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March 31, 2026, 4:30 p.m.

March 31 Commissioner Meeting Rollup
Public Hearing Scheduled for Recommended County Budget

LEONARDTOWN, MD – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) began their [business meeting](#) with an invocation and the pledge, followed by approval of the consent agenda.

The CSMC then presented proclamations in recognition of [Fair Housing Month](#), [Maryland Flood Awareness Month](#), [National Public Health Week](#), [National Healthcare Decisions Day](#), and [Work Zone Safety & Roadside Awareness Month](#).

The Commissioners then presented commendations to [Raymond Pilger](#) and [Randy Miedzinski](#) in honor of their retirements.

For their [main agenda](#) item, **the Commissioners approved the FY2027 Recommended Budget** and authorized the annual [Budget Public Hearing](#) to take place on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, to include the proposed St. Mary's County fee and charges increase and the proposed increase to the Bay District Volunteer Fire Department Tax rate to 0.056.

The CSMC then received an [update on MedStar St. Mary's Hospital](#) from Dr. Mimi Novello, President and Chief Medical Officer.

During County Administrator Time, the CSMC took the following action:

- [Reviewed](#) future CSMC meeting agendas.
- [Approved](#) the Courtroom Equipment Grant for the Circuit Court.
- [Approved](#) three (3) agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (SMCSO) Detention & Rehabilitation Center:
 - FY2026 Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership grant.
 - FY2026 Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment grant.
 - FY2025 Day Reporting grant extension.
- [Approved](#) the FY2027 Performance Incentive Grant Fund Application for SMCSO.
- [Approved](#) the multi-year Memorandum of Understanding between SMCSO and the Friends Research Institute for participation in a Study for individuals re-entering the community from jail.
- [Approved](#) the supplemental agreement with the State Highway Administration to complete the design of the Cornfield Harbor Bridge replacement.

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County Administrator time continued:

- [Approved](#) the proposed amendments to the Construction & Operation and Lease agreements between the YMCA of the Chesapeake and the CSMC.
- [Authorized](#) a correction to Ordinance 2026-05.

The Commissioners then received a [legislative update](#) from the Office of the County Attorney.

CSMC wrapped their business meeting with [Commissioner Time](#).

There will be no CSMC Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

On **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, the Commissioners will host a **Joint Meeting** with the St. Mary's County **Board of Education at 9 a.m.**, followed by their **regular business meeting at 10:45 a.m.** Both meetings will take place in the CSMC Meeting Room, on the 1st floor of the Chesapeake Building, located at 41770 Baldrige Street in Leonardtown. CSMC decisions and related documents are available on the SMCG website, by clicking **Board Documents** from the [home page](#). Meetings are open to the public and can be viewed live on TV Channel 95 or at www.youtube.com/@StMarysCoGov.

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