

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 17, 2018)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Bonnie Gray, Recorder

Absent: Commissioner Tom Jarboe

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:03 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 July 10, 2018, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation was presented for the 11th Anniversary of the Buy Local Challenge and to declare the week of July 21, 2018 through July 29, 2018 as Maryland Buy Local week in St. Mary's County.

3. RECOGNITION

A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Recognition for Great Mills High School Incident Response

Present: Steve Walker, Director

The Commissioners presented the St. Mary's County Emergency Services Communications Center with a Proclamation for meritorious service to the community in response to the Great Mills High School incident.

The following Emergency Services Personnel were presented Commendations for exemplary and meritorious service for responding to the Great Mills High School incident in a professional and efficient manner:

Gerald Gardiner, Emergency Manager
Daniel Busl, Communications Specialist
Chris Miller, Communications Specialist
Brandy Guy, Communications Supervisor / On Duty Supervisor
MaryAnn Gardiner, Office Manager
Mark Pettit, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator

Also recognized but unable to attend were:

Cristie Daymude, Communications Specialist
Billy Yost, Communications Specialist
Dennis Wolcott, Communications Supervisor
Victoria Henson, Communications Specialist
Tommy Fairfax, Communications Specialist
Scott Raley, Technical Services Coordinator
Mike Miedzinski, Communications Specialist
Larry Miedzinski, Senior Radio Technician
Kelly Crosby, Communications Specialist
Keira Rice, Communications Specialist
Jerry Caton, Radio Technician
Jenny Cameron, Communications Specialist
James Clem, Communications Specialist
Michelle Thrasher, Communications Specialist
Kevin Dyson, Communications Specialist
Rhonda Thompson, Communications Specialist

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 24 AND 31, 2018.

B. TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL - Southern Maryland Regional Agriculture Center (SMADC) Briefing

Present: John F. Hartline, Executive Director, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCC)

Shelby Watson-Hampton, Director, Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission (SMADC)
Craig Sewell, SMADC Livestock & Marketing Specialist

A presentation on the Southern Maryland Agriculture Development Commission's proposed Regional Agriculture Center was provided. Bids for the project will open after presentations are provided to all five Southern Maryland Counties.

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Pretrial Services Program Grant FY2019

I move to approve the grant application for the Pretrial Services Program Grant FY2019 from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$89,052 and authorize the Sheriff's Office staff to submit electronically consistent with the document reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the hard copy of said Grant Application subsequent of the electronic filing.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's County Regional Airport - Real Property Acquisition

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the purchase agreements as presented by staff for the acquisition of avigation easements as required by the St. Mary's County Regional Airport Master Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Website\Facebook Demonstration

Present: Bob Kelly, Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology
Tony Jones, Communications Director
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Recreation and Parks

An overview of the County's Website and Social Media resources available to provide citizens information on County Government operations, programs and projects was presented.

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week, mentioned upcoming events in the community, and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

I move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, Acting County Attorney
Jeannette Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Brandon Hayden, Procurement Manager
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:30 a.m -10:40 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, Acting County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:40 a.m -10:43 a.m.
Location: John Savich Meeting Room
Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

A. I move to approve the settlement offer from A Morton Thomas and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Morgan, O'Connor
Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

B. I concur with the Maryland Department of Human Services selection of the new Director of Social Services for St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 31, 2018.

BG
Bonnie Gray, Senior Admin. Coordinator

8. PUBLIC FORUM

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Tony Jones, Communications Director

Bonnie Gray, Recorder

Absent: Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Absent: Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:31 p.m. Tony Jones, Communications Director, provided the format for the meeting and called on the first speaker.

Public comments given by:

Mary Dryden, 22322 Cedar Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Mark Pinkel, 44026 W. Leola Court, Hollywood, MD 20636

Paul Bennett, 24805 Iron Horse Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636

Joyce Rullapaugh, 45604 Catalina Lane, California, MD 20619

Eric Colvin, P. O. Box 489, Valley Lee, MD 20692

Commissioner President Guy closed the public forum at 6:55 p.m.

9. ADJOURN