Cover.pdf](#)   
[FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Grant Application.pdf](#)  [FY2027 SMC SAO GVRG - S-1.pdf](#)   
[FY2027 SMC SAO GVRG - S-1 w Leave.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO Subrecipient-Organizational-Capacity-Questionnaire CFO Signed.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Cert Regarding Lobbying.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Certification Assurances.pdf](#)   
[FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Certification of Applicable Financial Reporting.pdf](#)  [FY27 SMC SAO GVRG Determination Interact with Participating Minors.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the FY27 GOCPP Gun Violence Reduction Grant application and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

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

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

C. [DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Calvert – St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) 

To provide information on the Calvert – St. Mary's Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-SMMPO) and a Proposed Boundary Expansion

[CSMMPO - Presentation.pdf](#) 

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - [STS FY26 Capital Grant Award](#) 

To approve the FY26 STS Capital grant award. This grant award provides Federal and State funds to assist in STS vehicle preventive maintenance, vehicle

replacements and this year's award also includes funding for the concrete slab in the STS Bus Barn.

[Memo STS Capital Grant Award.pdf](#)  [DPW&T Memo STS Bus Shelter Slab.pdf](#)  [3.10.26 St. Mary's FY26 Capital Grant Award.pdf](#)  [3.10.26 BA - US2628 STS Capital Grant Award.pdf](#)  [BA FIN26 to PF2301 STS Bus Shelter Slab Repair.pdf](#)  [3.10.26 Grant and Other Agreement US2628.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](#)  [BA US2628 STS Capital Grant Award CSMC Signed001.pdf](#) 

[BA FIN26 to PF2301 STS Bus Shelter Slab Repair CSMC Signed001.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the FY26 STS Capital Grant Award in the amount of \$555,018 and for the Commissioner President to sign all related documents and authorize the Director of Public Works & Transportation to submit the Grant Agreement electronically.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

MOTION 2: I move to approve the Budget Amendment for the STS Bus concrete slab repair in the amount of \$114,456 in local funding and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

- E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION-FAA Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements

Return of unused grant entitlement funding to the FAA for their use prior to the funding's expiration on 9-30-2026.

[Agenda Item Detail - FAA Agreement for Transfer of Entitlements \(1\).pdf](#)  [Memo to CSMC.FAA Agreement for transfer of entitlements.pdf](#)  [Supporting Documentation.pdf](#)  [2W6 - faa-form-5100-110-entitlement-transfer-2026.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the FAA agreement returning \$150,000 of expiring entitlement funding as requested by the Washington Airports District Office and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

**Yea:** Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr, Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner Eric

**Motion Carries 4-0**

- F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY 2027 State Highway Administration Consolidated Transportation Program Priority Letter  
The Department requests that the Commissioners review the draft FY 2027 Transportation Program Priorities letter for any desired modifications or additional input. Upon reaching a consensus on the project priorities, the Department requests a motion to approve the letter and authorize the Commissioner President to sign and transmit the document to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation by the April 1, 2026, deadline.

[Agenda Item Details.docx](#)  [CSMC.Mem.031026.pdf](#)  [Secretary Thompson.let.031026.pdf](#) 

No Vote was taken; it will be returned to the Consent Agenda once updated.

- G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Christmas in April 2026  
Adopting a Resolution agreeing to pay the tipping fees for up to 100 tons of waste disposal for Christmas in April.

[CSMC Agenda Item Detail.docx](#)  [Memo to CSMC.031026.pdf](#)  [Christmas in April Resolution - 2026.pdf](#)  [2026-06 Christmas in April CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

I move that we adopt the Resolution agreeing to pay the tipping fees for up to 100 tons of waste disposal for Christmas in April as presented.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Eric Colvin

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

**Carried 4-0**

- H. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contract  
Approval of employment contract

[Agenda Item Detail -CA - Personnel - 03.10.26.docx](#) 

I move to approve the employment contract for the EMS Chief for St. Mary's County Government and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

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

**Motion Carries 4-0**

**5. 10:55 a.m. - LEGISLATION**

- A. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates](#)   
[JSH Memorandum - 3.10.26 jsh v2.pdf](#)  [1 - SB 357 - Amended Text.pdf](#)  [County Attorney's Tracking Report 3.5.26 .pdf](#)  [Senator Jack Bailey Legislation 3.5.26.pdf](#)   
[Delegate Todd B. Morgan Legislation 3.5.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Matthew Morgan Legislation 3.5.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Brian M. Crosby Legislation 3.5.26.pdf](#) 

**6. 11:25 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME**

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 17, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

**8. 1:30 p.m. - BUDGET WORK SESSION**

- A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY 2027 Budget Work Session for County Departments Budget Requests and County Compensation - [March 10, 2026 - Commissioners of St. Mary's County Budget Work Session](#)   
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2027 Budget Work Session for County Department Budget Requests and County Compensation  
[BWS 03.10.26 Board Package.pdf](#)  [BWS 03.10.26 Board Package - Addendum A.pdf](#) 

**9. 6:30 p.m. - PUBLIC HEARING**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner President James R. Guy (via Teams)

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Julie Burch, Recorder

- A. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to St. Mary's County Building Excise Tax Ordinance](#)   
[Memo - Excise Tax - Amendment - Request for Public Hearing - 2026.03.10.pdf](#)   
[Ordinance - Excise Tax - Amended - Clean - 2026.02.10.pdf](#)  [Ordinance - Excise Tax - Amended - Redline - 2026.02.10.pdf](#)  [ORD 2023-09 Excise Tax CSMC Signed and Recorded.PDF](#)  [ARTICLE XXXII. BUILDING EXCISE TAX \(1\).pdf](#)  [Md. Local Government Code Ann. 20-807.pdf](#)  [Md. Local Government Code Ann. 4-111.pdf](#)  [Certification of Publication.pdf](#)  [Public Notice - Hearing - March 10](#)

[2026 at 6.30 p.m. - Proposed Amendments to St. Mary's County Building Excise Tax Ordinance.pdf](#)  [3.10.26 Public Hearing Sign in sheet Redacted.pdf](#) 

[3.10.26 Public Comment MacLeod Law Group.pdf](#) 

[3.10.26 Public Comment Burris Town of Leonardtown.pdf](#) 

Commissioner Vice President Ostrow opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Buffy Giddens

The public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendments to the St. Mary's County Building Excise Ordinance. Notice of Public Hearing was published on February 20, 2026, and February 27, 2026, in the Southern Maryland Newspaper.

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

Public Comments given by:

Greg Tollefsen, California, MD

Chris Hill, SMAR

Ryan Daniels, Lexington Park, MD

Dan Burris, Mayor of Leonardtown, MD

Thomas McKay, Hollywood, MD

Eric Golden, Leonardtown, MD

Brandon Russell, Leonardtown, MD

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 Vice President Ostrow closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.