



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Jun 23 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

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
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 - Commissioner Alderson
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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[6.23.26 Shore United Bank Board Documents Memo.pdf](#)  [6.23.26 Shore United Bank Board Documents Agreement.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of June 9, 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

MOTION 2: I move to approve the ratification with Shore United Bank and

authorize Commissioner President to sign all 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

2. 9:05 a.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

- A. **DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 14 AND JULY 21, 2026.** There will not be a meeting of the Commissioners on June 30, 2026, or July 7, 2026.

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- B. **STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE-** FY2027 GOCCP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award

The Office of the State's Attorney proposes to accept and implement the FY27 VOCA grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCCP) to provide direct victim services on a large scale in St. Mary's County. The program will implement the continuation of the Victim Advocacy Division to support the victims of crime in St. Mary's County by improving stability and safety, providing access to necessary resources, and empowering victims to have a stronger voice in the criminal justice system.

GOCCP awarded \$496,216 in grant funding, compared to the original request of \$523,878 in grant funding. GOCCP reduced two project items- contractual services for victim's mental health and salary and fringe for the Director of Victim Advocacy position. Initially, our grant request proposed funding 40% of this position through the grant and covering the remaining 60% with county match, to mirror what was awarded in FY26. The grantors have since decreased their contribution to 30%, increasing the county funding requested by the office of the State's Attorney for this position to 70%.

This adjustment, combined with the previously calculated 30% fringe cost for all grant-funded positions, raises the total county match from \$290,254 to \$297,916. It is important to note that the original \$290,254 in county match was already included in the Office of the State's Attorney's FY27 budget request. The Office is now requesting the county cover the revised match total amount of \$297,916, an increase of \$7,662, to fully support the grant-funded positions.

As a result, the combined total of grant funding and county match is \$794,132.

The related grant application for this award was approved by the CSMC on March 3, 2026. [Agenda Item Details VOCA Grant.docx](#)  [FY27 VOCA SMC SAO Award Memo.pdf](#)  [FY27 VOCA SAO Grant Award Cover.pdf](#)  [FY27 VOCA Grant Award & Acceptance Form.pdf](#)  [FY27 VOCA Grant Award- General Conditions.pdf](#)  [FY27 VOCA Grant Award- Special Conditions.pdf](#)  [BA MD2797.pdf](#)  [Grant Award & Acceptance Form CSMC Signed.pdf](#)  [Grant Award - Special Conditions CSMC](#)

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MOTION: I move to approve the Grant Award for the FY27 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act Grant and authorize the Commissioner President to 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

- C. **DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation - FY27 Ranking.

[DED - MALPF FY2027 Rankings.pdf](#)  [MALPF - FY27 - Advanced Memo for CSMC - 062326.docx](#) 

[MALPF - FY27 - LUGM Letter to MALPF re Easement Rankings and Recommendations - JSBA - 052826.pdf](#)  [047 - MALPF - FY27 - CSMC Ranking Letter to State.pdf](#)  [MALPF Ranking letter to the State - signed.pdf](#) 

[FY2027 AP-23-01 - Approved Budget - May 2026.pdf](#) 

[MALPF - Land Evaluation and Site Assessment - LESA - Modified for Maryland.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board's recommended rankings of FY27 MALPF applications and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all 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. **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of \$61.5 million General Obligation Bonds

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[06-23-2026 MEMO Resolution Approval Bond Sale \\$60 million.pdf](#) 

[Plan of Finance Memo w Exhibit - SMCo 2026 GO Bonds - 060926v2.pdf](#) 

[2025 Borrowing Authority Letter status.pdf](#) 

[Financing Timetable - SMC0 2026 GO Bonds 040726.pdf](#) 

[2026 St. Mary's - Bond Sale Authorizing Resolution.pdf](#) 

[Bond Project List 2026.pdf](#)  [2026-17 Bond CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$61,500,000.

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

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

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Motion Carries 3-2

3. 9:30 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:46 a.m. Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 14, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator