

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 17, 2022)**

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### **Members present**

Commissioner Vice President Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
David Weiskopf, Interm County Administrator  
ALisa Casa, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Absent: Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Vice President Morgan 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 May 10, 2022, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

## **2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Public Works Week
- B. National Emergency Medical Services 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 Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

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

## **A. BOARD OF HEALTH**

**Present:** Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster presented updated Covid-19 data. She discussed the rate of transmission in the county and provided information on Covid-19 testing and vaccination sites. She emphasized the importance of citizens getting their vaccination boosters and wearing a mask in Health Care, Congregate living settings, indoor crowded public settings, and when among high-risk citizens.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN AS 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 John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

## **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 24 AND JUNE 7, 2022.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on May 31, 2022.

**B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2023 Heroin Coordinator Grant Application from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services**

I move to approve the grant application for the FY2023 Heroin Coordinator Program, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in the amount of \$57,912 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE-GOCPYVS FY2023 Police Recruitment and Retention Grant Application**

I move to approve the grant application for the FY2023 Police Recruitment and Retention, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services in the amount of \$62,234 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit them electronically.

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

**D. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Project Feasibility Study Request for up to \$25,000 St. Mary's County Match

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign a commitment letter of financial support for \$15,000 for the Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Project to be allocated from the Commissioners Emergency Reserve.

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS-** Snow Hill Park Master Plan BRIEF

**Present:** Arthur Shepherd, Director  
Kyle Mundy, Project Manager, A. Morton Thomas

An overview of the Snow Hill Master Plan was presented.

**F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** - Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the Country Lakes Homeowners Association

I move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the county and the Country Lakes Homeowners Association, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

**G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of \$30 million General Obligation Bonds

I move to approve and execute the Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30 million to fund previously approved capital projects as described in the resolution 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 Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

## **H. MOTION TO CHANGE NAME OF NORTH COUNTY FARMERS MARKET**

I move to adopt a name change for the North County Farmers Market to The Barns at New Market as requested by the Department of Economic Development.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

## **5. 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 John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. REAL PROPERTY**

Present: Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 11:03 a.m. - 11:29 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

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

## **7. RECESS**

## **8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT** - Public Hearing -  
To amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to delete Section 51.3.122.a.(3) Private, Non-commercial swimming pools as accessory uses, in order to allow a property owner to apply for a Critical Area Variance to construct a private, non-commercial, swimming pool in the Critical Area Buffer.

Commissioner Vice President Morgan opened the public hearing at 11:32 a.m.

**Present:** Bill Hunt, Director

Notice of the public hearing was published on April 29 and May 6, 2022, in Southern Maryland New Newspaper. This public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to allow Private Non-commercial swimming pools in the Critical Area Buffer.

Commissioner Vice President Morgan requested Mr. Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment. No Public comments were given.

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner Vice President Morgan closed the public hearing at approximately 11:42 a.m.

### **MOTION TO RE-ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

I move to re-enter into Closed Session to discuss Real Property and Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

### **B. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrators  
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: 11:44 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss salary reclassification.

### **9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m.  
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 24, 2022.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy (via Zoom)  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office  
Absent: Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

**10. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**MOTION FROM CLOSES SESSION**

I move to approve position reclassification for the Senior Human Resources Specialist/Benefits and for the Senior Human Resources Specialist/Risk from grade 5 to grade 6 effective immediately.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2023 Budget work session to seek final direction**

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

**11. ADJOURN**