

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 30, 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

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 April 23, 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

## **2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Hurricane Preparedness Week
- B. Small Business Month

## **3. COMMENDATION**

A commendation was presented to Sue Veith for her retirement.

## **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 7 AND 14, 2024.**

### **B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2025 Heroin Coordinator Grant Application - GOCPYVS**

I move to approve the FY2025 Heroin Coordinator grant application for the FY2025 Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinator Grant Program from the Governor's Office of Crime

Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$61,866 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit 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. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2025 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland Grant Application - GOCPYVS**

I move to approve the FY2025 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland grant application from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$13,855 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY2025 Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) Application**

I move to approve the FY2025 Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) Application and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - ST. MARY'S METROPOLITAN COMMISSION - Review of FY2025 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan**

**Present:** George A. Erichsen, P.E., Executive Director  
Patricia Stiegman, Chief Financial Officer  
Christy Hollander, P.E., Chief Engineer

An overview of the FY2025 Capital Improvement Budget and FY2026 - 2030 Capital Improvement Plan was presented.

**F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Grant to Reimburse Habitat for Humanity**

I move to provide a grant of \$6,697 to Habitat for Humanity as reimbursement of the excise tax paid for constructing an affordable housing unit and 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

**G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program**

I move to approve the application for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program funding made available by the Department of Energy in the amount of \$78,910 for the County's Energy Efficiency and Conservation project and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the application and staff to submit the related documents through the prescribed procedures provided.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**5. LEGISLATION**

**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - 2024 Legislation - Wrap Up**

**Present:** John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney  
Bruce Bereano, Government Relations Consultant

A summary of the 2024 General Assembly Session was presented. The Office of the County Attorney tracked 114 individual bills that would impact St. Mary's County. Lobbyist Bereano discussed the testimonies he presented on behalf of St. Mary's County.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Personnel - Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. PERSONNEL**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President  
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator  
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney  
Diane Gleissner, Coordinator for Boards, Committees and Commissions  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 11:20 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
Location: Savich Conference Room  
Purpose: To discuss appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.  
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 7, 2024.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **9. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Members Present:**

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office  
Julie Burch, Recorder

**A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Public Hearing - Proposed Animal Ordinance Revision**

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Jennifer Utz, Director, Department of Emergency Services

Joy Wilson, Animal Control Supervisor, Department of Emergency Services

The public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed animal ordinance. Ms. Utz and Ms. Wilson reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance which includes the Duty of all Animal Owners to be Responsible Owners; Animals at Large; Potentially Dangerous Dogs; Dog Licenses & Fees; Commercial Animal Establishment Licensing; Impoundments, Redemption & Adoption; Feeding cats in parks; Female in season. Also discussed was the Trap Neuter Return Policy. Notice of the public hearing was published on April 12 and 19, 2024, in the Southern Maryland Newspaper.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Cassidy Ashleman, 21315 Fairwood Ct., Leonardtown, MD

Maria Hoover, 22096 Saint Clements Circle, Great Mills, MD

Carol Lang, 21995 Willis Dr., California, MD

Angela N. Wardle, Avenue, MD

Auife Gill, Hungerford Ct., Hollywood, MD

Colleen Gill, Hungerford Ct., Hollywood, MD

Joy Delahay, Avenue, MD

Amy Delahey, Avenue, MD

Wendy Smith, 37550 Oaks Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD

Diane Harris, 27710 Persimmon Ln., Mechanicsville, MD

Joe Guiliano, 37734 Frischholtz Ct., Mechanicsville, MD

Joe Dixon, 21346 Arthur Lane, California, MD

Jane Walker, 41760 Dos Santos Way, Mechanicsville, MD

Raegan Medeiros, 46130 Saltmarsh Ct., Lexington Park, MD

Jared Smith, 46870 Whittemoore Ct., Lexington Park, MD

Johanna Saul, 40346 Wolfe Rd., Mechanicsville, MD

Drema Ballengee-Grunst, 40250 Breton Beach Rd., Leonardtown, MD

Melinda Brown, 39808 Claires Dr., Mechanicsville, MD

Katie Rudd, 45897 Church Drive, Great Mills, MD

Steve Tuttle, 23842 Myrtle Glen Way, California, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 7:40 p.m.

**10. ADJOURN**