

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 25, 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
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

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 March 18, 2025.

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. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for Equal Pay Day.

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 1 AND 8, 2025.

B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - 2026 Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Priorities

I move to approve the FY 2026 Maryland Department of Transportation Priority Letter and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the St. Mary's County MDOT Transportation Priorities letter and transmit to the Maryland Department of Transportation, Secretary Wiedefeld.

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 LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Status update on St. Mary's 2050 (Comprehensive Plan)

Present: Jessica Andritz, Director

An update regarding St. Mary's 2025: Charting Our Tomorrow was presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - ZONE24-0002 - Cusic Properties, 25741 Three Notch Road

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:52 a.m.

Present: Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director

Notice of the Public Hearing was published on March 7 and 14, 2025. This public hearing was to receive public comment on a proposed amendment requesting that its split-zoned property (RPD and RCL) be rezoned to a single zoning district (RCL). This piecemeal zoning change requires an amendment to the County's Land Use Concept Plan adopted as part of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The property is located at 25741 Three Notch Road in Hollywood, Maryland.

Commissioner President Guy requested that David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open it to public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Shirl Hagen, 25760 Alvey Lane Hollywood, MD
Joseph Alvey, 25750 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD
Chris Longmore, 22738 Maple Road #101, Lexington Park, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 10:07 a.m.

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - ZONE24-0040 - 20698 Goddard Rd.

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Land Use & Growth Management to schedule and conduct a Public Hearing on April 29, 2025, in the morning at a time determined by staff, regarding ZONE24-0040, filed on behalf of Robert and Robin Belden, owners of

property located at 20698 Goddard Road in Great Mills, Maryland, and the proposed ordinance(s) to amend: (1) the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map to change the land use designation of the property from Rural Preservation to Mixed-Use Medium-Intensity; and (2) the Zoning Map to change the property's zoning district from Rural Preservation (RPD) to Medium-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXM).

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Request for Public Hearing - To establish an Active Volunteer Fire Fighting and Rescue Squad Response Rewards Program in St. Mary's County

I move to hold a public hearing on April 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm at Leonardtown High School to establish an Active Volunteer Fire Fighting and Rescue Squad Response Rewards Program in St. Mary's County.

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 FINANCE - FY2026 Approval and Execution of the FY2026 Recommended Budget for Public Hearing

MOTION 1: I move to approve the FY2026 Recommended Budget as modified and execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, Alderson

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, on the FY2026 Recommended Budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, on the St. Mary's County Fee and Charges Increase.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 4: I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, on increasing Hollywood and Leonardtown VRS tax rate to .030.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 5: I move that we take the \$986,043 Health Care Rebate and put it towards the LOSAP Trust Fund.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Houser, Deputy County Attorney

MOTION 1: I move to submit a letter of support with amendments for HB 1084/SB 942 and to authorize 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 2: I move to submit a letter of opposition for HB 728/SB 495 and to authorize Commissioner President to sign any required documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted 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 S. Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Diane Gleissner, Boards Coordinator
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 12:04 p.m. - 12:17 p.m.

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment, promotion, resignation, salary, demotion, dismissal, reprimand, or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 1, 2025.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator