

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 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 July 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. PRESENTATION**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, SECRETARY STRICKLAND**

Present: Jennifer Utz, Director of Emergency Services

Russell J. Strickland, Secretary of the Maryland State Department of Emergency Management

Director Utz introduced Secretary Strickland who gave a brief presentation focusing on preparedness, mitigation and resiliency.

**3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision -  
Amendment of Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP 23-0369) - Villages at Clark's Mill

I move that we approve CWSP23-0369 to amend the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to reflect that the water service category for the property has been changed

from W-6D (service in 6 to 10 years, developer financed) to W-3D (service in 3 to 5 years, developer financed).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 20 and AUGUST 27, 2024. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on August 6 or 13, 2024.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Capital Projects Grant Agreement and Subrecipient Agreement - St. Clements Hundred Handicapped Accessible Vessel**

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve the Capital Projects Grant Agreement in the amount of \$700,000 for the legislative bond for the accessible water taxi for St. Clements Island and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

Abstain: Commissioner Alderson

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with St. Clement's Hundred for pass-through funding for the accessible water taxi and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Ostrow

Abstain: Commissioner Alderson

**C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Real Property - Railroad Right-of-way Easement Agreement**

I move to approve the Amended Railroad Right-of-Way Easement Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

## **5. 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 Litigation Strategy and Personnel.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. LITIGATION STRATEGY**

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner 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  
Bruce Poole, Attorney  
Tracy Rohan, CSMC Admin. Assistant

Authority: § 9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:24 a.m. - 10:43 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation.

### **B. PERSONNEL**

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner 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  
Venetta Van Cleave, CFO Candidate

Tracy Rohan, CSMC Admin. Assistant

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:47 a.m. - 11:22 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency.

### **MOTION IN OPEN SESSION**

I move to authorize a Commissioner representative to sign any pending settlement agreements related to opioid litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 20, 2024

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator