

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, June 13, 2023)**  
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**Members present**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weifkopf, 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 9:01 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 June 6, 2023, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Ostrow

**2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Nursing Assistant Week
- B. National Homeownership Month
- C. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Recognition

**3. PRESENTATION**

**A. St. Mary's County 2023 Safety Matters Employee Awards**

The following individuals were Safety Award recipients:

- Gloria Edwards, Administrative Coordinator, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
- Joesph Goldsmith, Zoning Compliance Supervisor, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
- Crystal Haislip, Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
- John Houser, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney Office

Robert Jones, Bus Driver, Dept. of Recreation and Parks  
Rachel Pulliam, Risk Manager, County Attorney's Office

#### **4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Final approval of the Board of Education FY2024 Budget and quarterly payment

**Motion #1:** I move to approve the Board of Education's unrestricted, restricted, food services fund, and capital budgets for FY2024 at the category and fund level, including FTE positions; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and send MSDE Forms B-4 through B-10 as submitted by BOE.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Ostrow

**Motion #2:** I move that the appropriation of \$128,069,907 will be distributed to the St. Mary's County Board of Education in four equal installments over the fiscal year.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Ostrow

#### **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JUNE 27, AND JULY 18, 2023.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on July 4 or July 11, 2023.

**B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - SFY2024 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-GOCOPYVS Application

I move to approve the SFY2024 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application, project US2422, through the Governors Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in the amount of \$75,000 for surveillance equipment upgrades and authorize the Commissioner President, Sheriff, and Staff to execute the related documents and submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Ostrow

**C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS** - Child Care Providers and Employee Bonuses Grant Award

I move to approve the Child Care Providers and Employees Bonus grant award in the amount of \$9,000 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

**D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Transfer of Bond Allocation Authority**

I move to transfer both the housing and non-housing allocations of the County's portion of the 2023 Private Activity Bond authority to the appropriate State agencies and have the Commissioner President sign all 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

**6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

**MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

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

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

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

James Gotsch, Director, Dept of Public Works and Transportation

Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:08 a.m. - 10:18 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: Discuss options on property acquisition, whether purchasing or condemnation.

## **B. LITIGATION**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Mike Hewitt, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:19 a.m. - 10:39 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To discuss potential Litigation.

## **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  
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: 10:39 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To discuss Boards & Commissions Appointments

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.  
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on June 27, 2023.

JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator