

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 31, 2021)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Absent

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor

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 contains the Minutes of August 24, 2021, as presented.

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Suicide Prevention Month
- B. National Recovery Month

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 Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

3. ST. MARYS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer
Dr. Stephen Michaels, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Dr. Brewster reviewed COVID-19 data and discussed the high rate of transmission in the county at this time. Dr. Michaels discussed the impact of COVID-19 at Medstar St. Mary's Hospital; the long-term impact on the health care system; and the importance of becoming vaccinated to help stop the spread the virus. Dr. Brewster concluded discussing the COVID-19 booster doses and the upcoming opening of the mass vaccination site at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

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

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for a Public Hearing - Repeal Ordinance 2021-15 Moratorium on utility scale solar projects

I move to schedule a morning Public Hearing to Repeal Ordinance 2021-15.

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

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 14 AND 21, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on September 7, 2021.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Maryland Department of Human Services- Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement US2211

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to execute the FY2022 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Project US2211, from the Maryland Department of Human Services on behalf of the State's Attorney's Office, Child Support Division in the amount of \$815,745 and

also move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related Budget Amendment to revise the budget in accordance with the agreement.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - ST. MARY'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Loan Application Package

I move to approve the Metropolitan Commission's request to submit a loan application for the funding of prior approved Capital Improvement Project through the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), in the amount of \$10,389,122 plus cost of issuance and Administrative Fees, in accordance with Section 113-30.2.C of the Code of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Lease Agreement- Commissioners of St. Mary's County and College of Southern Maryland - Wellness and Aquatics on Leonardtown Campus Center

I move to approve the lease agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the College of Southern Maryland which designates the Wellness and Aquatics Center on the Leonardtown Campus as a fitness, aquatics and recreation center managed by the St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks Department; and approve the Fee Schedule and Budget Amendment and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Reorganization

I move to approve the transfer of the Fire and EMS Recruiting Coordinator to the Department of Emergency Services with the re-organization, as proposed, and the related budget amendment to realign accounts in Emergency Services Support Fund and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

6. 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 Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Bruce Poole, Esq., The Poole Law Group (Via Teleconference)
Kathy Poole, The Poole Law Group (Via Teleconference)
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:12 a.m. - 11:37 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for Litigation.

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move that we give authority to our Opioid Attorney to vote by proxy for St. Mary's County in the Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy Restructuring Plan.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:41 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 14, 2021.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator