

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 25, 2018)**  
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**Members present**

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

**1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:04 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 September 18, 2018, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**2. RECOGNITION**

**A. RECOGNITION** - Allen Settle, Department of Public Works and Transportation

**Present:** Allen Settle, Department of Public Works & Transportation

John Deatrick, Director, Department of Public Works & Transportation

A Commendation was presented to Allen Settle in recognition of receiving the 2018 County Engineer Association of Maryland (CEAM) Large Project Award of Merit (2nd Place) for the FDR Boulevard (Phase 1A and 1B) project.

### **3. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Fifteenth Amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan**

**Present:** Catherine Pratson, Director of Human Resources  
Major Merican, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office

I move to approve the 15th Amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan incorporating a Deferred Retirement Option Program into the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan effective January 1, 2019

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

#### **B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Ethics Ordinance Updates**

**Present:** David Weiskopf, Acting County Attorney  
David Willenborg, Ethics Commission Chair

I move to approve and forward the Draft Ethics Ordinance as voted on by the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission to the State Ethics Commission for review.

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

### **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 2 AND 16, 2018. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on October 9, 2018.**

#### **B. OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - State Department of Human Services Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement US1911**

I move to approve the FY2019 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Project US1911, from the Maryland Department of Human Services on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office, Child Support Division in the amount of \$705,627 and the budget amendment that adjusts the account amounts to the Award and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sex Offender Registration Reimbursement**

I move to approve the Sex Offender Registration Reimbursement Grant, Project MD1946, from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$22,400 for reimbursement of sex offender registration activities and authorize the Sheriff to execute the related grant form, and I move to approve the related budget amendment to decrease the project budget and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

**D. BOARD OF EDUCATION - Budget Adjustment Safety & Security Initiatives FY2019**

I move to approve the FY2019 budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,182,000 as presented by St. Mary's County Public Schools, in the Safety & Security Initiatives Plan, and approve the County budget amendment transferring \$1,000,000 of authority into the appropriate accounts to implement the Safety & Security Initiatives, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

**E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Airport Manager Designation**

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter to the Maryland Aviation Administration designating Allison Swint as the Airport Manager for the St. Mary's County Regional Airport under the operating license with the State of Maryland.

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Lighthouse Commons GP#07-03 Bond Claim**

I move that the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners authorize the Commissioner President to sign the attached letter to declare the developer in default and call the bond to complete the project.

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

**G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Claim Proceedings - Lighthouse Commons Subdivision, Phase One Permit/Public Works Agreement Bond**

I move that the St. Mary's County Board of Commissioners authorize the Commissioner President to sign the attached letter to declare the developer in default and call the bond to complete the project.

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

**H. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Budget Amendment for 457(b) Surrender Charges**

Commissioner President Guy and Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt recused themselves from this item.

I move to approve the budget amendment appropriating \$33,147 from the Commissioners Reserve to reimburse surrender charges incurred during employee initiated fund transfers from Valic to Voya within the first 90 days following Voya Plan adoption date, and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor  
Not Present at Vote: Commissioners Guy and Hewitt

**I. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Acceptance of the FY2020 Budget Calendar**

I move that we accept the FY2020 Budget Calendar as presented and direct staff to circulate the instructions and schedule the meetings based on this calendar.

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

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

**J. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Website / DPW Projects  
Facebook Pages**

**Present:** Bob Kelly, Chief Information Officer  
John Deatruck, Director, Department of Public Works & Transportation

A presentation was provided on the enhanced County website which allows citizens to easily access information.

**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 Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. LITIGATION**

Postponed

**B. LITIGATION**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, 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: 10:10 a.m. - 10:48 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

### **C. LITIGATION**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, 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: 10:49 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

### **D. LITIGATION**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Tom Jarboe, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, 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: 10:56 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential litigation.

### **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 2, 2018.

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Bonnie Gray, Senior Admin. Coordinator

**8. OUTSIDE EVENT - STATE OF THE COUNTY LUNCHEON, BAY DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT, 46900 SOUTH SHANGRI LA DRIVE, LEXINGTON PARK, MD**

The Commissioners attended the State of the County Luncheon.

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Members Present**

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

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:34 p.m. Tony Jones, Communications Director, provided the format for the meeting and called on the first speaker.

**Public comments given by:**

Rosa Hance, 45547 Stoney Run Drive, Great Mills, MD 20634

There were no others wishing to speak, so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 6:42 p.m.