



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - May 12 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION

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 Weikopf, County Administrator

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

John Houser, Deputy County Attorney

John B. Norris, III, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation

Jessica Andritz, Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission

Joseph M. Gould, Chairman, 2nd and 9th Election District

Dale Antosh, 4th & 5th Election District

George K. Anas, 2nd and 9th Election District

Ronald Hafner, 1st Election District

George Ericksen, Executive Director

Shon Betha, Chief Financial Officer

Christy Hollander, P.E., Chief Engineer

Commissioner President Guy called the joint meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Commissioner President Guy and MetCom Chairman Gould provided opening remarks.

A. **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**

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B. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE**

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C. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

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D. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

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[JSH Memorandum - Joint Meeting Legislative Update.pdf](#)  [ATTCH 1 - HB 600 CH 349 Final Text.pdf](#) 


E. **TOPICAL UPDATES (ANNUAL REPORT)**

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[CSMC & MetCom Joint Meeting Slides 05.12.2026.pdf](#) 

F. **ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION APPROVAL OF FY2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND FY2028-2032 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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[FY 2027-FY 2032 CIBP Informational Memorandum for 05.12.2026 CSMC Meeting 04.28.2026.pdf](#) 

[MetCom FY2027-FY 2032 CIBP Submittal to CSMC for 05.12.2026 Meeting.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission FY2027 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2028-2032 Plan in accordance with Section 113-30 of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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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G. **CLOSING REMARKS**

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2. **10:00 a.m. - ADJOURN**

Following closing remarks by Commissioner President Guy, the meeting closed at 10:15 a.m.

3. 10:15 a.m. - WELCOME

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 10:26 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 May 5, 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

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4. 10:20 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

[Lyme Disease Awareness Month - Proclamation](#) 

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- B. **National Skilled Nursing Care Week**

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- C. **Older Americans Month**

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- D. **National Transportation Week**

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E. **Historic Preservation Month**

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5. **10:45 a.m. - AWARDS PRESENTATION**

A. **Historic Preservation Commission Awards Presentation**

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[Janet Copeland](#) 

[Karen Stone](#) 

6. **11:10 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

A. **DRAFT AGENDA FOR MAY 19, 2026, AND JUNE 2, 2026.** There will not be a meeting of the Commissioners on May 26, 2026

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B. **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE-** Grant Position Conversion

The State's Attorney's Office is requesting approval to convert the vacant grant-funded Deputy Director of Victim Services position to a grant-funded Victim Witness Advocate Coordinator position for the remainder of the current grant period, ending June 30, 2026.

This position's salary is fully grant-funded, and the grantor, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, has already approved the requested change. The conversion is intended to streamline continuity of our direct victim services.

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[Memo to CSMC Grant Position Conversion.pdf](#) 

[FY26 VOCA Budget GAN Request and Approval Email 4.2026.pdf](#) 

[SAO Org Chart VOCA Grant Position Conversion April 2026.pdf](#) 

[FY2026 SMC SAO VOCA S-1 Budget GAN 4.2026.pdf](#)  [BA- MD2697 Position Conversion CSMC signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the State's Attorney's Office's request to convert the vacant grant-funded Deputy Director of Victim Services position to a grant-funded Victim Witness Advocate Coordinator position.

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

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- C. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - Washington Gas Light Company Application for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Services, Maryland Public Service Commission Case No. 9849

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MOTION: I move that we authorize the Commissioner President to sign the draft letter to the Public Service Commission as presented and direct staff to file those written comments on behalf of the Commissioners on or before June 1, 2026.

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

7. 11:20 a.m. - LEGISLATION

- A. **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** – Legislative Updates - Final 2026

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

Mr. Houser provided a wrap-up of the 2026 Legislative Session and discussed the proposed calendar for the 2027 Legislative Session.

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[JSH Memorandum - 2026 Final Legislative Update Summary.pdf](#) 

[ATTCH 1 - 90 Day Report - SMC Local Aid.pdf](#) 

[ATTCH 2 - Proposed 2027 Communication Plan.pdf](#) 

[ATTCH 3 - Draft Press Release.pdf](#) 

[ATTCH 4 - Draft Public Notice Soliciting Proposals.pdf](#) 

[ATTCH 5 - Draft Public Notice for Joint Meeting.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to direct the County Attorney's Office and the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to review existing development standards related to fuel stations, convenience stores, and general retail sales in light of community concerns regarding perceived oversaturation and present to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, by June 2nd, findings and any text

amendments staff may recommend.

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

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

Abstain: Commissioner President James Guy and Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 3-0

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

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

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 19, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator

10. 1:30 p.m. - BUDGET WORK SESSION - FINAL BALANCING

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, CFO

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

A. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Budget Work Session with final direction on FY2027 Budget

Final direction on FY2027 Budget

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