

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 22, 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 Webex)  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

**1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of September 15, 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. PRESENTATION**

**A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY FAIR**

**Present:** John Richards, President, St. Mary's County Fair Association, Inc.

Mr. Richards stated that, although the annual County Fair was canceled Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can still get Fair Food this weekend by stopping by the fairgrounds Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Food vendors who normally participate at the fair will be hosting the St. Mary's County Fair Food Festival. He also advised citizens that the 4-H livestock auction will be held at Flat Iron Farm in Great Mills on September 26, 2020, at 5:00 pm.

**3. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Request for Public Hearing - Disposition of surplus real property

I move to approve the request to hold a morning public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on the disposition of surplus real property known as the "Alleyway" adjacent to South Coral Place and Tulagi Place in Lexington Park, MD.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Request for Public Hearing- Community Development Block Grant Agreement- Emergency Rental Assistance-COVID-19 Round-2**

I move to hold a morning public hearing in accordance with CBDG guidelines on Sept. 29th authorizing the CDBG Emergency Rental Assistance Program related to COVID 19 and to suspend the administrative rules in Resolution 2016-06 for this public hearing only, as they pertain to 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, therefore, to vote on the application immediately following the public hearing on September 29th.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**4. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Presentation of 2021 Legislative Proposals**

**Present:** David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Thirteen legislative proposals were presented to the Commissioners for their review and consideration.

1. To request to amend of Chapter 27-11 of Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – Percentage limitation for certain evidences of indebtedness; exceptions (requested by Commissioner Morgan).
2. To request to amend of 113-6 of Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – Bonds; authorized, restriction, issue (requested by Commissioner Morgan).
3. To request authority to issue public facility bonds (requested by the Department of Finance, CFO).
4. To request authority for St. Mary's County to enact a Building Excise Tax by amending §20 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

5. To repeal Chapter 138(F) of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – to remove the October 1, 2024 termination date of the Property Transfer Tax.
6. To amend §20-405 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
7. To repeal the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act located in §§9-501 - 9-516 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
8. To amend §10-402 of the Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to allow St. Mary's County Animal Control Officers to wear body cameras.
9. To amend §29-106(b)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to include sexual orientation and gender identity within the protected classes of people under the Miscellaneous Powers and Duties of the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission.
10. To amend the local gaming provisions for St. Mary's County located in §13-2101, §13-2103, §13-2105, §13-2106, §13-2107 and §13-2115 of the Criminal Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to create a Bingo Licensing Permit Review Committee.
11. To amend §20-104.3 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to exempt Golf Carts from Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements on Old Horse Landing Road in Mechanicsville.
12. To request a Bond Bill in the amount of \$750,000 to assist with the water management pond/ dam repair/reconstruction at the Breton Bay Golf and Country Club.
13. To amend §28 of the Alcohol Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to add section 404 to allow On-Site Consumption Permits for a Class 1 Distillery.

## **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 6, 2020.**

### **B. BOARD OF EDUCATION - FY2022 - F2027 State Capital Improvements Program**

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for the FY2022 - FY2027 State Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Board of Education on September 9, 2020 to be submitted to the Interagency Commission on School Construction, in accordance with state procedures.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - GOCCP FY2021 Police Recruitment & Retention Grant Award**

I move to approve the FY2021 Police Recruitment and Retention Grant Award, Project#MD2175, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$10,000, along with the related budget amendment to establish budget authority in the grant project, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2020 GOCCP Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program**

I move to approve the FY2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Application, project US2126, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention Youth and Victim Services, in the amount of \$41,000, to purchase a robot to assist in the sanitization of our facility in efforts to keep our employees and community healthy, and authorize the Commissioner President and the Sheriff to execute the related documents and for staff to submit all electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FFY2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT**

I move to approve the FFY2020 Sub-Recipient Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant, Project US2120, from the Department of Homeland Security Grant, on behalf of Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$ 111,932, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Proposed Complaint Resolution**

No Vote.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 29, 2020.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator