

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 2, 2021)
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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, Public Information Office

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 10:32 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 January 26, 2021, 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

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 Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

During the Board of Health meeting, Dr. Brewster administered vaccinations to the Commissioners that were present and Dan Burris, Mayor of Leonardtown. She then provided statics for the current Covid-19 vaccinations in St. Mary's County. Ten percent (12,071) of St.

Mary's Population has been vaccinated. In the 75 and over age group 45.6 % and in the 65 - 74 age group 30 % have received their first Covid-19 vaccination dosage.

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 Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. African American History Month
- B. Dating Violence Prevention Month
- C. Transit Equity Day

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to the Solar Task Force Temporary Moratorium on Utility-Scale Solar Projects

I move to approve a morning public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed amendment to adopt a temporary moratorium on the reviewing and approving of new applications for utility-scale solar projects.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to change the Critical Area Overlay from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to intensely Developed Area (IDA) for the Real Food Studio Project

I move to approve a morning public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed amendment to change the Critical Area Overlay from Resource Conservation Area (RCA) to Intensely Developed Area (IDA) for the Real Food Studio Project, 41566 Medleys Neck Road, Leonardtown MD 20650.

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 LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to the Official Zoning Maps of St. Mary's County to delete the existing 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line and replace with the new Critical Area Boundary line from the Statewide Base Map as required by HB 1253

I move to approve a morning public hearing for public comments on the proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Maps to delete the existing 1000-foot Critical Area Boundary line and replace with the new Critical Area Boundary line from the Statewide Base Map as required by HB 1253 and to mail a notice to all the effective persons so that they will know that a public hearing is taking place regarding this issue.

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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to support HB 612/SB 496 – Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Entrepreneurs and Families (Relief) Act 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 oppose HB 472 - Agriculture - Use of Glyphosate – Prohibition and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition 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 oppose HB 151 - Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition 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 Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, John E. O'Connor
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Guy

MOTION 4: I move that we request an amendment to HB 862 - St. Mary's County and Metropolitan Commission- Dept Limitations to further clarify that the 3.15 % limit of indebtedness be split as follows: Metcom at 1.15% and St. Mary's County 2% and authorize the Commissioner President to sign a letter to Delegate Clark.

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 5: I move to oppose the 9-1-1- Board – Procurement Reform bill and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition on this bill to the House and Senate Committees for 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

MOTION 6: I move to oppose SB 245 - Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Requirements and Prohibitions - and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on this bill.

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

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 9 and 23, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 16, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - College of Southern Maryland Wellness & Aquatics Center Leonardtown Campus

I move to direct the Recreation and Parks Director to work with College of Southern Maryland staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the terms and the roles of both St. Mary's County Government and the College of Southern Maryland regarding Recreation and Parks managing the Wellness & Aquatics Center on the Leonardtown Campus of the College of Southern Maryland.

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES -Supplemental Staffing Update

I move to authorize the Department of Emergency Services to explore a piggy-back contract option, as competitively bid, with an EMS Billing Services Provider, approved by the Department of Finance - Procurement Division, for medical transport billing, and authorize the Commission President to sign all necessary documents and agreements.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Cares Grant Reconciliation

I move to accept the CARES funding update, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Redistricting Board Appointments

I move to approve sending the notification to the Governor of the Commissioners intent to suspend the legal deadline of appointing a Redistricting Board by March 1, 2021, with a new date of July 1, 2021.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:27 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 9, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator