



Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Sep 01 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - WELCOME

Present:

Commissioner Vice President Scott R. Ostrow
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Leenika Belfield-Martin, Communications Coordinator, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Not Present: Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Vice President Ostrow 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 Colvin
- B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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MOTION: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of August 25, 2026.

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

2. 9:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

- A. National Recovery Month

[National Recovery Month](#) 

[National Recovery Month 2026 Proc.pdf](#) 

B. National Suicide Prevention Month

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C. Forget Me Not Month

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D. International Underground Railroad Month

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

A. **DRAFT AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 AND SEPTEMBER 22, 2026.** There will be no Commissioners' meeting on September 8, 2026.

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B. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - FY2027 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application (RSAT) Grant - GOCPP

[Agenda Item Details - FY2027 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Application \(RSAT\) Grant - GOCPP.docx](#) 

[Sheriff's Memo FY27 RSAT.docx.pdf](#) 

[Grant Other Agreement FY27 RSAT.xlsx.pdf](#) 

[Grant Application Report FY27 RSAT US2749.pdf](#) 

[PIGF Recon and RSAT Request.pdf](#) 

[Grant Match Calculator and Provisions.pdf](#) 

[US2749Project Activity](#) 

[org capacity questionnaire CFO Signed .pdf](#) 

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

[determination-of-suitability-form.pdf](#) 

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

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

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[Grant Application Report FY27 RSAT US2749 CSMC Signed 001.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the FY2027 RSAT grant application from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$194,229 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

- C. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - FY27 Agreements from St. Mary's County Health Department for the Detention and Rehabilitation Center

[Agenda Item Details - FY27 Agreements from St. Mary's County Health Department for the Detention and Rehabilitation Center.docx](#) 

[Sheriff's Memo.pdf](#) 

[Grant and Other Cover Sheet.pdf](#) 

[MD2719 - STOP Agreement FY27.pdf](#) 

[MD2782 - MCCJTP Agreement FY27.pdf](#) 

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[MD2719 - STOP Agreement FY27 CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

[MD2782 - MCCJTP Agreement FY27 CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION 1: I move to approve the FY27 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 the Commissioner President to execute any related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

MOTION 2: I move to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$144,941.00.0

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R

Alderson Jr

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

MOTION 3: I move to approve the FY27 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 the Commissioner President to execute any related documents.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

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- D. **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** – Memorandum of Understanding with Chesapeake Bay Trust for Administration of Critical Area Fee-in-Lieu Planting Funds

[Agenda Item Details - MOU with Chesapeake Bay Trust.docx](#) 

[Memo - CSMC - Fee-in-Lieu Agreement with Chesapeake Bay Trust.pdf](#) 

[CBT Partnership Information.pdf](#) 

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[MOU - St. Mary's County and CBT CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Chesapeake Bay Trust and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

- E. **DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - FY2027 Senior Rides Program Grant Application

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[FY27 Application Memo.pdf](#) 

[FY27 Grant Application.pdf](#) 

[FY27 Grant Cover - Senior Rides.pdf](#) 

[FY27 Grant Application CSMC Signed.pdf](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the FY2027 Senior Rides Grant Application received from the Maryland Transit Administration and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

F. **DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Application

[Agenda Item Details - Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Application.docx](#) 

[Memo ORLP grant 9 1 2026 Shannon Farm.pdf](#) 

[Project AbstractSummary 2 0-V2.0.pdf](#) 

[ORLP-Application \(1\).docx](#) 

[Copy of Detailed Budget or LWCF Grants.pdf](#) 

[Shannon Farm.pdf](#) 

[9.1.26 Grant Agreement RP1905.pdf](#) 

[052 - Shannon Farm Project.docx](#) 

MOTION: I move to approve the grant application for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program application and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Yea: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr and Commissioner Eric Colvin

Nay: Commissioner Michael Hewitt and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Fails 2-2

4. **9:55 a.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME**

5. **MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: I move to enter into closed session to discuss Litigation Strategy.

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

Yea: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr, Commissioner Michael Hewitt,

Commissioner Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner President James Guy

Motion Carries 4-0

A. LITIGATION STRATEGY

Present:

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator

Bruce Poole, Outside Counsel

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: 10:48 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation

B. LITIGATION STRATEGY

Present:

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

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: 11:01 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation

6. 10:20 a.m. - CLOSED SESSION

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately XXX.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 15, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator