

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

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jim Gotsch, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Chris Kaslelemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Amy Carter, Videographer, Public Information Office

CAPT. Derrick Kingsley, Commanding Officer
CAPT. Douglas Burfield, Executive Officer
Alec Young, Community Planning Liaison Officer
Lance McDaniel, Environmental Director

1. JOINT MEETING OF CSMC AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER, NAS PATUXENT RIVER, MD - ENCROACHMENT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION

MEETING, Frank Knox Employment Development Center, Bldg. 2189, (just past Gate 2 on Rt 235) Lexington Park

The Commissioners met with the Commanding Officer and Representatives of NAS Patuxent River at 9:00 a.m. in the Frank Knox Employment Development Center, NAS Patuxent River for the Semi-Annual Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention Joint Meeting.

Following opening remarks by Commissioner President Guy and CAPT. Kingsley the following topics were discussed.

Mr. Young proposed lowering the speed limit to 15 MPH in two off base Military Housing Developments, (Columbia Colony and Challenger Estates). After discussion, it was agreed to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public input before a final decision is made.

Mr. Young discussed the Air Installations Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Disclosure Statement. In 1978 the AICUZ program was established to raise local government awareness of the impacts of residential growth in areas exposed to aircraft noise and the risk of crash. AICUZ boundaries can be accessed through the County's online mapping website. Currently, potential real estate buyers are provided a disclosure statement notifying of potentially being impacted by aircraft accidents and noise. Mr. Young suggested adding a disclosure statement to rental agreements within the AICUZ areas. After discussion, the County Attorney's office will review current guidelines and possibly have a public hearing to receive public comments before a decision is made.

Mr. McDaniel discussed a Plastic Bag Ban/ Reduction and suggested the county should consider either banning plastic bags or charging a fee per bag. Reducing the use of plastic bags could reduce the litter in the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waterways. No action was taken on this topic.

Mr. Kaselemis discussed the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP). DCIP is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and the military family quality of life. DCIP Projects idea presented: Base Electronic Status Board Signs on RT. 235, Mattapany Road Widening, Roundabout at FDR and First Colony, Tulagi Road Extension, Underground Water Storage for Fire Stations near WOLF, Marlay-Taylor Facility Upgrades, RT. 235 Signal Box Coordination for Evacuation, St. Mary's Regional Airport Runway Extension, YMCA. After discussion, Base Electronic Status Board Signs on RT. 235, Underground Water Storage for Fire Stations near WOLF, and RT. 235 Signal Box Coordination for Evacuation are three possible project ideas that could be eligible for submission. The proposal deadline is in July 2023.

Commissioner Hewitt suggested a land swap with the Navy at the entrance of Gate 1 behind the Naval Air Museum.

Commissioner Colvin requested additional parking at the Frank Knox Employment Development Center on March 18, 2023, to carry citizens by shuttle buses to the Cherry Blossom Festival at Lancaster Park.

2. ADJOURN AND RETURN TO CHESAPEAKE BUILDING

Members present

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

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 11:00 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 February 28, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

4. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Women's History Month
- B. National Developmental Disability Awareness Month
- C. National Social Work Month

5. COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were presented to Bob Kelly and Jackie Elder for their diligent work going above and beyond to identify and stop a cyber attack.

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 14 AND 21, 2023.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2024 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications for FFY2024, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$20,100, and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Naval Housing Speed Limit Reduction

Postponed

D. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - CareFirst Blue Cross and Blue Shield Contract Extension

I move to approve extending the Medical, Prescription, Dental and Vision contract with CareFirst Blue Cross and Blue Shield for three years, beginning July 1, 2023, with terms and conditions as presented, including the option to extend the administrative agreement to years four and five if exercised; and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Motion 1: I move to support/oppose HB 631/SB 470 - Natural Resources - Land Conservation - Establishment of Goals and Programs (Maryland the Beautiful Act) and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign Letters of Support/Opposition to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No Vote

Motion 2: I move to support HB 503/SB 923 – Natural Resources - Greenspace Equity Program - Establishment 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 R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

10. FY 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2024 Budget Work Session for Elected Officials
Budget Requests

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

11. ADJOURN