

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 21, 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

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 14, 2023, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Agricultural Day.

3. MAIN AGENDA

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan

I move to approve and authorize a morning public hearing to consider an amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to amend the water and sewer service categories from W-6D and S-6D (service in 6 to 10 years, developer financed) to W-3D and S-3D (service in 3 to 5 years, developer financed) for 2.00 acres described as Tax Map 34, Grid 02, Parcel 0183 in the 6th Election District, Tax ID 025390. The Property located at 23836 Mervell Dean Road, Hollywood, Maryland 20636. Amendment CWSP 22-0307 is requested to facilitate community water and sewerage services for a proposed O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 28 AND APRIL 4, 2023.

B. OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - Gun Violence Reduction Grant Application

I move to approve the Gun Violence Reduction application and have Commissioners President sign Certified Assurances Form and page 2 of OJP FORM 4061/6 CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING to allow SAO to apply for this grant and 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. OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Grant Application

I move to approve the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant application and have Commissioner President sign 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

D. OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY - Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Program Application

I move to approve the Performance Incentive Grant Fund Program Application and have Commissioners President sign Certified Assurances Form and page 2 of OJP FORM 4061/6 CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING to allow SAO to apply for this grant and 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Hazard Mitigation Plan / Adoption

I move to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and Resolution 2023-04, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Governor's Office for Children (GOC) FY24 Notice of Base Funding Availability- Local Management Board

I move to approve the FY2024 Community Partnership Agreement Notice of Funding Availability Application (NOFA) from the Maryland Governor's Office for Children on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$501,520 in State Funds, and \$1,102 County Funds to allow providers to assist children, families, youth and young adults, 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 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - STS FY24 Annual Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2024 St. Mary's Transit System Annual Transportation Grant Application to the Maryland Transit Administration in the amount of \$3,641,416 for operating and capital programs and authorize the Department Director to submit the ATP electronically, consistent with the documents reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Waterway Improvement Grant LG-1809G-22 Award Modification

I move to approve the Waterway Improvement Fund (WIF) Grant Modification LG-1809G-22, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$74,903 for the repair of Bushwood Wharf and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related Budget Amendment reducing the FIN23 Capital Reserve and increasing RP2203 and all other 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

I. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Travel, Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Program - Award

Postponed

J. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Real Property - Quit Claim Deed Transfer

I move to approve the quit claim deed transfer to BMC Enterprises, LLC of Adjusted Parcel 41, containing 48,538 square feet, and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign any related documents to finalize the transfer.

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. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION 1: I move to support HB 219 – St. Mary’s County – Golf Carts on Public Highways – Report with the amendments made by the House and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Senate committee hearing this bill.

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

MOTION 2: I move to support HB 263 – St. Mary’s County – Gaming – Senior Activity Centers with the amendments made by the House and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Senate committee hearing this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, 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 SB432 – Inheritance Tax Repeal and to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign letters of support/opposition to House and Senate committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 4: I move to support/oppose SB 540/HB 772 – Human Relations – Civil Rights Enforcement – Powers of the Attorney General 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

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 Real Property, Personnel and Legal Advice.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. REAL PROPERTY

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

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:20 a.m. - 11:33 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

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

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
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: 11:33 a.m. - 11:39 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment of a member of a public agency

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
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. - 11:52 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider salary of a member of a public agency

D. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:52 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 28 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. FY 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Review Proposed Budget for State Agencies, Nonprofit Grants, and Final Balancing for the Recommended Budget

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

MOTION: I move to have an evening public hearing on April 18, 2023, for the discussion of the Excise Tax implementation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. ADJOURN