

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 27, 2024)**  
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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 February 13, 2024, without the Naval Air Museum Land Request letter.

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

**2. PROCLAMATION**

A proclamation was presented for the Chamber of Commerce's 50th Anniversary.

**3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 5 AND MARCH 12, 2024.**

**B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2025 Maryland Highway Safety Grant Applications.**

I move to approve the Maryland Highway Safety Grant documents for FFY2025, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the total amount of \$19,500 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff's Office staff to sign and submit the related documents electronically.

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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - St. Mary's EMS Report**

**Present:** Rick Harrison - Mission Critical

Mr. Harrison presented highlights of the St. Mary's County Emergency Medical Services Study. The study focused on the future needs of combined volunteer and career emergency medical services. Recommendations from the study include supervision needs, potential cost savings of centralized procurement, staffing needs, compensation, facility needs, and future growth.

**D. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Semi-Annual Brief**

**Present:** Michael Blackwell, Director

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of the resources available on the St. Mary's County Public Library website.

**E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2023 Federal Older Americans Act Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals Donation Revenue**

I move to approve the additional Donation Revenue received over the budgeted amount for FY2023 Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals Programs of the Federal Older Americans Act to be used for covering the program expenses and authorize the Commissioner President to execute related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - St. Mary's County Department of Social Services-Local Management Board/Circles, USA**

I move to accept the Department of Social Services, Inter-Governmental Agency Agreement on behalf of the Local Management Board, Poverty Alleviation System, Circles USA in the amount of \$20,000; approve budget amendment to increase MD2470, and authorize 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

Commissioner Hewitt recused himself and left the meeting room during this vote.

**G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - 2023 LOSAP Eligibility Certification**

I move to approve the eligibility lists of the St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire Departments, Rescue Squads and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies indicating the individuals who qualify for the Length of Service Awards Program/ LOSAP service credit for 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

#### **H. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personal Services FY2024**

I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing salary and fringe accounts and increasing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account in the amount of \$515,304 due to salary savings.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. LEGISLATION**

**Present:** John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

##### **A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates**

**MOTION 1:** I move to sign and submit a letter of support for HB 293/SB 1168 - "State Boat Act - Abandoned or Sunken Recreational Vessels - Identification and Removal" - to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION 2:** I move to sign and submit a letter of support for HB 694/SB 482 - Governor's Office for Children - Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments and Households (ENOUGH) Grant Program (ENOUGH Act of 2024) - to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION 3:** I move to sign and submit a Letter of support for HB 812/SB 589 - "Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission - Funding" - to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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 4:** I move to sign and submit a Letter of support for HB 1090 - "Revitalizing Neighborhoods Through Homeownership Program and Fund - Established" - to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

## **6. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 5, 2024.

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JB  
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **7. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - FY2025 Budget Work Session Operating - Board of Education

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer  
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance

## **8. ADJOURN**