

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 22, 2022)**  
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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, Interm 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 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of March 15, 2022, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION**

I move to request that the Planning Commission, review, hear, consider, draft and make recommendations to the County Commissioners to approve or disapprove the adoption of an ordinance to amend the text of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance regarding future medical Cannabis growing facilities, process facilities, and dispensaries.

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

**2. PROCLAMATION**

A proclamation was presented for National Agricultural Day.

**3. MAIN AGENDA**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Final Decision - Proposed Resolution to Establish the St. Mary's County Police Accountability Board and St. Mary's County Charging Committee

I move to adopt the Resolution with discussed amendments to establish the St. Mary's County Police Accountability Board and St. Mary's County Administrative Charging Committee and execute all 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

#### **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

##### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5, 2022.**

##### **B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Acceptance of roads into the County Roadway Network**

**MOTION 1:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept the extension of Woodside Court and all of Festoon Court into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for that road of Laurel Preserve South - Minor Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION 2:** I move to adopt the Resolution to accept the extension of Lilliflora Drive and all of Sweetbay Street into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for those roads of Magnolia Park Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

##### **C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE**

**Present:** Chris Kaslami, Director  
Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director

An update was provided on the following projects: Business Attraction and Workforce, Aeropark Innovation District, Agricultural Initiatives, Teck Resource Book, Updated Strategic Plan, Sustainable Communities, and Development Process Improvements. Three videos titled "Work to Play 20 Away" promoting St. Mary's County to attract workers and businesses was presented.

**D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Governor's Office for Children (GOC) FY2023 Notice of Base Funding Availability - Local Management Board**

I move to approve the FY2023 Community Partnership Agreement Notice of Funding Availability Application ( NOFA) from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$450,451 in State Funds, and \$1,102 County Funds to allow providers to assist children, families, youth and young adults, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2023 Senior Rides Program Grant Application**

I move to approve the FY2023 Senior Rides Grant Application, Project #MD2305, from the Maryland Department of Transportation: Maryland Transit Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$35,652 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, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

**F. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Health Department Event Sponsorship**

I move to approve allocating \$15,000 from the balance of the COVID project OT2020 as a one-time expense to support the Health Department COVID-19 Partner Appreciation Event.

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

**5. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates**

**MOTION 1:** I move to oppose SB 842 – Criminal Procedure – Petition to Modify or Reduce Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act). and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

No Vote

**MOTION 2:** I move to support HB 268 - Property Tax - Exemptions for Business Personal Property – Alterations and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION 3:** I move to support SB 632 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program – Workgroup and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support to house and senate committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, 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 Real Property and Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. REAL PROPERTY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

James Gotsch, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation

Gary Whipple, Deputy Director, Facility Capital Project

David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:15 a.m. - 11:42 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property.

## **B. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:43 a.m. - 11:53 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency.

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:53 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 29, 2022.

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JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **9. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Review Proposed Budget for State Agencies, Nonprofit Grants, and Final Balancing for the Recommended Budget

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer  
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director