

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 5, 2021)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy (Via WebEx)
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan (Via WebEx)
Commissioner John E O'Connor (Via WebEx)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

1. WELCOME

Commissioner Colvin 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 December 15, 2020, as presented.

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

2. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision -
Amendments to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan and the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan, and Resolution for connection to the expanded St. Clements Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant

I move to approve the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan and the Resolution to allow Sewer Service in the Sewer Service Area of the Expanded St. Clements Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related 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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Disposition of surplus county-owned real property

Commissioner Colvin opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:12 a.m.

Present: David A. Weiskopf, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *Southern Maryland News (formerly the Enterprise)* on December 18 and December 25, 2020.

The public hearing was held to receive comments from the public on the disposition of county-owned surplus real property on Old Rolling Road, California, Maryland.

Commissioner Colvin requested Dr. Bridgett provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment. No public comment was given. Dr. Bridgett closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. The public hearing closed approximately at 9:17 a.m.

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Transfer of surplus county-owned real property(South Coral Place/Tulagi Place Alleyway) to a nonprofit corporation

Commissioner Colvin opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:22 a.m.

Present: David A. Weiskopf, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *Southern Maryland News (formerly the Enterprise)* on December 18 and December 25, 2020.

The public hearing was held to receive comments from the public on the transfer of South Coral Place/Tulagi Place alleyway to BDVFD, a non-profit corporation.

Commissioner Colvin requested Dr. Bridgett provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Keith Fairfax, 46516 Walnut Court, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Linda Palchinski, 21779A Tulagi Place, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Dr. Bridgett closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. The public hearing closed approximately at 9:31 a.m.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 12 AND 26, 2020. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on January 19, 2021.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2021 School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Award

I move to approve the FY2021 School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Grant award, project MD2115, from the Maryland Center for School Safety, passed through the Maryland State Department of Education, in the amount of \$210,231 excluding County funds, and approve the related budget amendment to increase grant funding and realign County funding to the Law accounts, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically, consistent with the documents reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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 - Budget Amendment related to FFY2021 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement

I move to approve the budget amendment related to the fully executed Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for FFY2021, Project US2117, from the Maryland Department of Human Services for Child Support Enforcement, which includes increasing the grant funding to \$494,703 and realigns the additional County Funding needed from within the Sheriff's budget to bring the total County Funding in the grant to \$300,356 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related 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

D. DEPT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Southern Maryland Continuum of Care Grant Agreement and Award for Homeless Individuals

I move to accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 Southern Maryland Continuum of Care grant award and grant agreement on behalf of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for a \$200,000 total grant award; approve the budget amendment to set up the new project; execute the sub-recipient agreement with Three Oaks Center and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Restaurant and Hotel Relief Grant

I move to approve the parameters for the Restaurant Relief Fund and the Hotel Relief Fund programs; the Restaurant Relief Fund II Grant Agreement and the Hotel Relief Grant Agreement with the State of Maryland, when received, provided it meets financial and legal requirements; approve the Budget Amendments for the Restaurant and Hotel Relief Fund grant monies; and have the Commissioner President sign the grant agreements and any related 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 - CARES Grant 1st Addendum

I move to approve the CARES funding 1st Addendum to Federal Funding Certificate & Agreement with the State of Maryland, approve the CARES spending plan, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related 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

G. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - 2021 Redistricting Board Resolution

I move to approve and authorize the Resolution establishing the Redistricting Board and authorizing the appointment of members thereto.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Policy Manual Updates

I move to approve updates to the St. Mary's County Manual of Personnel Policies and Procedures as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner President James R. Guy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Stephen Michael, Chief Medical Officer, Medstar St. Mary's Hospital

Dr. Brewster discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 3,797 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 83 COVID-19 related deaths. Thirty-six percent of county residents have been tested. There are COVID-19 outbreaks at two long term care facilities. COVID 19 Vaccination data has been added to the data dashboard on the Health Department's Website. She explained the vaccine supply, phases to administer the vaccine to citizens and that the National Pharmacy Partnership (CVS/Walgreens) will assist with vaccinations. Dr. Michaels discussed the Medstar St. Mary's Hospitals' preparation and operation during the COVID 19 pandemic and advises that to date 700 Healthcare workers have been vaccinated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner President James R. Guy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President (Via Webex)
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner (Via Webex)
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner (Via Webex)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:00 p.m. - 12:06 p.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

Purpose: Boards and Commissions Appointments

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on January 12, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. PUBLIC HEARING

Members present
Commissioner President James R. Guy (Via WebEx)
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan (Via WebEx)
Commissioner John E. O'Connor (Via WebEx)
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director

A. PUBLIC HEARING - OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Authority Having Jurisdiction – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing

Commissioner Colvin opened the Public Hearing at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Present: David A. Weiskopf, County Attorney
Steve Walker, Director, Department of Emergency Services

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *Southern Maryland News (formerly the Enterprise)* on December 18 and December 25, 2020.

The public hearing was held to receive comments from the public on the legislative proposal entitled- Authority Having Jurisdiction – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing for the purpose of EMS Transport Service Billing and reimbursement services.

Commissioner Colvin requested Dr. Bridgett provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment. No public comment was given. Dr. Bridgett closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. The public hearing closed approximately at 6:12 p.m.