

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 14, 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
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Prior to the beginning of the regular business meeting, Commissioner President Guy introduced Sunny Squirrel as the Official Mascot for the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks.

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 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 7, 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

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for Equal Pay Day.

COMMENDATION

The Commissioners presented a commendation to Jenna Guzman.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 21 AND 28, 2022.

B. CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY - Courthouse Security Equipment Grant

I move to approve the Circuit Court Security Equipment Grant Award from the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, for courthouse security improvements in the amount of \$40,726.77 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PILOT Agreement with Cedar Lane Senior Living LLC

I move to enter into the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement with Cedar Lane Senior Living LLC and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Agreement with the Tri-County Council for Maryland Department of Commerce Rural Maryland Economic Development Funds

I move to approve the FY2023 Rural Maryland Economic Fund grant MD2357 for \$1,090,000 and enter into the grant agreement with the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES- Governor's Office for Children FY2023 Budget Modification

I move to approve the budget modification of funds from SMCPS After School Program, MD2367 for \$48,712, and increase the budget amount in SMCPS, Mentoring Program, MD2360 from \$43,501 to \$92,213; approve the sub-recipients between the County and St. Mary's County Public Schools and authorize the Commissioner President to sign related documents.

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY23 Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant Award

I move to approve the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) Grant Award, Projects #US2313, #US2318, and #US2319 from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services for funding to increase outreach efforts and enrollment of Medicare Savings Programs in the amount of \$6,657 and the related budget amendments and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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

G. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY23 Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Notification of Grant Award, project US2361, from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services, to provide outreach and education to Medicare beneficiaries in identifying, preventing, and reporting health care fraud, in the amount of \$4,024 and the related budget amendment 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

H. DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Notification of Grant Award for FY2023 Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging and Human Services the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Grant Acceptance, project US2314, from the Maryland Department of Aging to provide counseling, education, and outreach to assist Medicare beneficiaries in the amount of \$15,000 and the related budget amendment.

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

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION 1: I move to oppose SB828/HB988 – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Modifications and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 2: I move to oppose HB0349/SB0345 – Maryland Fair Scheduling Act and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition 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 Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

MOTION 3: I move to (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) HB0349/SB0345 - Maryland Fair Scheduling Act and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of (SUPPORT/OPPOSITION) to committees from hearings on these bills.

NO VOTE

MOTION 4: I move to (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) SB540/SB772 - Human Relations - Civil Rights Enforcement - Power of the Attorney General and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of (SUPPORT/OPPOSITION) to committees for hearings on these bills.

NO VOTE

MOTION 5: I move to support HB551/SB547 – Broadband Expansion Incentive Act of 2023 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 6: I move to support HB554/SB553 – Income Tax -Subtraction Modification for Military Retirement Income (Keep our Heroes Home Act) and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 7: I move to oppose HB724/SB670 – Unemployment Insurance Modernization Act of 2023 and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to committees for hearings on these bills.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 8: I move to oppose HB 1134 MD Building Performance Standards – Fossil Fuel Use and Electric-Ready Standards and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 9: I move to oppose HB 915/SB 843 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program and Climate Impact Health Coverage Program – Establishment and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition 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 Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 21, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

7. FY 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2024 Budget Work Session for County Department Budget Requests and County Compensation

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

8. ADJOURN