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St. Mary's County Enhances Transparency with Launch of New Digital Platform for Accessing Meeting Documents

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government (SMCG) has launched a new digital governance platform to enhance public access to meeting documents and strengthen transparency in local government operations.

The County has transitioned its online meeting document system from the previous *BoardDocs* platform to the modernized *Diligent* platform, which serves as a critical access point for residents to review agendas, minutes, and supporting materials for Boards, Commissions, and Committees — including the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, St. Mary's County Planning Commission, St. Mary's County Board of Appeals, and more.

The upgraded system introduces a next-generation interface that is ADA-compliant, user-friendly, and optimized for both desktop and mobile devices. Residents can now enjoy faster search capabilities and improved mobile downloads of meeting materials, making it easier than ever to stay informed and engaged in county business.

The platform is available to the public and serves as a comprehensive online library of official meeting documents. Community members can access it directly from the County's homepage at www.stmaryscountymd.gov by clicking the "*Board Documents*" button.

This transition represents an important step forward in the County's ongoing commitment to transparency, accessibility, and public understanding of local government decision-making.

For more information on SMCG programs and operations, visit: www.stmaryscountymd.gov or follow St. Mary's County Government on Facebook, X, and Instagram for regular updates.

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