

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 26, 2023)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
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

Not Present

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

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 19, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for the Battle of New Market Heights Remembrance.

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Dennis L. Wolcott for his Retirement.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 3 AND 17. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on October 10, 2023.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY - Grant Award modification GVRG-2024-0009

I move to approve modification to the Gun Violence Reduction Grant GVRG-2024-0009 to include a full-time position, with the State's Attorney's FY2024 budget assuming any additional expense and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION - FY2025 - FY2030 State Capital Improvements Program

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for the FY2025 - FY2030 State Capital Improvement Program as approved by the Board of Education on September 13, 2023 to be submitted to the Interagency Commission on School Construction, in accordance with state procedures.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Governor's Office for Children FY2024 Award Acceptance, Sub-recipients and Budget Amendments

I move to approve the FY2024 Community Partnership Agreement (CPA) and Appendices A & B and authorize the LMB Chair to sign the document for projects from Governor's Office for Children (GOC) in the amount of \$505,225, State Funds, and \$1,102 County Funds for a total of \$506,327; approve the sub-recipient agreements between the County and St. Mary's County Public Schools, Center for Children, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, Circles-TBD, and Community Support- Building Bridges Corp. and authorize the Commissioners President to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr..

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Letter of Agreement (LOA) for Coordinating Use of Restricted Airspace (R-4007) between Patuxent Naval Air Station and Commissioners of St. Mary's County

I move to approve the updated Letter of Agreement for Restricted Airspace R-4007 between the Patuxent Naval Air Station and Commissioners of St. Mary's County 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - WGS Systems, LLC lease agreement

I move to approve a lease agreement between WGS Systems, LLC located in the St. Mary's County Regional Airport Terminal and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2023 Procurement Update

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Brandon Hayden, Procurement Manager

The FY2023 Procurement Summary was presented. Local businesses have benefitted from the threshold increases in 2020. Businesses with addresses in the Southern Maryland 206xx zip codes received nearly \$33 million, and 92 of 109 new contracts were issued in FY2023. Procurement continues to encourage all departments to look for local sources when they are making exempt purchases.

H. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing of vehicles approved in the FY2024 Budget

I move to approve and sign the Resolution authorizing the 5-year financing agreement in the amount of \$5,200,000, with TD Equipment Finance, Inc., as recommended by the Finance Department, and authorize Commissioner President and appropriate staff 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Vote on 2024 Legislative Proposals

Motion 1: I move to request to amend § 19 – 14C-02 of the Health General Article of Annotated Code of Maryland to require that a local governing body receive notice of a deficiency or corrective action reported to have occurred within a state-owned nursing home and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

Motion 2: I move to request to amend Title 28 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to create an annual beer and wine license for nonprofit community theaters and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Motion 3: I move to request to add § 28-1308 to the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to add a class of beer, wine and liquor tasting permits and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Motion 4-5: I move to support the request of Alissa Kircher to: 1. Allocate funds for the creation of a program subsidizing animal agriculture and livestock farmers transitioning to plant-based agriculture; and 2. Allocate funds for the creation of a program to better enable preservation of local produce for long-term preservation; and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No Vote

Motion 6: I move to submit the report recommending and describing areas of St. Mary's County that the Commissioners consider appropriate for the operation of unregistered golf carts on public highways and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

No Vote

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 Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

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
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: 11:29 a.m. - 11:42 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss assignment of a member of a public agency.

B. PERSONNEL

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
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: 11:42 a.m. - 11:56 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss assignment of a member of a public agency.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 3, 2023

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. OUTSIDE EVENT - AMERICAN JOBS CENTER & MOBILE CAREER CENTER
RIBBON CUTTING, 22934 Three Notch Road, California, MD 20619