

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, October 8, 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  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

**1. WELCOME**

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 October 1, 2024, as presented.

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**

The following Proclamations were presented.

- A. White Cane Awareness Day
- B. National 4-H Week
- C. National Faith and Blue Weekend
- D. National Community Planning Month

**3. COMMENDATION**

A Commendation was presented to Terry Kerns on her retirement.

#### **4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

##### **A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Comprehensive Plan Update**

Present: Jessica S. B. Andritz, Director, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management  
Leigh Anne King, AICP, Director and Project Manager, Clarion Associates, LLC

The Comprehensive Plan is the County's chief policy document that significantly impacts economic development, quality of life, and the allocation of resources. The Commissioners approved funding to the Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management, on December 12, 2023, to hire a consultant to assist in updating the 2010 St. Mary's County Comprehensive Plan. Ms. King provided an overview of the process that will be used over the next 18 months to accomplish their goal.

##### **B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - Revisions to Ch. 158 - the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance**

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

#### **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 22 AND 29, 2024.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on October 15, 2024.

##### **B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - St. Mary's County Public Schools Budget Amendment Great Mills HS Chiller Replacement**

I move to approve the budget amendments as approved by the Board of Education on September 25, 2024, moving \$709,158 from eight (8) existing Capital Improvement Projects to fund the emergency replacement of the Chiller at Great Mills High School, and sign the 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 FINANCE - St. Mary's County Public Schools Green Holly E.S. Roof & HVAC Systemic Renovation Budget Authority**

I move to approve the budget authority for the State Healthy School Facilities Fund allocation of \$9,170,469 as approved by the Board of Education on September 25, 2024, for the Green Holly E.S. Roof and HVAC Systemic Renovation and authorize Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners discussed 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.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Eric 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  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Human Resources  
Jennifer Utz, Director, Emergency Services  
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Time Held: 10:50 a.m. - 10:57a.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.

## **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:57.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 22, 2024.

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Sharon Ferris, Admin Assistant

## **9. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - ANNUAL VISIT**

### A. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - Annual Visit

Present: Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator  
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office  
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

#### Maryland Association of Counties Representatives

Johnny Olszewski, Jr., Baltimore County Executive and 2024 MACo President  
Michael Sanderson, MACo Executive Director

Commissioner President Randy Guy called the meeting with the Maryland Association of Counties to order at 2:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Baltimore County Executive and 2024 MACo President, Johnny Olszewski, Jr., thanked the St. Mary's County Commissioners for having them and Commissioner President Guy's partnership. MACo Executive Director, Michael Sanderson, discussed housing, clean energy and adult use cannabis and reasonable zoning. Also discussed were fiscal issues such as cost of living, unemployment and income tax, as well as declining public school enrollment.

Commissioner President Guy thanked Johnny Olszewski and Michael Sanderson for coming.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

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