

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 26, 2021)

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1. ENCROACHMENT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND COMMANDING OFFICER, NAS PATUXENT RIVER (VIA ZOOM)

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
John Deatrick, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks
Bill Hunt, Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Chris Kaselemis, Director, Department of Economic Development

CAPT Brabazon, Commanding Officer, NAS
CAPT Kingsley, Executive Officer, NAS
Patrick Gordon, Public Affairs Officer
Helen Emory, Installation Program Integrator
Jeff Sias, N9 Director
Sabrina Hecht, Community Planning Liaison Officer

Commissioner President Guy opened the Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention Meeting with the Commanding Officer and Representatives of NAS Patuxent River at 9:03 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Following the opening remarks and introductions by Commissioner President Guy and Captain Brabazon, the following presentations were provided: Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA); Recreational Collaboration; Comprehensive Plan Update; Aeropark Innovation District; and Mattapany Rural Legacy Expansion Project

2. ADJOURN

Following closing remarks by Commissioner President Guy and Captain Barbazon, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Litigation, Real Property, and Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. REAL PROPERTY

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:16 a.m.-10:18 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss possibility of County acquiring real property

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 10:18 a.m. - 10:29 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider condemnation of properties

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:30 a.m.-10:38 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the salary of a member of a public agency or employee

D. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human resources

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:38 a.m.-10:53 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment of a member of a public agency or employee

4. ADJOURN

Commissioner President Guy adjourned Closed Session at 10:53 a.m.

5. WELCOME

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

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 1:02 p.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 19, 2021, as presented.

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. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 2 AND NOVEMBER 16, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 9, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS- Cooperative Wildlife Management Agreements for Myrtle Point Park

I move to approve the Deer and Waterfowl Cooperative Wildlife Management Agreements between the county and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Animal Shelter Manager Mid Year Position Request

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services mid year request to hire 1 FTE - Animal Shelter Manager position, effective January 1, 2022, 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, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - EMS Staffing Update

Present: Steve Walker, Director

An update on the supplemental staffing for various Rescue Squads in St. Mary's County and EMS Billing was provided.

E. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - 2021 Employee Satisfaction Survey Results

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director

An overview of the 2021 Employee Satisfaction Survey was presented.

7. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 2021 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION TOUR

Present:

Maryland State Delegate Matthew Morgan

Gretchen Hardman, Southern Maryland Representative, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Department of Transportation Personnel:

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Sean Powell, Deputy Secretary of Operations and Homeland Security

Dan Janousek, Regional Planner

Pilar Helm, Director, Office of Government Affairs

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Ashish Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

Katie McEvoy, Chief of Staff

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Travis Johnston, Director LOTS

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Kimberly Tran, Acting District 5 Engineer

Maurice Agostino, Acting Deputy Administrator of Planning, Engineering, Real Estate and Environment

Andre Futrell, Deputy Administrator of District Operations

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Melissa Williams, Director of Capital Planning

Deputy Transportation Secretary Powell provided an overview of the 6-year Consolidated Transportation Plan. Projects specific to St. Mary's included MD 5, Point Lookout Road (reconstruct the MD 5 intersection at Abell Street/Moakley Street); MD 5, Point Lookout Road (upgrading MD 5 from MD 471 Indian Bridge Road to MD 246 Great Mills Road); MD 5, Point Lookout Road (upgrading MD 5 from Camp Brown Road to Lake Conoy Causeway).

Other topics of discussion were the Harry Nice Middleton Bridge project; MVA branch offices appointment-only and online services; and all-electronic and cashless tolls throughout Maryland.

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:34 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 2, 2021.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator