

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 7, 2023)
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Members present

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Absent: Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Vice President Colvin 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

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of January 31, 2023 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Black History Month
- B. Dating Violence Prevention Month

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BRIEF

Present: Michael Blackwell, Director, St. Mary's County Public Library
Michael Dunn, President, St. Mary's County Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of Library operations which included events, programs, circulation, and visitation. The Lexington Park Library is expected to host a display by the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Smithsonian Center of Folklife and Cultural Heritage “*World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration*” in June 2025. Mr.

Blackwell also provided salary and budget comparison between St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 14 AND 28. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 21, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request approval of additional funds from School Safety Grant

I move to approve the Board of Education's request of a FY2023 categorical budget amendment for the assignment of fund balance in the amount of \$180,027 for additional funds from School Safety Grant program and authorize the Commissioner Vice President to sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space Grant Application - Property Acquisition

I move to approve the Program Open Space Acquisition Application and Project Agreement for the Trailhead Property - Three Notch Trail Phase Seven in the amount of \$511,500 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Acceptance of road into the County Roadway Network (Evergreen Park of Wildewood)

I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Juniper Street into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for this road of Evergreen Park of Wildewood and authorize the Commissioners to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to support SB 61/HB 599 - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer and to approve and authorize the Commissioner Vice President to sign letters of support to House and Senate committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to support SB 76/HB 521 - Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Public Safety Volunteers and to approve and authorize the Commissioner Vice President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

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 Personnel.
Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator for Boards and Commissions
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:37 a.m. - 11:39 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss appointment to a Board.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
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: 11:39 a.m. - 12:02 p.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of amendment of a public agency.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 14, 2023.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator