

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 13, 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
David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy 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 contains the Minutes of June 22, 2021, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Park and Recreation Month

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 20 AND 27, 2021.

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement - Circuit Court Child Support Enforcement US2227 Application

I move to approve the application for the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for a one year period from the Maryland Department of Human Resources on behalf of the Circuit Court for Child Support Enforcement in the amount of \$13,675 for FY2022 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Agreement with College of Southern Maryland - Paramedic Clinical Experience training

I move to approve the agreement between Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the College of Southern Maryland for the purpose of providing Paramedic students with actual clinical experience required for certificates and have Commissioner President sign any 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 EMERGENCY SERVICES - Memorandum of Understanding between Emergency Services & St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Advanced Life Support Unit for the purpose of sharing EMS resources in the delivery of service to our community and to have Commissioner President sign any related documents.

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

Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee By-Laws

I move to approve the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee By-laws in accordance with Resolution 2006-35 and 2017-42, and authorize Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

F. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - Early Voting Centers

I move to approve submitting a written request to the St. Mary's County Board of Elections for the purposes of establishing a third early voting center for St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approve Budget Amendment to Roll Project in the FIN22 Capital Reserve

I move to approve the Budget Amendment closing FIN21 Capital Reserve, rolling to the FIN22 Capital Reserve and authorize the Commissioner President to 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

H. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Grant Requests

Present: Jeannett Cudmore

Ms. Cudmore reviewed requests, from departments, for \$36.5 million of the American Rescue Grant. Department Directors, Sheriff's Office, METCOM and St. Mary's County Health Department presented their priority requests for the Commissioners consideration.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster reviewed COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website noting that the current COVID rate of infection is low; however there are concerns over the new Delta Variant which appears to be more contagious. She reported that fifty-three percent of St. Mary's County citizens have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. She also provided a list of current COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites.

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation.

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. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator

Catherine Pratson, Acting County Administrator

John Deatrick, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 12:42 p.m. - 12:46 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss potential Litigation

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator

Catherine Pratson, Acting 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: 12:46 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider appointments to Boards and Commissions

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 20, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator

ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move we have our County Attorney proceed with Litigation as discussed in Executive Session earlier today.

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - LOSAP 2021 Benefit Change

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 6:33 p.m.

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director

Notice of the public hearing was published on the St. Mary's County website, in the *County Times* and in the *Southern Maryland News*.

The proposed Ordinance would amend the LOSAP point award process for calendar year 2021 by providing the award of 4 LOSAP points each month a volunteer can demonstrate a reasonable restriction on participation during the pandemic response, through July 1, 2021, the end of the state of emergency.

Commissioner President Guy requested Mr. Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

No public comments were given.

Mr. Weiskopf noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Hearing at approximately at 6:40 p.m.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:47 p.m. and requested Mr. Weiskopf provide the format for the meeting.

Public comments given by:

Ellyne Davis, 20832 Waterside Drive, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Brandon Smith, 46093 Saltmarsh Court, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Richard Ammema, 27078 Oxley Drive, Mechanicsville, MD 20650
Eva Taylor, 22441 Cornwall Drive, California, MD 20619
Dorothy Andrews, Callaway, MD
Ronald Verbos, 18792 McKays Beach Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Dorothy Waters, Valley Lee, MD
Troy Cowan, Lexington Park, MD

Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 7:17 p.m.