

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 13, 2022)**  
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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin  
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director

**Absent:** Commissioner Michael Hewitt

**1. HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE/RECEPTION**, Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St.,  
Leonardtown, MD

The Commissioners hosted an Open House for citizens and employees in the lobby of the Chesapeake Building.

**2. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Colvin stated he wanted to amend the Consent Agenda, to include a Letter of Support for the Southern Maryland RC&D's Golden Beach Shoreline Protection and Beach restoration Project application to the Chesapeake and Coastal Grants through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes of December 6, 2022, along with this letter.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**3. COMMENDATIONS**

- A. Clifford Fuller Retirement
- B. James Lacey Retirement

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

**A. DRAFT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 10.** There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on December 22 and 27, 2022 or January 3, 2023.

**B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2023 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Grant Award**

I move to approve the budget amendment relative to the FY2023 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) grant award, project MD2330, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related document which will increase the project revenue by \$370,391.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Commissioner Ostrow

**C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2024 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) Application - Part I**

I move to approve the grant submission for the FY2024 State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) program, from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - St. Mary's County Public Schools Budget Amendment MBMS Bladder Tank Replacement**

I move to approve the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approve the budget amendments as approved by the Board of Education on November 30, 2022, moving \$221,650 from three (3) existing capital improvement projects to fund the emergency replacement of bladder tanks at Margaret Brent Middle School, and sign related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Scott R. Ostrow

**E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Friends of the Library Lease**

I move to approve the Lease Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library, Inc. for continued use of existing space in the Leonardtown Armory and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - STS FY23 Capital Grant Award**

I move to approve the FY2023 Capital Grant Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Maryland Department of Transportation/Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT/MTA) for the St. Mary's Transit System (STS) programs in the amount of \$489,810; authorize the DPW&T Director to submit the Grant Agreement electronically; approve the related budget amendments to realign Federal and Local funding and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**G. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Grant application for CONNECT MARYLAND-Office of Statewide Broadband FY2023 Connected Devices Program**

I move to approve the grant application requesting for 4,500 HP Chromebooks to be distributed with Community Partners, to grant eligible residents that cannot afford to purchase internet enabled computer equipment and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**H. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Snow Hill Open Burn Permit**

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Open Burning Permit for controlled burn of the Snow Hill Park Manor House by the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

**I. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Gymnastics Center Seventh Amendment to Lease**

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Seventh Amendment to Lease for the Gymnastics Center between the County and Pax River Village LLC.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

## **J. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Emergency Operation Plan**

I move to approve the Emergency Services Operation plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners commented on events attended over the past week and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Sheriff Steve Hall  
Assistant Sheriff Clay Stafford  
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: 10:15 a.m. - 10:21 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To consider the dismissal of a member of a public agency.

## **B. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:21 a.m. - 10:24 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To consider of discuss the assignment or appointment of a member of a public agency.

## **C. REAL PROPERTY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Arthur Shepherd, Interim Director, Dept. Recreation and Parks  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:26 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property.

## **D. REAL PROPERTY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Bill Hunt, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management  
Buffy Giddens, Assistant County Attorney  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:45 a.m. - 10:54 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To hold discussion of Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement Section 5.e.

## **MOTION IN OPEN SESSION**

I move to appoint members to the St. Mary's County Library Board of Trustees as discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:57 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sharon L. Ferris, Admin Assistant

## **8. NORTHERN SENIOR CENTER RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**, 29655 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD

The Commissioners participated in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the addition of the new fitness studio at the Northern Senior Activity Center.

## **9. JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION**, Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD

### **Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin  
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator  
Senator Jack Bailey (via ZOOM)  
Delegation Chairman Matt Morgan  
Delegate Brian Crosby

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy opened the joint meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Delegation at 6:00 p.m.

Following introductions and opening remarks, the Office of the County Attorney presented the 2023 Legislative Proposals.

**Present:** John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

The four following 2023 Legislative Proposals were presented.

**Proposal 1.** Public Facilities Bond - to request authority to issue \$56 million in public facilities bonds for the FY2024 and FY2025 budgets.

**Proposal 2.** Transfer Tax Extension of Sunset Date - to amend Chapter 138-1.F of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – to extend the October 1, 2024 termination date of the Real Property Transfer Tax until October 1, 2028.

**Proposal 3.** Gaming Events - to amend §13-2101 of the Criminal Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to add language to the definitions of “gaming device” and “gaming event”, to add a new definition of “senior activity center”, to create a new §13-2116 to allow certain gaming events to be played at senior centers in St. Mary's County.

**Proposal 4.** METCOM Text Amendment - to amend Chapter 113 of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County – to include text amendments such as to define “new facilities” and add clarifying language to Chapter 113.

Commissioner President Guy requested Mr. Weiskopf provide guidelines for the public hearing portion of the meeting.

**Public Comments for Proposal 1.**

Marcia Greenburg, 47977 Memory Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653

**Public Comments for Proposal 2.**

No Comments

**Public Comments for Proposal 3.**

No Comments

**Public Comments for Proposal 4.**

No Comments

**General Comments**

Jeff Gibson, 23545 Chickadee Circle, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Julie Randall, 19711 Teddy Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653

Brandon Russell, P.O. Box 442, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Miriam Klapka, 44620 Shallow Ford Ct., Tall Timbers, MD 20690

Janice Walthour, 20493 Partin's Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Marcia Greenberg, 47977 Memory Lane, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Joan E. Sullivan Cowan, 21411 South Essex Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Troy E. Cowan, 21411 South Essex Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Alonzo Gaskin, P.O. Box 207, Dameron, MD 20628  
Pamela Mann, 22064 Fox Ridge, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Linda Thomas, 46825 Flower Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Steve Tuttle, 23842 Myrtle Glen Way, California, MD 20619

There were no additional citizen comments therefore Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing open comment period.

Following closing remarks from the Delegates and Commissioners, Commissioner President Guy closed the joint meeting at 7:58 p.m.

## **10. ADJOURN**