

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, August 1, 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, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy 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 includes the Minutes of July 25, 2023, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Forget-Me-Not Months
- B. Child Support Awareness Month
- C. National Black Business Month
- D. National Aviation Day

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 22 AND AUGUST 29, 2023. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on August 8 and 15, 2023. The Commissioners will host a Special Meeting with the Maryland Comptroller on August 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

B. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Senior Center Operating Fund (SCOF) Grant Application

I move to approve the SCOF grant application, Project #MD2435 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$7,541 to provide assistance to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Community Development Corporation MOU/Community Gardens

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Understand between the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Community Development Corporation to operate the Community Gardens at Lexington Manor Passive Park.

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Cal Ripken Grant Award

I move to approve the Cal Ripken Badges for Baseball grant award in the amount of \$6,500 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendment reducing the Recreation Enterprise fund reserve and increase project OT2303 and sign all 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Legislative Bond Grant application - St. Clements Hundred Handicapped Accessible Vessel

I move to approve the Legislative Bond Grant application in the amount of \$700,000 for the Accessible water taxi for St. Clements Island and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS- FY24 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Award- LG-1806G-21 St. Inigoes PL2101

I move to approve and accept the FY24 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Award in the amount of \$250,000 for phase two of the St. Inigoes Landing Boat Ramp Improvement Project 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

G. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Childcare Center Presentation

Present: Arthur Shepherd, Director, Department of Recreation and Parks

Jim Gotsch, Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation

Jessica Hale, Deputy Director, Department of Recreation and Parks

Cheri Nelson, Recreation Division Manager, Department of Recreation and Parks

The construction and operational plans for a proposed Child Care Center on the Governmental Center campus was presented.

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FDR Boulevard Phase 3B - Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Property Fee/Easement Acquisition

I move to approve the Option Contract with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Washington, also known as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the amount of \$392,311 for the purchase of fee-simple property and easements needed to construct FDR Boulevard and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to obtain Legal Advice.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
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: 10:55 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss excise tax ordinance.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 22, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator