



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

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

Present:

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Leenika Belfield-Martin, Communications Coordinator
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
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

[026 - FY27 MDOT Priority Letter.Final.032426.doc](#)  [Consent Agenda](#)

[Appointments 03.24.26.docx](#) 

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MOTION 1: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of March 17, 2026.

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 authorize the Commissioner President to sign the FY2027

Transportation Program Priorities letter, as amended to reflect the changes requested by the Commissioners during the open session on March 10, 2026, and direct staff to submit the letter to the Maryland Department of Transportation.

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

MOTION 3: I move to approve the appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

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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Commissioner Colvin requested that a letter be sent to the Maryland Department of Transportation from the Commissioners regarding the MD235 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) project funding being directed to the Three Notch Trail and/or FDR Boulevard.

2. 9:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

A. Equal Pay Day

[Agenda Item Detail - Equal Pay Day.docx](#)  [Equal Pay Day 2026](#) 

B. National Agriculture Day

[National Agriculture Day](#)  [National Agriculture Day Proclamation 2026](#) 

3. 9:15 a.m. - PRESENTATION

A. [COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND - STATE OF THE COLLEGE](#) 

[CSM State of the College 2026 St Mary 32426.pdf](#) 
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Present: Dr. Yolanda Wilson, President, College of Southern Maryland

Valeria Cervantes-Corona, Student

Dr. Wilson provided the annual update on the College of Southern Maryland. Ms. Cervantes-Corona discussed her journey as a CSM student.

4. 9:45 a.m. - MAIN AGENDA

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision on Proposed Amendments to the St. Mary's County Building Excise Tax Ordinance

[Agenda Item Template](#)  [Staff Report - Public Hearing held on 3.10.26 jsh Final.pdf](#)  [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 for Public Notice.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](#)  [Letter -Final - Cnty Atty to Town Atty - Collection of Excise Tax - 2025.11.20.pdf](#)  [Letter - to BG from Patrick Thomas - 2025.12.06.pdf](#)  [Letter - to Patrick Thomas - re Meeting - 2025.12.23.pdf](#)  [Letter - to BG from Patrick Thomas - 2026.01.09.pdf](#)  [Letter - to Patrick Thomas - re Meeting - 2026.01.30.pdf](#)  [Letter - to BG from Patrick Thomas - 2026.03.04.pdf](#)  [3.10.26 Public Comment Burris Town of Leonardtown Myth v Fact.pdf](#)  [SMAR_SMC_ExciseTax_Testimony_OPOSED.pdf](#)  [3.11.26 Email from Leonardtown Business Association Support for Leonardtown's Opposition to County Excise Tax.pdf](#) 

[2026-07 Building Excise Tax CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Proposed Amendments to the St. Mary's County Building Excise Tax Ordinance as presented and authorize the execution of all related documents.

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

5. 10:00 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR MARCH 31, 2026, AND APRIL 14, 2026. There will not be a Commissioners' meeting on April 7, 2026.

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B. [DEPT OF FINANCE - Authorization to Award Asphalt Overlay CY2026](#) 

To request authorization to award a contract exceeding \$1 million dollars for the 2026 Asphalt Overlay Services Contract. Bid Abstract 147934.pdf DPWT Directors Recommendation.pdf Procurement Officer Award Recommendation.pdf 26-DPWT-147934 Bid Tally CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AWARD.pdf [Bid Abstract 147934.pdf](#) 

[Procurement Officer Award Recommendation.pdf](#)  [Asphalt Overlay.Revised.pdf](#)
[J-7 Asphalt Overlay CY2026 Proposed Road Listing.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Asphalt Overlay Services Contract for Calendar Year 2026 to Amrize Mid-Atlantic Inc, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance of Contract related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr; 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

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- C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FY27 St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) Grant Application
The FY27 STS Transportation Annual Plan (ATP) grant application and total budget (operating and capital) is \$5,528,828, which includes the program income.

[Agenda Item Details- DPW&T - FY27 St. Mary's Transit System \(STS\) Annual Transportation Plan \(ATP\) Grant Application.docx](#) 

[Memo STS FY27 ATP.pdf](#) 

[Part I - A.docx](#) 

[Part 1 A.B Map.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.A.1 SAM.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.B ADA Riders Guide.ppt](#) 

[Part 1 A.B SSTAP Riders Guide.ppt](#) 

[Part 1 A.B Timetables.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.C TAC April Minutes.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.C TAC January Minutes.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.C TAC July Minutes.pdf](#) 

[Part 1 A.C TAC October Minutes.pdf](#) 

[FY26 Form 6-6a-6b St Marys 20250728 Final.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C.doc](#) 

[Part I - C a. St. Mary's Title VI - Review Form.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C a. STS EEO Plan 2024-2027 signed.pdf](#) 

[STS Title VI 2024-2026 with appendices final 3.1.26.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C d. Safety and Security Signed.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C e.6. Pre and Post Trip.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C e.6. Sample Annual Inspection.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C e.8. PM Vehicle Plan.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C e.9. PM Facility Plan.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C h. Cell Phone Policy.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C h. Drug Alcohol.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C a. St. Mary's DBE Approval 5.20.21.pdf](#) 

[Part I - C a. St. Mary's DBE Plan 5.25.21.pdf](#) 

[Part I - B .pdf](#) 

[STS FY25 Form 2A.pdf](#) 

[Part II - A-B.pdf](#) 

[Part II - C.docx](#) 

[Part II - D.pdf](#) 

[Part II D - a.1. Letter Advising No PH.pdf](#) 

[Part II D - b.1. List and Letters to Operators FY27 ATP.pdf](#) 

[Part II - D a.1 Public Notice Ad FY27.pdf](#) 

[Part II - E.pdf](#) 

[Title VI Implementation Plan FY2024-2026 CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[PART II - C - FY27 STS Grant Application CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[2026-08 STS Grant ATP-27 Authorization CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the FY27 St. Mary's Transit System (STS) Annual Transportation Plan (ATP) grant application 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 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

Motion Carries 5-0

6. 10:15 a.m. - LEGISLATION

A. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates](#) 

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

[JSH Memorandum - 3.24.26 jsh.pdf](#)  [County Attorney's Tracking Report 3.19.26 Updated 1.41.pdf](#)  [Senator Jack Bailey Legislation 3.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Todd B. Morgan Legislation 3.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Matthew Morgan Legislation 3.19.26.pdf](#)  [Delegate Brian M. Crosby Legislation 3.19.26.pdf](#)  [SB 66 Bill Text.pdf](#) 

[JSH Memorandum - 3.24.26 Supplemental edited 1.51 pm on 3.23.pdf](#)  [County Attorney's Tracking Report 3.23.26 at 1.48 on 3.23.pdf](#) 

7. 10:25 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:38 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 31, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator

9. 10:45 a.m. - BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2027 Budget Work Session for Final Balancing for a Recommended Budget to take to Public Hearing](#)  [Board Package - 03.24.26.pdf](#) 

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2027 Budget Work Session for Final Balancing for Recommended Budget for Public Hearing

MOTION 1: I move to take the proposed County Administrator-Recommended FY2 Budget to the Public Hearing.

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 authorize the Commissioner President to execute the FY27 Nonrecurring Cost Requests form with zero requests.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; 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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- 10. 2:00 p.m. - RIBBON CUTTING: ST. MARY'S COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNWAY EXTENSION AND TERMINAL UPGRADES**