

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 12, 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, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Prior to the business meeting, a Reception for Volunteers of Boards, Commissions and Committees was held in the lobby of the Chesapeake Building.

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 March 5, 2024.

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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Social Work Month
- B. Equal Pay Day

4. PRESENTATION

A. Boards, Committees and Commissions Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

The following individuals were recognized for their participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Administrative Charging Committee

Nickolas Cromwell, Michael Deitch, Joyce Dyson, Dr. Linda Lymas, Peter Wild

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Dr. Joseph DeVitis, Dr. Rene Grace, Robin Johnson, Rose Miller, Sherry Pierce, Kathleen Werner

Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board

Scott Bacon, Justin Cheseldine-Gass, Philip Dorsey, Kaitlin Fraer, James Moore, Stephen T. Reeves, Michael Sirk, Joseph Wood

Airport Advisory Board

James Alexander, Albert Babcock, John Eid, George Hill, Robert Lightstone, Kevin Suggs, Robert Zaorski

Animal Control Advisory Board

Cesar Afanador, Diane Harris, Dr. David Langford, Susan Morris, Patricia Richardson, Molly Schmeiser, Steven Tuttle, Rita Weaver

Board of Appeals

Guy Bradley, Lynn Delahay, Daniel Ichniowski, Wayne Miedzinski, Ronald Payne, Rich Richardson

Board of Trustees Museum Division

Michael Blackwell, Dr. Catherine Bowes, Michael Brown, Robin Finnacom, Lynn Fitrell, Laura Friess, Lilyanne Ohanesian, Karla Langhus, Connor Wolfe

Building Code Board of Appeals

Dale Haskin, Wayne Hunt, Michael Mummaugh, Stephen Wilson, Brian Yount

Commission for People with Disabilities

John Eid, Ian Fairclough, Susie Fowler, Jaclyn Hall, Brad Hamlet, Philip Horne, Robin Johnson, Nohely Rios, Jennifer Rudolph, Kegan Zimmerman

Commission for Women

Kimberly Bannister, Jazmine Bottoms-Saunders, Carolyn Guy, Marta Kelsey, Apprilla Lee, Norma Pipkin, Melissa Rodriguez, Taylor Spencer, Emily Stagner, Catherine Stewart, Katherine Stone

Commission on Aging

Nicola Barr, Rowena Bossio, Carolyn Guy, Jean-Marie Hansen, Kathryn Kennedy, Christine Morgan, Barbara O'Neal, Omonigho Olumese, Janet Perryman, Thomas Ridley, Jr.

Commission on the Environment

Molly Boron, Jennifer Raley, Melissa Rodriguez, Leslie Taylor, Mike Thomspson, Kristen Whitesell

Economic Development Commission

Dr. Silvio Borrero Caldas, Curtis Brown, Leona Charles, Lisa Colavito, Gerald Meyerman, Theresa Mitchell, Dr. Dale Moore, Lilyanne Ohanesian, Trisha Post, Frederick Stewart, Elizabeth Torgerson

Electrical Examiners Board

Dale Abell, Ron Derby, Donald Haskin, Ronald Phetteplace, Robert Spence

Elms Advisory Board

George Baroniak, Charles Cameron

Emergency Services Board

Gary Bell, Shawn Davidson, Ken Hicks, CP Miedzinski, J.A. Nelson, Hattie Norris

Ethics Commission

Lawrence Crabtree, Dr. Joseph DeVitis, Kathleen McClernan-Walz, Robert McGann, Joseph Russell, David Willenborg

Family Violence Coordinating Council

Larry Crabtree, Denise Mortenson

Historic Preservation Commission

David Brown, Robert Hurry, Eve Love, Craig Lukezic, Mary McKay, Teresa Wilson

Housing Authority Board

Roy Alvey, James Bell, Michael Bellis, Reverend Andrea Cummings, Donetta Reed, Natalie Weech, Alexis Zoss

Human Relations Commission

Janet Bello, Joanna Colvin, Adrienne Dillahunt, Magistrate Kevin Hill, Max Levasseur, Reverend Chris McCombs, Renee Thomas, Sean Wickers

Length of Service Awards Program

John Walters

Library Board of Trustees

Michael Dunn, Sharon Fitzsimmons, Judith Gwynn, John Johnston, Tressa Setlak, John Walters, Dorothy Waters

Local Management Board

Troy Cowan, Celia Engel, William Hill

Metropolitan Commission Board

Roy Alvey, Dale Antosh, Keith Dugan, Rudolph Fairfax, Jr., Joseph Mattingly, III, Gerald Meyerman, Joseph Russell

Planning Commission

John Brown, Merl Evans, Joseph Fazekas, Patricia Robrecht, Joseph St. Clair, Kim Summers, Howard Thompson, Joseph Van Kirk

Plumbing Fuel Gas Board

John Fluhart, Daniel Garrison, Richard Montgomery, Bernard Taylor

Police Accountability Board

Nickolas Cromwell, Michelle Dowleyne, Leslie Everett, Frank Kauffman, Buren Kidd, John Lydon, III, Dr. Linda Lymas, Thomas Phelan, Charles Shilling, Joseph Van Kirk

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board

Dale Antosh, Karin Bailey, Joseph Gardner, Max Levasseur

Recreation & Parks Board

Donald Degraives, Veronica Johnson, Glenn Larnerd, Jr., John Lydon, III, David McDonough, Chanda Norton, Gregory Weaver

Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's

John Walters

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board

John Walters

Social Services Board

Michael Blackwell, Jason Dubard, Tony Lawrence, Rose Miller, Kimberly Quade, Brandon Russell, Renee Thomas, Annette Wood

Transportation Advisory Committee

Rowena Bossio, Laura Carrington, Leon Carrington, William Hill, Thomas Rogers

Wicomico Golf Shores Golf Course Advisory Board

Terry Black, Thomas Eicholtz, Brian Hammett, Jim Hodges, Bernie Kneeland, David Phelan, Gregory Weaver

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 19 AND 26, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - USGS Weather Station Monitoring Device - St. Mary's Dam

I move to approve \$14,506.00 from OT2320 to purchase U.S. Geological Survey monitoring equipment for the St. Mary's Dam through the use of a weather monitoring station and further 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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - 2025 MDOT
Priorities Letter**

I move to approve the FY 2025 MDOT Transportation Priority Letter and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the St. Mary's County MDOT Transportation Priorities letter as revised and transmit to the Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary Wiedefeld.

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

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

I move to sign and submit a Letter of opposition for "HB 1436 - Municipal Incorporation - County Commissioners or County Council - Required Approval of Referendum Request" to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 19, 2024.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2025 Budget Work Session for Circuit Court, County Department Budget Requests, and County Compensation

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

Employee Health Insurance Discussion.

I make a motion that we go 80/20 for active employees and new hires, and 85/15 we retain for retirees.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Commissioners Hewitt, Alderson

Nay: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Ostrow

10. ADJOURN