

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 17, 2023)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Sarah Miller, Community Programs Manager, Dept. of Aging and Human Services

Julie Burch, Recorder

Not Present

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

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 October 3, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. U.S. Oyster Festival 57th Anniversary
- B. National Disability Employment Awareness Month

3. PRESENTATION

A. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Commission for People with Disabilities - Awards Ceremony

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director
Cindy Slattery, ADA and FMLA Coordinator

The Commissioners recognized the following as recipients of the 2023 Commission for People with Disabilities Awards:

Kelly O'Grady - Volunteer of the Year Award
Mindy Rhodes - Care Partner Award
Carrie Berry – Care Partner Award
Jeffery Hagen - Vicki Brown Award (Adult)
Shayne Gray – – Vicki Brown Award (Adult)
St. James Deli and Spirits - Notable Employer Award
St. Inie's Coffee - Innovative Program

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 24 AND 31, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Hayden Property Farm Lease

I move to approve the lease agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and John Fluhart for the agricultural use of the Hayden Property 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, Alderson Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Real Property- Willows Property

I move to approve the purchase of real property between Willows Run LLP and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, known as 46955 Bradley Boulevard, Lexington Park, MD, containing 3.508 acres, in the amount of \$350,000 and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Contract of Sale and all other related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Colvin

D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of \$30 million General Obligation Bonds

I move to approve and execute the Resolution authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30 million to fund previously approved capital projects as described in the resolution and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 2023 Consolidated Transportation Program Tour

Department of Transportation Personnel:

Joining the Commissioners for the MDOT presentation were Maryland State Delegate Matthew Morgan and Mayor of Leonardtown, Dan Burris.

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Secretary

Joe McAndrew, Assistant Secretary for Project Development and Delivery

MARYLAND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Ashish J. Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance

MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION

Chrissy Nizer, Administrator

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Travis Johnston, Director, Office of Local Transit Support

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Will Pines, Administrator

Kim Tran, District 5 Engineer

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Joseph Sagal, Executive Director

Transportation Secretary Wiedefeld provided an overview of the 6-year Consolidated Transportation Plan. Projects specific to St. Mary's included MD in Reconstruct the MD 5 intersection at Abell Street/ Moakley Street; Upgrade and widen MD 5 from south of Camp Brown Road to the Lake Conoy Causeway; Update MD 5 from MD 471 to MD 246, including replacing the bridge over St. Mary's River; MD 5 Replace Bridge over Hilton Run; Study to upgrade MD 4 between MD 2 and MD 235 including the Governor Thomas Johnson Memorial Bridge; Study to upgrade MD 5 between MD 243 and MD 245. The Old Harry Nice Middleton Bridge Demolition project was also discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

6. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr Brewster presented an update on Flu and COVID-19 vaccination Clinics available for citizens. She discussed School-Based Health Centers; St Mary's County Health Hub; CPR, AED, and First Aid training; and St. Mary's County Health and Wellness Portal.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 24, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Sarah Miller, Community Programs Manager, Dept. of Aging and Human Services

Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. and requested Sarah Miller to provide the format for the Forum.

Public Forum comments were provided by:

James Krilich, P.O. Box 193, Dameron, MD

Keith Harless, 23225 Mirfield Ln., Lexington Park, MD

Don DeGraves, P.O. Box 155, Piney Point, MD

Barbara O'Neal

Melissa Fort, 36761 West Lakeland Dr., Mechanicsville, MD

Anthony Dameron, Abell, MD

Vic DelaCuesta, 22398 Sandra Ln., California, MD

Steve Tuttle, 23842 Myrtle Glen Way, California, MD

Rose Guyther, 38530 Pleasant Harbor Way, Abell, MD

Alexis Gray, 19400 Old Craney Creek Ln., Great Mills, MD

Michelle Caracaus Long, 38790 Van Ward Rd., Abell, MD

Mary Ann Granata, 46877 Anita Ct., Lexington Park, MD

David Eschenbrenner, 23499 Gross Drive, California, MD

Brandon Russell, 22291 Meadow Ln., Leonardtown, MD

Cynthia Lisa, 23010 Brixton Ct., Hollywood, MD

John Kuta, 23584 Pine Bluff Way, Leonardtown, MD

Julia Kennedy, 41431 Doctors Crossing Road, Leonardtown, MD

Joanne Koterwas, 22900 Three Notch Rd., California, MD

JR Bean, 19935 Flat Iron Road, Great Mills, MD

Maria Scott, 28820 Riverwatch Rd., Mechanicsville, MD

Dolly Griffin, 2509 Bayberry Way, Lexington Park, MD

Roy Fedders, Dameron, MD

Summer, 46877 Anita Ct., Lexington Park, MD

Nikki Roland, 23485 Lindsay Way, Leonardtown, MD

Sarah Newberry, 41655 Matthew Ct., Leonardtown, MD

Laurel Fetch

Melissa Skidlorik, California MD

Carlos Mendoza

Katie Hostetler

Kelly Haines

Gretchen Wendt

Tori Farrell

Joey Gross

Becky Clements

Nick and Alyssa Hageman

Gordon Smith

Jeffrey Hall

Sarah Musick

Crystal Short

Tiffany Anderson

Tony Combs

Danyal Marie

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 8:00 p.m.