

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 4, 2025)
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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
Leenika Martin, Communication Coordinator, 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 January 28, 2025.

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. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Transit Equity Day
- B. Dating Violence Awareness Month
- C. Black History Month

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 11 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2025. The Commissioners will not meet on February 18th.

B. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - RPT to FT Paralegal Position

I move to approve the State's Attorney's Office's request to convert their regular part-time Paralegal position to a full-time Paralegal 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Rural Legacy Area Preference

I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources prioritizing the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area for 2026 and have the Commissioner President sign all 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

D. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - YMCA - Letter of Assurance for Forest Run Wastewater Pump

I move to authorize the County Administrator to sign the attached letter of assurance to the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission related to certain improvements at the Forest Run Wastewater Pump Station, and to sign on the Commissioners' behalf any further related documents in the future.

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

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

Motion 1: I move to submit a letter of support with amendments for HB 561, with any edits as discussed and agreed this morning, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Motion 2: I move to submit the letters of support for HB 460, 480, 490 and 574, with any edits as discussed and agreed this morning, and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required 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

Motion 3: I move to submit letters of support for HB 461/SB 460 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required 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

Motion 4: I move to submit letters of opposition for HB 93/SB 234 and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 11, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator