

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 7, 2020)  
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via Teleconferencing)  
Dr. Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

**1. WELCOME**

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 24, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**2. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

I move to adjourn as Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

A. COVID-19 - Public Health Order

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, St. Mary's Health Officer

Dr. Brewster provided an update on COVID-19 noting that the virus can be transmitted from person to person before a person shows signs of the symptoms. She recommended people stay at home, especially those in the high-risk category; wear face coverings if you must go

out; and, self-isolate if you become ill. Dr. Brewster acknowledged the incredible efforts of medical health care workers, law enforcement personnel and first responders who are in the public everyday putting themselves at risk. She then signed a Public Health Order for non-congregate shelters that directs St. Mary's County Government to locate and reserve non-congregate shelters for vulnerable persons in need of shelter or quarantine from the general public to protect their health or the health of others.

**B. COVID-19 - Local State of Emergency Resolution**

I move to adopt and sign the Local State of Emergency Resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. COVID-19 - Request Public Hearing for Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance**

I move to hold a public hearing on April 21, 2020 at 9:15 AM and to suspend the administrative rules in Resolution 2016-06 for this public hearing only, as they pertain to public notice, leaving the record open seven days after the public hearing and for waiting until after seven days to place the matter back on the Commissioners' agenda for a decision.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. COVID-19 - Request Emergency Funding - Emergency Services**

I move to approve the budget amendment allocating \$850,380 in funding to be used for COVID-19 response under Project OT2020, Emergency Event - Coronavirus, and to authorize delegated authority to the Director of Emergency Services to approve future expenditures for COVID-19 related expenses and authorize Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AS BOARD OF HEALTH**

I move to adjourn as St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR APRIL 21, 2020.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on April 14, 2020.

**B. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Courthouse Security Equipment Grant**

I move to approve the Court House Security Equipment Grant Award, Project MD2036, from the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, for courthouse security improvements in the amount of \$207,661.95, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Pandemic Response Policy Revision**

I move to approve the revised Pandemic Response Policy and approve Differential Pay to eligible employees retroactive to April 1, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2021 Notice of Funding Availability Community Partnership Agreement**

I move to approve the FY2021 Notice of Funding Availability Community Partnership Agreement FY21, project MD2160, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, and 88, from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$473,718 State Funds and \$1,102 County Funds to allow providers to assist children, family, youth and young adults, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents; and authorize Departmental Staff to submit the grant application documents electronically for the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Availability grants from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children in the amount of \$473,718, consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the BOCC.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Authorization to Award Patuxent Park Revitalization Project Phase V Construction**

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Patuxent Park Revitalization Project - Phase V Construction, to Locust Lane Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$3,629,690.32, subject to receipt and verification of Contract related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - Acceptance of Dusty Lane and Morgan Court of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision, into the County Roadway Network

I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Dusty Lane and Morgan Court of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision, into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for Dusty Lane and Morgan Court of the Sunset Ridge Subdivision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - (NFWF) National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Pre-Proposal through the online EasyGrants Portal)

I move to authorize DPW&T to proceed with the online pre-proposal submittal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation regarding the Myrtle Point Park Shoreline Stabilization Project.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners encouraged citizens to remain vigilant and follow established guidelines during the COVID-19 virus epidemic.

#### **5. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 21, 2020.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant