

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 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

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 9:03 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 February 23, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - 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

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:07 a.m.

Present: Bill Hunt, Director

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Southern Maryland News* on February 19 and February 26, 2021.

A public hearing was held to receive public comments on the proposed amendment to update the Official Zoning Maps of St. Mary's County to correct inaccuracies in the original hand-drawn maps; incorporate changes that have occurred to the shoreline and wetlands, and to meet the requirements of House Bill 1253.

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

Public comments given by:

Sharon Drury, 16405 Fisherman Way, Ridge, MD

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 9:30 a.m.

MOTION: I move that the Board of Commissioners direct our staff to write a letter to the Critical Area Commission requesting clarification on grandfathering of existing lots that fall into the new mapping but have an effective date of April 1, 2021

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Women's Health Month 2021
- B. National Developmental Disability Awareness Month

4. PRESENTATION

A. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION VIRTUAL RIBBON CUTTING

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Electric Charging Stations at the Leonardtown library was presented.

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION #1: I move to support HB 1137/SB 887 - Property Tax Credit - Business Entities - State of Emergency and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the House and Senate Committees for 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 1050 - Tax Sales - Notices - and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to the House and Senate Committees for this bill.

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 5,931 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 114 COVID-19 related deaths. She then provided an overview on sending local wastewater samples for genomic analysis to identify the local presence of COVID-19 virus variants. She also provided statics for the current COVID-19 vaccinations in St. Mary's County. Sixteen percent of St. Mary's Population has been vaccinated. Sixty-three percent of citizens in the age group of 75 and over and sixty-two percent in the 65 -74 age group have received their first vaccination; approximately forty-nine percent of citizens in the age group of 75 and over and thirty-six percent in the 65 -74 age group have received their second vaccination dosage.

Dr. Brewster was joined by members of the Equity Task Force, Mr. Chris Rockey, PNC Bank SVP; Mr. Dennis Nicholson Executive Director, Housing Authority; Sheriff Tim Cameron; and Dr. Scott Smith, Superintendent of SMCPS, to discuss plans for a Behavioral Health Hub in Great Mills and to thank PNC Bank for donating their building for the project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE 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 Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 9 AND 16, 2021.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Safe to Learn School Overwatch Program Grant Budget Increase

I move to approve the budget amendment to increase the funding for the Safe to Learn School Overwatch Grant, Project OT2002, by the amount of \$10,987, for overtime related costs to monitor and improve safety and security measures in place at St. Mary's County Public Schools, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2022 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications for FFY2022, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$23,030, and authorize Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. FINANCE - METCOM - Maryland Water Quality Financing Loan County Resolution Approval

I move to approve County Resolution 2021-14 for St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission's Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration Loan for Federal fiscal year 2021 and State fiscal year 2023 Capital Project Financial Assistance through the Maryland Department of the Environment in the amount of \$3,687,434, in accordance with Section 113-6.A. of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Pandemic Relief Grant Funds - Maryland State Department of Education Application

I move to approve and authorize Recreation and Parks to submit the online application for Child Care Pandemic Relief Grant Funds through the Maryland State Department of Education for the purpose of financially supporting the all day School Age Care program that operates at the Hollywood Recreation Center.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - LOSAP 2020 Benefit Certification

Commissioner Hewitt recused himself for this agenda item.

I move to approve and to certify the eligibility lists of individuals qualifying for the 2020 Length of Service Awards / LOSAP service credit and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President James R. Guy, Commissioner Eric Colvin, Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:53 am.

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

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. BUDGET WORK SESSION

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2022 Budget Work Session Follow-up and Operating
- Board of Education**

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director of Finance

I move we reimburse Recordation Taxes, in the amount of \$215,816, to the various departments as described on page 25.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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