



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - May 19 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 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 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

- A. Invocation and Pledge - Commissioner President Guy
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

[Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - May 12 2026 - Minutes - Html](#) 

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of May 12, 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. **Mental Health Awareness Month**

[Mental Health Awareness Month](#) 

[Mental Health Awareness Month Proc 2026.pdf](#) 

B. National Emergency Medical Services Week

[National Emergency Medical Services Week](#) 

[National EMS Week 2026.pdf](#) 

C. National Public Works Week

[National Public Works Week](#) 

[National Public Works Week 2026.pdf](#) 

D. Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month

[Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month](#) 

[Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month 2026.pdf](#) 

3. 9:25 a.m. - MAIN AGENDA

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – Commissioners of St. Mary’s County Approve Bond Resolution, Set Rates, and Approve the FY2027 Operating and Capital Budgets

[Agenda Item Detail- Budget Final.docx](#) 

[05.19.26 Memo Budget Approval.pdf](#) 

[Bond 2025 Resolution projects.pdf](#) 

[Resolution 2025-02 CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 

[Resolution 2026-12 for 2025 Bond Proceeds signed by Bond Counsel.pdf](#) 

[00 Final FY2027 Package.pdf](#) 

[FY27 St. Mary's County Budget Book page CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[2026-12 Realignment of Bond Proceeds Series 20250 CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 

[2026-13 FY 27 Levying Tax and Fees CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#)  [2026-14 2027St. Mary's County Budget CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 

Motion 1: I move to approve the Resolution 2026-12 to realign bond funds for the Chopticon High School Multi-Systemic Renovation and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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 Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 4-1

Motion 2: I move to approve the fees and charges included in the public hearing.

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

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

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 4-1

Motion 3: I move to approve and execute the Revenue Ordinance for FY2027, which sets the tax rates.

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

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

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 4-1

Motion 4: I move to approve and execute the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2027, which identifies appropriations and includes compensation increases for appointed employees.

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

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

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 4-1

Motion 5: I move to approve the FY2027 Budget, as set forth in the schedules and documents included in this submission, and execute the Approved Budget signature page evidencing our approval of the itemized budget.

Moved by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt

Motion Carries 4-1

4. 9:30 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. **DRAFT AGENDA FOR JUNE 2, 2026, AND JUNE 9, 2026.** There will not be a Commissioners Meeting on May 26, 2026.

[060226.docx](#) 

[060926.docx](#) 

- B. **CIRCUIT COURT** – Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Alternative Resolution Dispute (ARD) Grant Application

[Agenda Item Detail - Administrative Office of the Courts \(AOC\) Alternate Resolution Dispute \(ARD\) Grant Application](#) 

[Department Memorandum.pdf](#) 

[FY27 MACRO ADR Grant & Other Agreement Cover.pdf](#) 

[FY27 MACRO ADR Grant Application.pdf](#) 

[MD2720 ADR Program Budget.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Alternate Dispute Resolution Grant Application, MD 2709, for the Circuit Court's Civil/Non-Domestic ADR Program, and to have the Commissioner President execute 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

C. **DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - FY2027 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) (Year 2 of 3) Notification of Grant Award

[Agenda Item Detail- FY2027 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program \(RSVP\) \(Year 2 of 3\) Notification of Grant Award.docx](#) 

[2026 Program Terms and Conditions for RSVP Grants.pdf](#) 

[2026 General Grant Conditions and Terms.pdf](#) 

[BA FY27 US2710 NGA YR 2.pd](#) 

[GRANT COVER - FY27 US2710 NGA YR 2.pdf](#) 

[FY27 RSVP NGA.pdf](#) 

[FY27 EGRANTS BUDGET.pdf](#) 

[FY27 US2710 MEMO - YR 2-3 NGA.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant award as presented and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all 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

D. **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** - Chancellors Run Regional Park

Snack Bar Concession Operating Agreement

[Agenda Item Detail - Chancellors Run Regional Park Snack Bar Operating Agreement .docx](#) 

[CRRP snack bar operating agreement memo.pdf](#) 

[Operating Agreement - Concessions - 2026.05.19.docx](#) 

[Operating Agreement - Concessions - 2026 CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 


MOTION: I move to approve the Concession Operating Agreement as presented and have the Commissioner President sign all 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

Motion Carries 5-0

E. **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** - FY27 Program Open Space Annual Program

[Agenda Item Detail - FY 27 Program Open Space Annual Report and Project grant applications](#) 

[FY 27 Memo Open Space Projects.pdf](#) 

[Annual Program Booklet FY27.pdf](#) 

[St. Mary's - FY27.pdf](#) 

[POS Grant Agreement.pdf](#) 

[POS LPPRP.pdf](#) 

[POS Nicolet.pdf](#)  [Nicolet Splash.png](#) 

[POS Snow Hill Barn.pdf](#) 

[RP-1901 Snow Hill Park.pdf](#) 

[RP-2102 Park Planning Grant.pdf](#) 

[RP-2703 Rec and Facility Improvements .pdf](#) 

[POS Snow Hill Barn CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[POS LPPRP CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[POS Nicolet CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Department of Recreation and Parks FY27 Annual Program and Project grant applications through the Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space and authorize the Commissioner President to sign

all 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** - First Colony Common Area Maintenance (CAM) Assessment Increases for County Facilities
First Colony Common Area Maintenance (CAM) Assessment Increases for County Facilities

[Agenda Item Detail - First Colony CAM.051926.docx](#) 

[CSMC.mem.051926.pdf](#) 

[5.14.26 BA - RECA Funds to Support First Colony Costs.pdf](#) 

[Aggregated Memo Attachments.051926.pdf](#) 

[5.14.26 BA - RECA Funds to Support First Colony Cost CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the budget amendment requesting \$31,000 from the Commissioners Emergency Reserve to cover the increased First Colony Common Area Maintenance assessments, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

- G. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - MDOT SHA Project SM124B21 — MD 235 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, MD 246 to MD 237
Status Update and Recommended Action: MDOT SHA Project SM124B21 — MD 235 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, MD 246 to MD 237

[Agenda Item Details MD235 PSAP.051926.docx](#) 

[CSMC.mem.051926.pdf](#) 

[PSAP CSMC Briefing.051926.pdf](#) 

[PSAP Ltr 051926.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move that we authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter to MDOT Secretary Thomson as presented.

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

5. 10:30 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

6. MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Personnel and 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, Commissioner Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 5-0

A. Personnel

Present:

James R. Guy, Commissioner President

Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner

Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Dina Davis, Director, Human Resources

Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:17 a.m. - 11:26 a.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.

B. Litigation Strategy

Present:

James R. Guy, Commissioner President

Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner

Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

John Houser, Deputy County Attorney

Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:27 a.m. - 11:39 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation.

7. 10:45 a.m. - CLOSED SESSION

8. MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: I move to approve proceeding with litigation in the jurisdiction recommended by counsel, and to have the Commissioner President execute any 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

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:39 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on June 2, 2026

_____JB_____

Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator

**10. 2:00 p.m. - GARVEY SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 23630
Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD**