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October 27, 2026 Commissioner Meeting Rollup

LEONARDTOWN, MD – October 30, 2026 – The Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) began their business day Oct. 27 with a [joint meeting](#) with the St. Mary's County Board of Education to discuss student enrollment projections, the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and opportunities to strengthen the local teaching workforce.

The discussion included the Maryland State Department of Education's Grow Your Own Grant program, which offers school systems an opportunity to provide paraprofessionals with a pathway to becoming licensed teachers at no cost to employees.

Following the joint meeting, the CSMC reconvened for their regular [business meeting](#), beginning with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by approval of the consent agenda. As a part of the [consent agenda](#), the CSMC approved the FY27 scholarship applications.

The CSMC presented proclamations in recognition of [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#), [Maryland Emancipation Day](#), and [World Sustainability Day](#).

Serving as the Board of Health, the Commissioners received a [presentation](#) from St. Mary's County Health Officer Dr. Meena Brewster.

The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland also [presented](#) a briefing on the Southern Maryland Workforce Development Board.

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

- [Reviewed](#) future CSMC meeting agendas.
- [Approved](#) parts 1 and 2 of the SFY27 Jail-Based MOUD Program Grant award – Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program and the related budget amendments.
- [Approved](#) converting a vacant forensic scientist position within the State's Attorney's Office to a paralegal position.

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- [Authorized](#) the director of Human Resources to serve as the county's authorized officer for the Maryland Family and Medical Leave Insurance program.
- [Approved](#) transferring the position of risk specialist and existing Risk Management budget to the Office of the County Attorney.
- [Accepted](#) the St. Mary's County Department of Social Services Intergovernmental Agency agreement and approved the related budget amendment to realign the project award.
- [Approved](#) the Memorandum of Agreement between The Patuxent Partnership and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.
- [Adopted](#) the several measures related to the newly completed section of FDR Boulevard between Buck Hewitt Road and Pegg Road. These included accepting the roadway into the county's highway maintenance system, establishing traffic regulations and designating bicycle lanes along the corridor.

The Commissioners concluded their business meeting with [Commissioner Time](#) and reconvened that afternoon for their annual meeting with the [Maryland Association of Counties](#).

The CSMC will not meet on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026, or Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026. The next CSMC Meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the CSMC Meeting Room, on the first floor of the Chesapeake Building, located at 41770 Baldrige St. 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 SMCG TV Channel 95 or at www.youtube.com/@StMarysCoGov.

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