

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 19, 2021)**

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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

**Not Present:** Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 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 October 5, 2021, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. White Cane Day
- B. Red Ribbon Week - Young Marines
- C. Red Ribbon Week - Health Department
- D. Economic Development Week

**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, Morgan, O'Connor

### **3. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **A. BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

Topics discussed were: the high COVID-19 transmission rate in the County; percentage of residents vaccinated in the County; post COVID-19 conditions; COVID-19 Booster eligibility; the tentative plans for the rollout of the Vaccine Clinic for the 5–11-year-old group; and, the importance of receiving the regular Flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. Also discussed was the impact COVID-19 has had on MedStar St. Mary's Hospital.

#### **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 John E. O'Connor.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

### **4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - DECISION - Repeal of Moratorium on Utility-Scale Solar Projects**

I move to repeal Ordinance 2021-15, repealing the moratorium on utility-scale solar projects in St. Mary's County.

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

#### **B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - DECISION - Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP) Amendment Property on Tap**

I move to approve the Resolution to amend the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan by designating 1.84 acres (Proposed Lot 2) of 2.03 acres at 37281 Carpenter Lane, Charlotte Hall, in the 5th Election District, Tax Map 4, Grid 4, Parcel 281, service area map III-4, to water category W - 3D and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - Request for Public Hearing - To repeal and reenact the St. Marys County Electrical Codes Ordinance

I move to approve the Department of Land Use and Growth Management to schedule a morning public hearing to repeal and reenact the St. Marys County Electrical Codes Ordinance.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 2, 2021.**

**B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION** - Request approval of FY2022 categorical budget adjustment

I move to approve the Board of Education's request of a FY2022 categorical budget adjustment for the assignment of fund balance in the amount of \$4,501,136, the interfund transfer of \$2,512,987 from operating to CIP, and the \$200,000 of state funding from the School Safety Grant and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - Establish "No Parking" along the County Roads of the South Woods Estate Subdivision

I move to approve the Ordinance to establish "no parking" along the County Roads of the South Woods Estate Subdivision and also to approve a no parking prohibited sign at the entrance as well and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION** - Newtowne Neck Road Transfer to DNR

I move to approve the letter of support for the transfer of Newtowne Neck Road to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - MD 9-1-1 BOARD / NENA Center Manager Certification Program**

I move to approve the 9-1-1 Board additional grant funding and approve the budget amendment increasing the 911 Board Grant by \$30,000 and decreasing the Appropriation Reserves, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES- State of Maryland Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-1) Application for Supplemental Funds**

I move to authorize the submittal of a letter of interest, budget, and related documentation for an additional \$2,000,000 in U.S. Treasury funds to supplement the ERAP-1 Program and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2022 Senior Center Operating Funds (SCOF) - Online Fitness - Notice of Grant Award**

I move to approve the FY2022 Senior Center Operating Fund (SCOF)-Online Fitness - Notice of Grant Award from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$16,265 to continue online fitness classes and to purchase outdoor patio furniture for Garvey Senior Activity Center and the related budget amendment to establish budget authority, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**H. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - OAA Supplemental Nutrition - US2134 - Notice of Grant Award**

I move to approve the Supplemental Nutrition Notice of Grant Award, project #US2134, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$40,832, the budget amendment to establish budget authority to support additional nutrition activities authorized by the Older Americans Act, and authorize Commissioner President to execute related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**I. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2021 Title III/VII/NSIP Older Americans Act - Second Notice of Grant Award**

I move to approve the Title III/VII/NSIP Older Americans Act second Notice of Grant Award from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$396,955, the attached budget amendments and authorize the Commissioner President to execute related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**J. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Maryland Department of Aging FY2022 Area Plan Update Application**

I move to approve the FY2022 Area Plan Update Application for the Federal Title III Older Americans Act grant and the state grant allocations from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount \$396,955 federal grants, \$79,138 state grants, \$38,990 required county match, \$51,057 additional county match, \$45,000 donations for a total of \$611,140 to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Award Recommendation for FDR Blvd Phase 3A**

I move to authorize the Procurement officer to execute the Contract Award for FDR Boulevard Phase 3A to the Great Mills Trading Post Company, Inc, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to the receipt and acceptance of Contract related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Award Recommendation for SMCSO HQ Design**

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the SMCSO Evidence Storage and Headquarters Facility Design project to Morgan Design Group, Architects, in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million to complete the project, subject to receipt and acceptance of contract related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**M. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approval of Resolutions for the realignment of 2020 bond proceeds**

I move to approve and execute the Resolution, supplementing Resolution 2020-05, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County by designating additional projects authorized to be financed with the proceeds from the sale of such bonds.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**N. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Realign and Close out Projects to FIN22 Capital Reserve**

I move to approve the related Budget Amendments realigning the various CIP Projects increasing the FIN22 Capital Reserve by \$1,152,682 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related Budget Amendments.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**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 John E. O'Connor.

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. LITIGATION**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
Bruce Poole, Esq., 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: 11:50 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.  
Location: Commissioners Meeting Room  
Purpose: To discuss strategy for Litigation.

### **B. MOTION IN OPEN SESSION**

I make a motion to approve staff to draft a letter regarding opioid distribution funds, for the Commissioner President to sign, to the Attorney General, Comptroller, Governor, Treasurer and all Maryland Counties.

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

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:26 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 26, 2021

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JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **9. PUBLIC FORUM**

**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Commissioner John E. O'Connor

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Forum at 6:32 p.m. and requested Dr. Bridgett provide the format for the meeting.

**Public comments given by:**

Ellyne Brice-Davis, 20832 Waterside Drive, Leonardtown, MD

Dorothy Andrews, Callway, MD

Melinda Brown, 39808 Claires Drive, Mechanicsville, MD

Linda Thomas, 46852 Flower Drive, Lexington Park, MD

Troy Cowan, 21411 South Essex Drive, Lexington Park, MD

Joan Sullivan-Cowan, 21411 South Essex Drive, Lexington Park, MD

Laura Diaduk, 18225 Shipwreck Way, Dameron, MD

Diane Harris, 27710 Persimmon Lane, Mechanicsville, MD

Jane Tucker, 41760 Dos Santos Way, Mechanicsville, MD

Jennifer Tomechko, 43241 Riverwinds Dr, Leonardtown, MD

John Wallace, 3261 Old Washington Road, Suite 2020

Margaret Abraham, 42001 White Point Beach Road, Leonardtown, MD

Marisa Morgenworth, P.O. Box 1706, California, MD

Robert Augusta, 21634 Point Lookout Road, Ridge, MD

Richard Worden, 47272 Shelby Leigh Court, Lexington Park, MD

Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 7:24 p.m.