



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - March 31, 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, March 31, 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
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
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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MOTION: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of March 24, 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. - PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Fair Housing Month

[Fair Housing Month](#) 

[Fair Housing Month Proc](#) 

B. Maryland Flood Awareness Month

[Maryland Flood Awareness Month](#) 

[Maryland Flood Awareness Month 2026.pdf](#) 

C. National Public Health Week

[National Public Health Week 2026](#) 

[National Public Health Week Proc](#) 

D. National Healthcare Decisions Day

[National Healthcare Decisions Day](#) 

[National Healthcare Decisions Day Proc](#) 

E. Work Zone Safety and Roadside Awareness Month

[Work Zone Safety and Roadside Awareness Month](#) 

[Work Zone Safety and Roadside Awareness Month Proc](#) 

3. 9:30 a.m. - COMMENDATIONS

A. Raymond Pilger Retirement

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B. Randy Miedzinski Retirement

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4. 9:40 a.m. - MAIN AGENDA

A. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2027** - Approval and Execution of the FY2027 Recommended Budget for Public Hearing

[03.31.2026 BWS Agenda.pdf](#) 

[03.31.2026 BWS Agenda.pdf](#) 

[Recommended Budget 3.31.2026.pdf](#) 

[FY27 Recommended Budget - CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the FY2027 Recommended Budget as presented, and execute the related documents

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 Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, on the St. Mary's County Fee and Charges increase.

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

Carried 5-0

MOTION 3: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, on increasing the Bay District VFD Tax rate to .056.

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 4: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, on the FY027 Recommended Budget.

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

5. 9:55 a.m. - PRESENTATION

- A. [MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Update](#) 
[MSMH Update to County Commissioners v2.pdf](#) 

Present: Dr. Mimi Novello, MDMBA, FACEP, President, Medstar St. Mary's Hospital

6. 10:25 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. **DRAFT AGENDA FOR APRIL 14 , 2026, AND APRIL 21, 2026.** There will not be a Commissioners' meeting on April 7, 2026.
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B. **CIRCUIT COURT** - Courtroom Equipment Grant

[Agenda Item Details - Circuit Court - Courtroom Equipment Grant.docx](#) 

[Department Memorandum.pdf](#) 

[Grant and Other Agreement, MD2636.pdf](#) 

[MD2636 MOU Agreement for Courtroom Equipment- CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[Budget Amendment - MD2636- CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Courtroom Equipment Grant, MD2636, from the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County for courtroom equipment improvements in the amount of \$15,896.00 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.


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

C. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - FY26 Agreements from St. Mary's County Health Department for the Detention and Rehabilitation Center

Seeking approval of three (3) agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center and the related budget amendment.

[Agenda Item Details- Sheriff's Office FY26 Agreements from St. Mary's County Health Department for the Detention and Rehabilitation Center.docx](#) 


[Sheriff's Memo FY26 Health Department Agreements.pdf](#) 

[Grant Agreement MD2619 STOP.pdf](#) 

[Grant Agreement MD2682 MCCJTP.pdf](#) 

[Grant Agreement US2648 Day Reporting.pdf](#) 

[Grant Other Coversheet.pdf](#) 

[BA - Increase Project MD2682- CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[Grant Agreement MD2619 STOP - CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the FY26 Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership grant agreement between the St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center and to

authorize execution of any 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

MOTION 2: I move to approve the FY26 Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment grant agreement between the St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center and to authorize execution of any 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

Carried 5-0

MOTION 3: I move to approve the FY 25 Day Reporting Grant extension between the St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center and to authorize execution of any related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow; 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

D. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** – FY27 Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Grant Application - GOCPP

[Agenda Item Detail - SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY27 PIGF.docx](#) 

[Sheriffs Memo PIGF.pdf](#) 

[Grant Application Report LB 3.12.26.pdf](#) 

[OCQ - GOCPP3.12.2026 PIGF.pdf](#) 

[SFY2027-PIGF-NOFA.pdf](#) 

[Grant Other Agreement.pdf](#) 

[certification-of-applicable-financial-reporting-requirements- CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[determination-of-suitability CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[Certified Assurances Certification of Lobbying CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the FY27 Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Grant Application, from the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCP), in the amount of \$259,320 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit 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

- E. **SHERIFF’S OFFICE** - MOU between the St. Mary's County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and FRI -(HEAL) Initiative

SHERIFF’S OFFICE – MOU between St. Mary’s County Detention and Rehabilitation Center and Friends Research Institute (FRI) for a National Institute of Health Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative

[Agenda Item Detail - Sheriff's Office - MOU between St. Mary’s County Detention and Rehabilitation Center FRI- Heal Initiative.docx](#) 

[Sheriffs Memo.pdf](#) 

[Jail MOU HEAL2 St. Mary's revised.pdf](#) 

[Grant and Other Cover.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the multi-year MOU between the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and the Friends Research Institute (FRI) for a National Institute of Health Helping to end Long-term Initiative on behalf of the Detention and Rehabilitation Center, for participation in a Study for individuals re-entering the community from jail and authorize the Sheriff and Commissioner President to execute the related documents.


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

- F. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** – SHA Supplemental Agreement – Cornfield Harbor Bridge Replacement

SHA Supplemental Agreement - Cornfield Harbor Bridge Replacement

[Agenda Item Details - DPW&T SHA Supplemental Agreement - Cornfield Harbor Bridge Replacement.docx](#) 



[DPW&T Memo - SHA Supplemental Agreement - Cornfield Harbor Bridge.pdf](#) 



[FHWA Project Modification 3-10-2026.pdf](#) 

[HW-2106 Federal Bridge Replacement Program.pdf](#) 

[Adjacent Properties.jpg](#) 

[CHB Project Flow Chart March 2026.pdf](#) 

[St. Mary's County LPA Master Agreement 02-01-2018.pdf](#)  [SM0001001 Cornfield Harbor Bridge Supp Agt Signed 05-18-2023.pdf](#) 

[3.24.26 Grant Cover Sheet HW2106 Federal Bridge Program.pdf](#)  [SHA Cornfield Harbor - Supplemental Agreement. CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 


MOTION: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Supplemental Agreement with the State Highway Administration to complete the design of the Cornfield Harbor bridge replacement, allocating \$149,091 of the County's local share for the total cost of the design.

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

Carried 5-0

G. [OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Amendments to Lease and Construction & Operating Agreements for YMCA facility](#) 

[Commissioner Communication Memo - YMCA Lease Agreement Amendments \(2026.03.31\).pdf](#) 

[YMCA Construction & Operating Agreement - 08.02.2022.pdf](#)  [YMCA Lease - 08.02.2022.pdf](#) 

[YMCA - First Amendment to Lease CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[YMCA - First Amendment to Construction and Operation CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the proposed First Amendment to the August 2, 2022 Construction and Operation Agreement between YMCA of the Chesapeake and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

MOTION 2: I move to approve the proposed First Amendment to the August 2, 2022, Lease between YMCA of the Chesapeake and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

H. **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Correction to Ordinance 2026-05

[3 31 26 CAO Memorandum re Ordinance 2026-05.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance 2026-05 Proposed Correction.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance 2026-05.pdf](#) 

[Ordinance 2025-22.pdf](#) 

[2026-05 REV CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to authorize the correction to Ordinance 2026-05, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

7. **11:20 a.m. - LEGISLATION**

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

[County Attorney's Tracking Report 3.26.pdf](#) 

[Senator Jack Bailey Legislation 3.26.26.pdf](#) 

[Delegate Todd B. Morgan Legislation 3.26.26.pdf](#) 

[Delegate Matthew Morgan Legislation 3.26.26.pdf](#) 

[Delegate Brian M. Crosby Legislation 3.26.26.pdf](#)  [JSH Memorandum - 3.26.26.pdf](#) 

[Request from Christine Hurley.pdf](#) 

[JSH Memorandum - 3.31.26 Supplemental.pdf](#) 

MOTION : I move to submit a letter to the General Assembly opposing proposed funding reductions for the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

Carried

8. **11:50 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME**

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

9. MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION: 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

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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
Tracie McPherson, Acting Director of Human Resources
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:04 p.m. - 12:10 p.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.

10. 12:05 a.m. - CLOSED SESSION

A. CLOSED SESSION - Personnel
Closed session

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 14, 2026

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator