

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 18, 2025)
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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 Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, 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 9:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of March 11, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATION

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Agriculture Day
- B. National Social Work Month
- C. Problem Gambling Awareness Month

3. STATE OF THE COLLEGE

A. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

Present: Dr. Yolanda Wilson, President, College of Southern Maryland
Kee Abell, Trustee
Addie McKay, Student

Dr. Wilson discussed enrollment, graduation rates, and the Pillars of Success: Access, Momentum, and Mobility. A video depicting the college students' success and their accomplishments this past year was shown. Addie McKay, a Student, spoke about her journey as

a college student and how the College of Southern Maryland provides a pathway to achieving her goals for the future.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for Public Hearing - Disposition of Surplus County-Owned Real Property

I move to approve a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the disposition of surplus county-owned real property on the morning of April 8, 2025, at a time to be determined by staff.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 25 and APRIL 1, 2025.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY26 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Application

I move to approve the FY26 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act Grant application and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Snow Hill Manor/Dixon Easement

I move to approve the Snow Hill Manor Entrance easement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Thomas and Kathleen Dixon and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Release from Agriculture County Tax Credit Agreement for Property Owner

I move to approve the release of Janet M. Butterfield from the Agriculture Land Property Tax Credit Program and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Authorization to Award Asphalt Overlay CY2025

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Asphalt Overlay Services Contract for Calendar Year 2025 to HOLCIM-MAR Inc, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance of Contract-related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Request for Re-Aligning FY25 Budget

MOTION 1: I move to approve the budget amendment reducing the Emergency Support Reserve account in the amount of \$50,000, and increasing the Animal Services division accounts and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to approve the budget amendment reducing the EMA division - Lease Payment account in the amount of \$11,813, and increasing the Animal Services division Medical account and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 3: I move to approve the request to increase the hourly rate for the Veterinarian Salary starting in FY25 to \$97.00 per hour and increase the FY26 hourly budget by \$15,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Houser, Deputy County Attorney

The following items were discussed:

HB 561 / SB 623 - St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond

HB 490 - St. Mary's County - Competitive Bidding – Threshold

HB 460 - St. Mary's County - Vehicle Laws - Prohibition on Roadway Solicitations

HB 864/SB 620 - St. Mary's County – Judgeships – Circuit Courts

HB 93 / SB 234 - Housing and Community Development - Homeless Shelter Certification Program – Establishment

HB 1036 / SB 931 - Public Utilities - Generating Stations - Generation and Siting (Renewable Energy Certainty Act)

HB 1364 / SB 894 - Office of Social Equity - Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund – Modifications

SB 342 - Voting Rights Act of 2025 - Counties and Municipalities

SB 666 - Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding

Local Bond Initiatives filed by the Delegation

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 25, 2025.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Review Proposed Budget for State Agencies, Non-Profit Grants, and Final Balancing for the Recommended Budget

Present: Vanetta VanCleave, Chief Financial Officer

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance

MOTION 1: I move to take the requested tax increases for Leonardtown Rescue Squad and Hollywood Rescue Squad to the Budget Public Hearing on April 22, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to forward the Capital Investment Plan to the Budget Public Hearing on April 22, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow