

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 13, 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 Guzma, 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 6, 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. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Engineers Week.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - Zoning Text Amendment 03-341
Adding Use Type 74 as Allowable Use in LCI and APZ-2

I move to approve the Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 285 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amending Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Schedule 50.4.74 to allow use #74 Restaurant, Fast Food in Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Accident Potential Zone (APZ) II

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

Abstain: Commissioner Ostrow

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 27 and MARCH 5, 2024. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on February 20.

B. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Study Update

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director
Ben Cohen, Development Facilitator

An update on the Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry's feasibility study was given. The study will evaluate 21 host communities and routes throughout the Chesapeake Bay for potential passenger ferry service.

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to sign and submit a Letter of [support/opposition] for SB 158 - Cannabis Licensing - Zoning Requirements - Alteration to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, 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 with friendly amendments for HB 685/SB 516 Economic Development - Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission 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, Alderson
Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Ostrow

MOTION 3: I move to sign and submit a Letter of [support/opposition] for HB 950/SB - Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding 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

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

MOTION - ASSISTANCE FOR INJURED DES EMPLOYEES' EMERGENCY CONTACT

I make a motion to provide a one-time payment of \$5,000 to the emergency contact for the injured EMS providers to defray lodging costs while they care for their injured loved ones.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 27, 2024.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2025 Budget Work Session CIP Follow-up

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

MOTION: I move to take this to the Planning Commission.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. ADJOURN