

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, December 10, 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
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, 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 December 3, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for Southern Maryland Hurricane Relief and Recovery Coordination.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR DECEMBER 17, 2024 AND JANUARY 7, 2024. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on December 24 and 31, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - MOU SMCG - MSP CAD Sharing Agreement

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the St. Mary's County Department of Emergency Services, Department of Information Technology, St. Mary's County

Sheriff's Office, and Maryland State Police for view only access to the St. Mary's County Computer-Aided Dispatch for Police Simulcast Communications and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2025 Senior Care Grant Application and Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Care Application and Notice of Grant Award, for project #MD2503, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$195,876 and the related budget amendment, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Regional Agriculture Center (RAC) Next Steps

I move to approve the agreement to terminate the Regional Agriculture Center between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission, and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and have the Commissioner President sign all 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. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Grant Award Amendment- Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Statewide Broadband Maryland Connected Devices Program

I move to approve the Department of Housing and Community Development Office of Statewide Broadband Maryland Connected Devices Program Grant Agreement Amendment on behalf of the Information Technology Department for the total grant amount of \$993,750 for devices and \$3,000 for the stipend, 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, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Colvin

F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Childcare Facility - RP-2404 - Leonard Hall School Renovation

Motion 1: I move to approve the Budget Amendments returning \$1,100,000 from HW-2101 to the FIN25 Capital Reserve and to transfer \$1,324,845 from the FIN25 Capital Reserve to RP-2402 Childcare Facility and authorized the Commissioner President to sign all related Budget Amendments.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, Ostrow

Motion 2: I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Leonard Hall School Renovation Project to Centennial Contractor's Enterprises Inc., under Sourcewell Cooperative Contract #MD-R4-GC02-052621-CCE; in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million dollars, subject to receipt and acceptance on any Contract related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Alderson

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, Ostrow

G. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

The Commissioners came to a consensus (4-1) during the Budget Work Session to request legislation authorizing the issuance of \$85.7 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.

H. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Act Federal Grant Update

I move to approve the remaining unspent funds in the American Rescue grant be used by Emergency Services to purchase radios in the amount of \$707,054 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any 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

4. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on December 17, 2024.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator

6. FY26 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2026 Budget Work Session Operating

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, Chief Financial Officer

Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance

I move to adopt the proposed wage increase for our EMTs and Paramedics starting January 1, 2025. (Market Study \$982,274 - Slide 26)

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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