

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, October 29, 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 22, 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

Proclamations were presented to:

- A. Pax River Raiders 2023 SMYAC Champs – 7U D1
- B. Pax River Raiders 2023 SMYAC Champs – 8U D1
- C. Pax River Raiders 2023 SMYAC Champs – 10U D1
- D. Pax River Raiders 2023 SMYAC Champs – 11U D1

3. PRESENTATION

A. CARL ANDERTON, DIRECTOR OF RURAL ECONOMIC STRATEGY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development
Carl Alderton, Jr., Director of Rural Economic Strategy, Office of the Secretary,

Dept. of Commerce

Mr. Anderton discussed his background noting that he came from a rural county, so he understands that rural county needs vary from those of larger counties. Governor Wes Moore created the new position of Director of Rural Economic Strategy to assist him in the determining the needs of the rural counties in the state. Mr. Anderton plans to spend time in all corners of the state visiting counties, collecting data and reporting their needs to the Governor.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 5 AND 19, 2024. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 12, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2025 State Grants Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Notice of Grant Award for the state grants, Project #s MD2501, MD2502, MD2504, MD2506, and MD2514 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$174,703 to provide various programs and services to the seniors of St. Mary's County, the related budget amendments for the respective project budgets and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Navy Land Transfer Request

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Request Letter to the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, to initiate the real estate transaction between the County and the Navy in support of the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum and Visitors Center as presented by staff.

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

Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Health Department HVAC

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment transferring \$150,000 from the Capital Reserve to the Building Maintenance and Repair project in support of the Health Department HVAC system.

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Child Care Facility Update

I move to authorize County staff to identify sources of funding for necessary renovations to the Leonard Hall Junior Naval Academy facility for its use as a Child Care Facility.

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

F. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Professional Services Agreement with Government Relations Consultant and Lobbyist

I move that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County engage Bruce Bereano as a government relations consultant and lobbyist for calendar years 2025 and 2026 along the terms described in the proposed engagement letter and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign any and all related documents.

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 5, 2024.

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Sharon Ferris, Admin Assistant

7. PUBLIC FORUM

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

Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center and requested Jenna Guzman to provide the format for the Forum.

Public Forum comments were provided by:

Renee Thomas, Leonardtown, MD

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak, so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 6:36 p.m.

8. ADJOURN