

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 24, 2021)
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Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan (via Zoom)
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Not Present:

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

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 August 17, 2021, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Child Support Awareness Month
- B. Women's Equality Day

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Alice Allen for her retirement.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 14, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on September 7, 2021.

B. UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND AT SOUTHERN MARYLAND (USMSM) - BRIEF

Present: Joe Anderson, President USMSM Board of Advisors
Dr. Jay Perman, Chancellor, USM (via video presentation)
Dr. Eileen Abel, Director, USMSM
Matt Scassero, UMD UAS Test Site

Mr. Anderson and his colleagues provided an update on the successful merger with the University System of Maryland; the progress being made on the new “SMART” building; the expansion of their mission and introduced the new Director, Dr. Eileen Abel, who described the vision for future of USMSM.

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Continuation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Program for FY2022

I move to approve the Letter Confirming the Continuation of the FY2021 School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Program for FY2022, project MD2215, from the Maryland Center for School Safety in the amount of \$211,566 excluding County funds, and authorize Commissioner President to execute the related documents and staff to submit all electronically.

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

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for FY2021

I move to approve the Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for FY2021, from the Department of Justice and Department of Treasury, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and Sheriff's Office staff to submit electronically.

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

E. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Semi Annual BRIEF

Present: Michael Blackwell, Director

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of Library operations noting they are back to normal operating hours. He also discussed a new Maryland law known as SB 431, “Public Libraries - Electronic Literary Product Licenses – Access” that requires a publisher who offers to license an electronic literary product to the public to also offer to license the electronic literary product to

public libraries in the State on reasonable terms. This Bill ensures increased access to eBooks and audiobooks in Maryland.

F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Grant Agreement for Online/Telework Relief Funds from the State of Maryland under the Federal American Recovery Act

I move to approve the Budget Amendment reducing the Appropriation Reserves by \$94,874 and the Modification to Grant Agreement to accept \$94,874 from the State of Maryland under the Federal American Recovery Act for Online Sales and Telework Grants and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - 911 Board Grant Submission

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services to submit a grant request to the 911 Board to fund the 911 Center Manager Certification Training Program for \$30,000 and authorize Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - DNR Grant Application - Waterway Improvement Fund (WWIF) for St. George Creek Maintenance Dredge

I move to approve the DNR Waterway Improvement Grant request in the amount of \$540,000 from the Maryland DNR Center for Waterway Improvement for the St. George Creek Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredge and authorize the Commissioner President to electronically sign all related documents.

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

