

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 19, 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 September 12, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATION

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Constitution Week
- B. Underground Railroad Month

3. PRESENTATION

A. Invitation to the 76th Annual St. Mary's County Fair

Present: John Richards, President, St. Mary's County Fair Association, Inc.

Mr. Richards formally invited Commissioners and County residents to attend the County Fair which begins on Thursday, September 21, 2023, and continues through Sunday, September 24, 2023.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 AND OCTOBER 3, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request approval of a FY2024 Restricted Fund Budget Increase - Pre-Kindergarten Capacity Building Grant

I move to approve the Board of Education's request of a FY2024 Restricted fund budget increase for the Pre-Kindergarten Capacity Building Grant Award.

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Land transfer and acceptance of roads into the County Roadway Network

MOTION 1: I move to approve the land transfer from the State to the County for California Boulevard and Old Pine Court, extended, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the necessary 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

MOTION 2: I move to approve the road acceptance and speed ordinance for California Boulevard and Old Pine Court, extended, into the County Highways Maintenance System.

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 AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Senior Care Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Care Notice of Grant Award, for project#MD2403, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$153,525 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 L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Senior Care Waitlist Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Care Waitlist Notice of Grant Award project #MD2498, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$28,675, the budget amendment to establish budget authority to support additional funding, and authorize Commissioner President to execute 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 HUMAN RESOURCES - 457(b) Governance Committee

I move to approve modifications to the resolution establishing a governance committee providing oversight for the St. Mary's County Government 457(b) retirement plan for the purposes of updating governance committee membership.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Time to Care Act Insurance Collaborative

I move to approve joining the Time to Care Act Insurance Collaborative and authorize the Commissioner President to 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

H. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Multi-District Lawsuit - Insulin

I move to join the multi-district civil lawsuit against certain manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers concerning the cost of insulin and other diabetes medications and to approve and authorize the firm of Baron and Budd, PC et al to represent the Commissioners of St. Mary's County in this case and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the retainer for Baron and Budd et al. along with any future 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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Presentation of 2024 Legislative Proposals

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

The following Legislative proposals were presented to the Commissioners for consideration to present to the Southern Maryland Delegation for the 2024 Legislative session.

1. Requesting Amendment of § 19 – 14C-02 of the Health General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to require that state-owned nursing homes to report certain deficiencies and corrective actions to the local governing body. Request Made by: Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
2. Requesting amendment of Title 28 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article to create an annual beer and wine license for nonprofit community theaters. Request Made By: Robin Finnacom, on behalf of The Newtowne Players, Inc.
3. Requesting Amendment of § 28-1308 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article to add a class of beer, wine and liquor tasting permits. Request Made By: David Dent, on behalf of the St. Mary’s County Licensed Beverage Association
4. To request funding be allocated to a program subsidizing Southern Maryland animal agriculture and livestock farmers who transition to plant-based agriculture. Request Made By: Alissa Kircher, citizen.
5. To request funding be allocated to a program to better preserve local produce for long-term storage options. Request Made By: Alissa Kircher, citizen.

Also, discussed was HB 219/CH 609 from 2023’s General Assembly session requiring the Commissioners to submit, by December 1, 2023, a report recommending which areas of the County the Commissioners believe are suitable for the operation of unregistered golf carts on county-owned roads.

6. 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 discuss Real Property.

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
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
James Gotsch, Director, Dept of Public Works and Transportation
Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:24 a.m. - 11:48 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss options on CIP project

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:48.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 26, 2023.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric 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 opened the meeting with the Maryland Association of Counties at 2:30 p.m.

9. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MACO)

A. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - Annual Brief

Present: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director
Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive, President, MACo

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Ball provided highlights from the 2023 legislative session.

Commissioner President Guy adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

10. ADJOURN