



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Apr 21 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 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 L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Not Present:

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 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 April 14, 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, and Commissioner Eric Colvin

Motion Carries 4-0

2. 9:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Administrative Professionals' Day
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- B. National County Government Month
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- C. Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week
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[Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week Proc](#) 
- D. Earth Day
[Earth Day](#) 
[Earth Day Proclamation](#) 

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

- A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 28, 2026, AND MAY 5, 2026.
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- B. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – ST. MARY’S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION –**
 Review of FY2027 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2028-2031 Capital Improvement Plan
 ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION PRESENTATION
[Agenda Item Details docx](#) 
[04.21.2026 MetCom Advanced Memo Present FY2027 and CIB FY2028-FY2032.pdf](#) 
[METCOM Debt Capacity - April 2026.pdf](#) 
[MetCom FY27 - FY32 CIB&P Submittal for 04.21.2026 CSMC Meeting.pdf](#) 
Present:
 George A. Erichesen, P.E., Executive Director
 Shon Bethea, Chief Financial Officer
 Christy Hollander, P.E., Chief Engineer
 A review of FY2027 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2028-2031 Capital Improvement Plan was given.
- C. **DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - Governor's Office for Children (GOC) FY27 Notice of Based Funding Availability (NOFA) Local Management Board

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[Memo FY27 GOC.pdf](#) 

[FY27 SMC LMB Programs & Strategies.pdf](#) 

[FY27 SMC LMB CCIF Narrative -.pdf](#) 

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[FY27 SMC LMB Annual Work Plan.pdf](#) 

[Grant Cover Sheet FY27 NOFA.pdf](#) 

[FY27 SMC LMB Budget and Narrative.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the FY27 Community Partnership Agreement; Notice of Funding Availability Application (NOFA) from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$553,413 in State Funds; and \$1,102 in County Funds to allow providers to assist children, families, youth adults and authorize the 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, and Commissioner Eric Colvin

Motion Carries 4-0

D. **DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Status Update - St. Mary's 2050 Plan**

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Presentation: [SMC_CEW3Briefing26-04-13V2.pptx](#) 

Present:

Jessica Andritz, Director

Brandy Glenn, Deputy Director

Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director

Leigh Anne King, AICP, LEED AP, Clarion Associates

An update on the St. Mary's Plan Community Engagement Phase 3 was presented.

E. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Authorization to Award Southampton Neighborhood Revitalization Project Phase 1**

To request authorization to award a contract exceeding \$1 million dollars for the Southampton Neighborhood Revitalization Project Phase 1.

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[26-DPWT-144327 Bid Abstract.pdf](#) 

[DPWT Directors Recommendation 144327.pdf](#) 

[Procurement Officer Recommendation 144327.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Southampton Neighborhood Revitalization Project Phase 1 to the Great Mills Trading Post Company Inc, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance of contract related documents.

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

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

Motion Carries 4-0

F. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Authorization to Award SMCSO Support Services Building Construction

To request authorization to award a contract exceeding \$1 million dollars for the SMCSO Support Services Building Construction.

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[144328 Bid Abstract.pdf](#) 

[DPWT Directors Recommendation 144328.pdf](#) 

[Procurement Officer Recommendation 144328.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Sheriff's Office Support Services Building Construction to Doyle Construction Company, 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 Eric Colvin

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

Motion Carries 4-0

G. **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Brief on New Initiative - Engage, Support and Promote Foreign Liaison Officers

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[St. Mary's County FLOs.pdf](#) 

Present:

Cindy Greb, Director

Kelly Hinkle, Deputy Director

Ron Weinberger, International Military Officer Program

Mr. Weinberger provided information on how St. Mary's County has a direct influence on international economic development and highlights the economic, national security, and community benefits of deeper engagement with this international military presence.

4. 10:45 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

5. 11:00 a.m. - MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

A. MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Litigation.

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, and Commissioner Eric Colvin

Motion Carries 4-0

A. LITIGATION

Present:

James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:39a.m. - 11:41a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation.

B. LITIGATION

Present:

James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
Bruce Poole, Attorney
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:23 a.m. - 11:39 a.m.
Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation.

6. 11:05 a.m. - CLOSED SESSIONS

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:41 a.m. Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 28, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator

8. 6:30 p.m. - BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING, Chopticon High School, 25390 Colton Point Rd., Morganza, MD

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
Vanetta Van Cleave, Chief Financial Officer
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Tracy Rohan, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners
Julie Burch, Administrative Coordinator to the Commissioners
Amy Carter, Video Media Producer, Public Information Office
Daniel Saucier, Video Media Technician, Public Information Office

David Weiskopf, County Administrator, opened the FY2027 Recommended Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the Chopticon High School Auditorium. Mr. Weiskopf introduced Commissioner President Guy, who introduced the other Commissioners, Staff, and provided opening remarks.

Ms. Van Cleave noted there would be three public hearings tonight: Bay District Fire Tax Increase; Changes to Government Fees and Charges; Recommended FY2027 Budget. She presented an overview of the \$377 million FY2027 Recommended Budget, highlighting Revenue Sources and General Fund Expenditures. There will be no change for the Property Tax Rate or the Income Tax Rate. Funding for the Board of Education is \$147.5 million, and for the Sheriff's Office, \$76.6 million. Funding for County Departments is \$94.5 million. Fees and Charges: Solid Waste Department – Annual Environmental and Solid Waste Fee increase from \$104.53 to \$106.62; Recreation and Parks Added Programs and Activities; Wicomico Shores Golf Course Fees; Leonard Hall Family Skate; School Age Care; Youth Archery; and Eliminating the Great Mills Pool Programs. 13 positions were added to county departments A 2.5% one-step merit increases on the anniversary date for Regular and Regular Part-Time employees, a 2% COLA, 1% Corrections Market

Adjustment, 2.5% Additional step to Scale Sworn Employees, and third year of 3.66% market increase for county merit scale employees on July 1, 2026.

Mr. Weiskopf moderated the following three public hearings.

1. Bay District Fire Tax Increase

Mr. Weiskopf opened the public hearing for public comments at 6:46 p.m.

No public comment given.

The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

2. Changes to Government Fees and Charges

Mr. Weiskopf opened the public hearing for public comments at 6:47 p.m.

No public comment given.

The public hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.

3. FY2027 Recommended Budget

Mr. Weiskopf opened the public hearing for public comments at 6:47 p.m.

Sixteen citizens gave public comments.

The public hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

Commissioner President Guy thanked citizens for attending the meeting and stated that the comment period would remain open until April 28, 2026. Comments should be mailed to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, P.O. Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650, or emailed to: csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov. Commissioner President Guy closed the FY 2027 Recommended Budget Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

A. [DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE-FY2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET](#)

FY2027 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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[2027 Recommended Budget.pdf](#) 

[1 PUBLIC HEARING SIGNUP SHEETS Recommended Budget.pdf](#) 

[2 PUBLIC HEARING SIGNUP SHEET SMCG Fees & Charges Increase.pdf](#) 

[3 PUBLIC HEARING SIGNUP SHEET BAY DISTRICT VFD TAX INCR.pdf](#) 

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