Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting - Oct 27 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldridge St., Leonardtown, MD

1. 9:00 a.m. - JOINT MEETING WITH THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - 23160 Moakley St., Leonardtown, MD 20650

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 Yingling, Deputy County Administrator

Ms. Karin Bailey, Chairman, Board of Education, District 3
Ms. Cathy Allen, Vice Chair, Board of Education, At-Large
Ms. Dorothy Andrews, Member, Board of Education, District 1
Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Tammy McCourt, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Supporting Services, St. Mary's County Public Schools
JR Beavers, Deputy Superintendent, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Dale Farrell, Chief of Staff, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Audrey Ellis, Director of Special Education, St. Mary's County Public Schools

Commissioner President Guy called the Joint Meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Board of Education to order at 9:00 am.

Following introductions and comments from Commissioner President Guy and Ms. Karin Bailey, the following items were presented: Enrollment Projections; Grow Your Own; Budget 2028/ The Blueprint of Maryland's Future/Special Education; Categorical Amendment 2027

Following closing remarks, Commissioner President Guy closed the Joint Meeting with the St. Mary's County Board of Education at 10:15 a.m.

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MOTION: I move to approve the categorical budget amendment as requested by the Board of Education.

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

Motion Carries 5-0

2. 11:00 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 Weiskoph, County Administrator
Eryn Lowe, 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 11:00 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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ESB Scholarship Fund applicants - Roster.docx ESB Scholarship Agreements - signed.pdf

MOTION 1: I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of October 20, 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 FY27 scholarship applications.

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

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

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Motion Carries 5-0

3. 11:05 a.m. - PROCLAMATIONS

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026.pdf

B. Maryland Emancipation Day

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C. World Sustainability Day

World Sustainability Day

World Sustainability Day 2026.pdf

4. MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

MOTION: I move to adjourn as Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

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

Yea: Commissioner President James Guy, Commissioner Michael Hewitt, Commissioner Eric Colvin, and Commissioner Scott Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr

Motion Carries 4-0

5. 11:20 a.m. - ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. St. Mary's County Board of Health

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Present: Dr Meenakshi G. Brewster, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Dr. Brewster discussed Seasonal and Situational Updates; A Community Impact Snapshot; Strategic Updates; and Upcoming Community Events.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN AS ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

MOTION: I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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

7. 12:05 p.m. - PRESENTATION

A. **TRI COUNTY COUNCIL WORKFORCE DISCUSSION**

CSMC Agenda Item Template Workforce One-Pager update - background.docx Southern_Maryland_WIOA_RFP_Board_Awareness Final 2026.pptx

Present: Ruthy Davis, Director, Regional Workforce and Business Development

8. 12:20 p.m. - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. **DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2026, AND DECEMBER 1, 2026.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 3, November 10 and November 24, 2026.

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B. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** – SFY27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Grant Award - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Program –**Part 1**

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MOTION 1: I move to approve the SFY27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Grant Award - RSAT Part 1 from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

MOTION 2: I move to approve the related budget amendment.

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

C. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - SF27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Award - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Grant Program - Part 2

SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SFY27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Award - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT) Grant Program - Part 2 Signed - Sheriff's Memo FY27 RSAT Part 2 US2751.pdf Signed - Grant Other Agreement FY27 RSAT 2 US2751.pdf Signed - BA - RSAT 2 US2751.pdf RSAT P 2 - AwardPacketAuthorizedOfficial_GeneratedPresident Guy RSAT 2023-0003.pdf RSAT Part 2 - AwardPacketProjectDirector_GeneratedSheriff Hall - RSAT 2023-0003.pdf

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MOTION 1: I move to approve the SFY27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Grant Award - RSAT Part 2 (US2751) from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on the behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, 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 Scott Ostrow

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 related budget amendment.

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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

The State's Attorney's Office is requesting to change vacant Forensic Scientist (Position # 00600, Grade 9) position title and description of duties to Paralegal (Position # 10181, Grade 9). STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- Position Conversion State's Attorney memo.pdf

MOTION: I move to approve the change of the vacant Forensic Scientist position within the State's Attorney's Office to a Paralegal position.

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 HUMAN RESOURCES** - FAMLI Authorized Officer Designation

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CSMC Memo - FAMLI Authorized Officer Designation.docx

MOTION: I move to authorize the Director of Human Resources to serve as the County's Authorized Officer for purposes of the Maryland FAMLI program.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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. **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Proposed Reorganization of Risk Management

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Memo - Proposed Reorg of Risk Management - 2026.10.27.pdf

County Attorney Organizational Structure - Current.pdf

County Attorney Organizational Structure - Proposed.pdf

Budget Amendment - Risk Mgmt - New Division 2026.10.17.pdf

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MOTION 1: I move to approve the organizational realignment transferring the position of Risk Specialist from the Department of Human Resources to the Office of the County Attorney.

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

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 budget amendment transferring the existing Risk Management budget from the Department of Human Resources to the Office of the County Attorney and authorize Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

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 AGING & HUMAN SERVICES** - St. Mary's County Department of Social Services - Local Management Board/Circles, USA

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MOTION 1: I move to accept the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services Intergovernmental Agency Agreement on behalf of the Local Management Board and to approve the allocation of an additional $45,250 to the Circles SMC Poverty Alleviation System, bringing the total funding to $120,250, including the existing balance of $75,000 from Governor's Office for Children (GOC).

Moved by: Commissioner Eric Colvin; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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 budget amendment and realign the project award.

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

H. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION -** Agreement with Patuxent Partnership (TPP) to Receive Part 2 of the State Bond Bill Grant Award for the Jet-A Fuel Storage Tank at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport

To approve the MOU between the State of Maryland, The Patuxent Partnership, and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to receive Part Two of the Bond Bill for the installation of the Jet-A fuel tank at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport.New MOU with Patuxent Partnership (TPP) to receive Part 2 of the State Bond Bill Grant Award 24-418 at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport, Jet-A fuel storage CSMC.memo.102726.pdf Fact Sheet Aviation Fuel Farm St Marys Airport.pdf 2025 Laws of Md Ch.603.pdf MOA - Patuxent Partnership Airport Fuel Capacity Expansion.pdf

MOA - Patuxent Partnership Airport Fuel Capacity Ex CSMC Signed.pdf

MOTION: I move to approve the MOA between The Patuxent Partnership and the

Commissioners of St. Mary's County and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

I. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION** – FDR Boulevard Phase 3B

Subject: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION – FDR Boulevard Phase 3B; Acceptance into the County Highway Maintenance System and Adoption of Traffic and Bicycle Lane Ordinances

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Resolution -Road Acceptance FDR BOULEVARD 3B.pdf

Ordinance Speed and Stop Signs FDR BOULEVARD 3B.pdf

Ordinance - Bicycle lanes FDR Boulevard 3B.pdf

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2026-26 Establish Speed FDR Blvd 3B -CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf

2026-25 Accept FDR Blvd into County HMS 3B -CSMC Signed and Recorded.pdf

MOTION 1: I move to approve and adopt the Resolution to Accept FDR Boulevard into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System, from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road, effective November 5, 2026.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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 and adopt the Ordinance to Regulate Speed and Establish Stop and Traffic Signal-Controlled Intersections on FDR Boulevard, from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road, effective November 5, 2026.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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 3: I move to approve and adopt the Ordinance to Establish Bicycle Lanes on FDR Boulevard, from Buck Hewitt Road to Pegg Road, effective November 5, 2026.

Moved by: Commissioner Michael Hewitt; seconded by: Commissioner Scott Ostrow

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. 1:00 p.m. - COMMISSIONERS TIME

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

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m. Minutes were approved by the Commissioners on November 17, 2026.

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Julie Burch, Senior Administrative Coordinator

11. 2:00 p.m. - MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES ANNUAL VISIT

Members present
Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Eryn Lowe, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Maryland Association of Counties Representatives
MC Keegan-Ayer, MACo President, Frederick County Council Member
Michael Sanderson, MACo Executive Director

Commissioner President Randy Guy called the meeting with the Maryland Association of Counties to order at 2:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

MACo President MC Keegan-Ayer thanked the St. Mary's County Commissioners for having them and Commissioner President Guy's partnership in MACo. MACo Executive Director, Michael Sanderson, discussed policy and fiscal issues from the FY27 Legislative Session and for the upcoming FY28 Legislative Session.

Commissioner President Guy thanked MC Keegan-Ayer and Michael Sanderson for coming.

A. 2026 MACo County Road Trip

2026 MACo County Road Trip Packet - Revised.pdf