

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, November 3, 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 October 27, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

2. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Request for Public Hearing - LOSAP Benefit Change

I move to schedule a public hearing in the evening in consideration of amending the St. Mary's County Code by incorporating COVID19 impact for calendar year 2020 to award 25 points to all volunteers who earned 50 LOSAP points in 2019 in person or via Webex.

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

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - Disposition of county-owned surplus real property

I move we put Tulagi Place and South Coral Place Right of Way up for auction on the county steps.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Update

MOTION 1: I move to amend our request for amendment of §20 of the Local Government Article to give St. Mary's County the authority to enact a building excise tax and to set dates to phase in the excise tax, terminate the development impact fee, and to grandfather citizens who have applied for a building permit and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 2: I move to amend our request for amendment of 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 authorize the Commissioners to appoint a "Commissioners' Designee" to govern bingo activities and to issue bingo permits and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3: I move to amend our request for amendment of §21-104.3 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to authorize the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to designate on which roads golf carts are exempt from motor vehicle registration requirements in St. Mary's County and to authorize the establishment of rules and regulations governing the operation of golf carts on roads located in St. Mary's County and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 4: I move to request amendment of §12-108 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to exempt Volunteer Fire Departments and Volunteer Rescue Squads in St. Mary's County from paying Recordation Tax and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 5: I move to support the legislation entitled Education – St. Mary's County – Prohibition of Tobacco Products in Schools and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2020. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 10, 2020.

B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - Capital Project Grant Agreement with MD BPW and The Newtowne Players, Inc.

I move to approve the \$100,000 Capital Project Grant Agreement with the State of Maryland Board of Public Works and The Newtowne Players, Inc. for the renovation of the Three Notch Theater located in Lexington Park in a county-owned building, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Resolution to Designate Snow emergency Routes

I move to approve the Resolution to designate snow emergency routes, provide for its implementation and authorize Commissioner President sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Emergency Operation Plan - Snow Removal & Ice Control

Present: John Deatrick, Director
Rick Tarr, Manager, Highway Division

An update to the Snow Removal & Ice Control Operational Plan and its relationship to the Emergency Management Plan was presented.

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COVID -19 MD Restaurant Relief Grant

I move to approve the grant agreement with the State of Maryland to accept \$779,674 for the purpose of establishing a COVID Restaurant Relief Grant Program and to approve the associated Budget Amendment and to have the Commissioner President sign any relevant documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Award Recommendation for Airport Runway Extension Project

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to execute the contract award, estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, to Highway and Safety Services, Inc in Gaithersburg, MD for the Airport Runway Extension Project at the St. Mary's County Regional Airport, subject to receipt and acceptance of contract related documents.

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

Motion Carries

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

A. DAY TO SERVE MOTION

I move to extend the 2020 Day to Serve Resolution providing employees with 4 paid hours for volunteer community service from October 10, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Investment of Public Funds.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Finance Officer
Chad Wilson, Investment Director and Co-Founder, HighTower Fiduciary Plan

Advisor
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(11) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:12 a.m. - 12:22 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Investment of Public Funds

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve the Investment Management Consultant contract award to Marquette Associates for a four(4) year base term contract with (2) additional four (4) year options renewable by mutual agreement on the anniversary date of the contract award date, with a potential for 12 years in total; with authorization for the C. F. O./Procurement Officer and Board member Jeannett Cudmore to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:27 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 17, 2020

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator