

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 9, 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 (via Teams)
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Amy Carter, Videographer, County Public Information Office

CAPT Douglas Burfield, Commanding Officer
CAPT Mark Zematis, Executive Officer
Mr. Rick Valentine, Installation Program Integrator
Mr. Patrick Gordon, Public Affairs Officer
Mr. Lance McDaniel, Environmental Director
Ms. Christine Hays, NAVFAC Region Real Estate
Ms. Ashley Raley, NAWC AD

Speakers

Arthur Shepherd Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Donald Mills, Assistant Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
David Ross, Atlantic Realty
Gary Whipple, Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Sue Veith, Senior Planner, Dept. of Economic Development

1. ENCROACHMENT MITIGATION AND PREVENTION JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND COMMANDING OFFICER, NAS PATUXENT RIVER, Frank Knox Employee Development Center, Bldg. 2189 (just past Gate 2 on Rt. 235) Lexington Park

The Commissioners met with the Commanding Office and Representatives of NAS Patuxent River at 9:00 a.m. in the Frank Knox Employment Development Center, NAS Patuxent River for the Semi-Annual Encroachment Mitigation and Prevention Joint Meeting.

Presentations were given for the following: Lancaster Park Lease Renewal; Sustainable Communities Re-Designation for Lexington Park; Redevelopment of Millison Plaza Outside Gate 2; Navy Land Swap; Military Installation Resilience Study Update

2. ADJOURN - RETURN TO THE CHESAPEAKE BUILDING

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow (via Zoom)
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications 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 11:00 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 26, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. PROCLAMATIONS

The following proclamations were presented:

- A. National Fair Housing Month
- B. Week of the Young Child
- C. National Library Week
- D. National Animal Care and Control Week

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 16 AND 23, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2025 Senior Rides Program Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2025 Senior Rides Grant Application, Project #MD2505, from the Maryland Department of Transportation: Maryland Transit Administration on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$37,546 and authorize the 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - State Bond Bill for Airport

I move to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance to allow the State of Maryland to Release Grant Funding and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

The following bills were discussed:

Bills Requested by St Mary's County

HB 654 - St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages - Nonprofit Performing Arts Theater License - Passed, Awaiting Governor's Signature

HB 651 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit - Passed, Awaiting Governor's Signature

HB 653 - St. Mary's County - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Did not advance

HB 519 - St. Mary's County - Board of Education – Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting - Did not advance

HB 521 - St. Mary's County - Public Ethics - Prohibition on Campaign Contributions

From Individual Registered Lobbyists - Did not advance

Other Tracked bills impacting St. Mary's County discussed:

HB 43 / SB 316 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exceptions for Golf Carts

HB 233 / SB 306 - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Climate, Equity, and Administrative Provisions

HB 352 / SB 362 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024

HB 538 / SB 484 - Land Use - Affordable Housing - Zoning Density and Permitting (Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024)

HB 577 / SB 1107 - Housing and Community Development - Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program

HB 571 / SB 485 - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Modifications

HB 685 / SB 516 - Economic Development - Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission

HB 805 / SB 537 - Cannabis - Licensee Locations - Restrictions

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 16, 2024

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator