

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, November 19, 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, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

1. CITIZENS ACADEMY RECEPTION

The Commissioners hosted a reception for the Citizens Academy Graduates.

2. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of November 5, 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

3. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. World Children's Day
- B. Great American Smokeout
- C. Giving Tuesday
- D. National Diabetes Awareness Month

4. AWARDS PRESENTATION

A. 2024 Citizens Academy Graduates Awards Presentation

The 2024 Citizens Academy Graduates are:

Tabor James Absher
Leslie Barberie
Brian Brookhart
Leenika Belfield-Martin
Delphine Burkes
Anika Cooke
Brandie Edelen
Tammy Feicht
Nicole Glover-Wright
Kimberly Hansing
Timothy Herbert
Landas Lockett
Liz Mildenstein
Glenn Perryman
Janet Perryman
Joshua Shrum
Glenn Taplin Jr.
Renee Thomas
Amy Timmermann
Angie Wathen
James White
Katherine Williams
Lucy Yost

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

I move to adjourn as Commissioners of St. Mary's County and reconvene as the St. Mary's County Board of Health.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster provided information on the H5N1 Influenza A virus. She highlighted other initiatives in the county, including the school-based Health Centers, St. Mary's County Health Hub, St. Mary's County Recovery Friendly Workplaces, Group Violence Intervention and Firearm Safety.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AS THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

I move to adjourn as the St. Mary's County Board of Health and reconvene as the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. ST. MARY'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRIEFING

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRIEFING

Present: Christine L. Bergmark, Ph.D, CEO/President
Jimmy Hayden, Chair
Patrick Haley, Past Chair

Mr. Hayden and Ms. Bergmark provided information about the St. Mary's Chamber of Commerce. They discussed the initiatives, programs, and events available to Chamber members.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR DECEMBER 3 AND 10, 2024. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 26, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FFY2024 State Homeland Security

I move to approve the FFY2024 Sub-Recipient Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant, Project US2520, from the Department of Homeland Security on behalf of Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$97,682, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FFY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant

I move to approve the FFY2024 (FY25) Sub-Recipient Agreement for the Emergency Management Performance Grant, Project US2512, from the Department of Homeland Security on behalf of Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$82,874.00, 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

D. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Microwave Replacement

MOTION 1: I move to approve using \$414,960.00 from the ARPA US2230 Grant to fund the overall cost of the Microwave Replacement increase and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Microwave System Upgrade to L3Harris, under Contract #SMC-12-PSIT-61051; in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance of any Contract 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

E. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - 2024 Compensation Review Commission Recommendations

I move to forward the recommendations of the 2024 St. Mary's County Compensation Review Commission to the St. Mary's County Delegation.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner President James R. Guy.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

F. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Vote on Deferred 2025 Legislative Proposals

MOTION 1: I move to request legislation authorizing issuance of \$94 million in public facilities bonds for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 budgets and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Deferred Vote

MOTION 2: I move to forward the legislation amending § 28-1606 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to allow the Alcohol Beverage Board to issue multiple licenses in certain cases with the limitations recommended by the Alcohol Beverage Board and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3: I move to request legislation amending section §9-303 of the Tax Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to mandate prompt repayment by the State of any motor fuel taxes paid by school bus drivers operating a school bus for a county board of education and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

Deferred Vote

MOTION 4: I move to forward the legislative request regarding the library board of trustees to the delegation for their consideration.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Holiday Leave

I move to approve the resolution providing additional holiday leave to be used on December 24, 2024, and December 26, 2024, or as floating holiday leave for employees required to work on these dates.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

8. 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 Legal Advice.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

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
Jessica Hale, Acting Director, Department of Recreation and Parks

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on December 3, 2024

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

11. FY2026 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. FY2026 Budget Work Session CIP

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance