

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 26, 2019)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, County Administrator
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 February 12, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. HUMAN RESOURCES - Public Hearing - Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director Dept. of Human Resources

Notice of the Public Hearing was posted in *The Enterprise* on February 8, 2019, and on February 15, 2019 and was posted on the St. Mary's County website. Email notification of the Public Hearing was provided to all Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan members. The resolution would amend the 15th Amendment rectifying the discrepancy between the amendment as currently written and the DROP Plan and to adopt the restated Sheriffs' Office Retirement Plan Document incorporating amendments 1 – 15 into the document.

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing for public comments. There were no individuals wishing to speak. Commissioner closed the public hearing for public comments noting the County Commissioners will receive public comments for an additional seven days and closed the public hearing at 9:06 a.m.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2017-05

I move to authorize the Department of Economic Development to schedule a public hearing to repeal and replace Ordinance 2017-05 that provides for a property tax credit for new and expanding businesses.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for HB 1018 - SMC Public Safety Special Police Officers Pilot Program.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for SB 973 - Tri County Council of Southern Maryland Membership and Funding.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 3: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support for SB 99 and HB 639- Anne Arundel County - Public Safety - Buildings used for Agritourism.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 4: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support with amendment for SB 290 and HB 527- Public Health - Cottage Food Products - Definition.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 5: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of opposition to HB 1029 - Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Limitations.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 6: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of opposition to SB 624 - Juveniles Charged as Adults - Transfer of Jurisdiction - Community Detention.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of opposition to SB 280/HB 166 - Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Enforcement.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 8: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support with amendment for SB 448 and HB 298 - Sanctuary Protection.

NO OPINION

MOTION 9: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for HB 976 - Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage - Established by Counties.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 10: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support for SB 284 and HB 1090 - 911 Specialists.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 11: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Opposition to HB 654 – Wireless Facilities – Installation and Regulation.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 12: I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support for HB 1020 – Wireless Facilities – Permitting and Siting.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 13: I propose we send a letter of support for HB 1309 and SB 876.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 5 AND 12, 2019

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad (Ridge VRS) Request for \$183,309 Loan under the Fire & Rescue Revolving Loan Fund Program

I move to approve and authorize staff to prepare the necessary loan documents for a seven year loan for the Ridge Volunteer Rescue Squad in the amount of \$183,309 from the Fire & Rescue Revolving Loan Fund, to assist in the purchase of a new ambulance, and authorize the Commissioner President and staff to execute the necessary documents, with the understanding that the County Attorney will have approved them for legal sufficiency prior to execution of the documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad (Hollywood VRS)
Request for \$212,000 Loan under the Fire & Rescue Revolving Loan Fund Program
I move to approve and authorize staff to prepare the necessary loan documents for a seven year loan for the Hollywood Volunteer Rescue Squad in the amount of \$212,000 from the Fire & Rescue Revolving Loan Fund, to assist in the purchase of a new ambulance, and authorize the Commissioner President and staff to execute the necessary documents, with the understanding that the County Attorney will have approved them for legal sufficiency prior to execution of the documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Atlantic Broadband Cable Plant Expansion

I authorize staff to execute the Cable Plant Expansion project as presented by staff and authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents."

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Briefing- Synthetic Turf Multi-Purpose Athletic Fields

Present: Arthur Shepherd, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Jeff Clise, Athletic Field Consulting, Inc.

Information regarding synthetic turf for multi-purpose athletic fields in county parks was presented.

F. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland - FY2020 Grant Application

I move to approve the FY2020 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland grant application, project MD2024, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$13,823, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents for electronic filing by Sheriff's Office Staff.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Maryland Highway Safety-Grant Project Agreement FFY2019

MOTION 1: I move to approve the additional Maryland Highway Safety-Grant Project Agreement for FFY2019, project #US1983, from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$10,000, for the Pilot Daytime Seatbelt Enforcement Initiative, and authorize Sheriff's Office staff to submit the related documents electronically.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to approve the related budget amendment to increase the project budget, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Maryland Highway Safety-Grant Applications/Project Agreements FFY2020

I move to approve the FFY2020 Highway Safety Grant Applications for, project #US2083, from the Maryland Department of Transportation's Highway Safety Office, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$24,490, to assist with highway safety education and enforcement efforts, and authorize Sheriff's Office staff to submit all related documents electronically.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Purchase of Equipment Vehicle using Federally and Locally Forfeited Funds

I move to approve the Sheriff's request for concurrence to purchase an equipment vehicle using Federally and Locally Forfeited Funds.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioner President James R. Guy, Commissioner Eric Colvin, Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner Todd B. Morgan Commissioner John E. O'Connor

J. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approval of Resolution for the Realignment of 2016 Sold Bonds.

I move to approve and execute the Resolution, supplementing Resolution 2016-16, authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County by designating additional projects authorized to be financed with the proceeds from the sale of such bonds.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

K. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Sheriff's Office Space

I move to approve the Purchase of Sale Agreement between Post Community Media LLC and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to purchase the property at 23125 Camden Way, California, Md for 1,075,000 for use by the Sheriff's Office."

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

L. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Briefing - Community Standards in Youth Sports

Present: Arthur Shepherd, Director
Jessica Hale, Recreation Division Manager
Darrick Sesker, Sports Coordinator

An overview of initiatives being taken to insure that children and youth participating in youth sports are provided a safe and positive environment in the County parks and facilities was presented.

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 3/5/19

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

8. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPT. OF FINANCE - Review of Elected Officials Requests and follow-up from the February 12, 2019 Budget Work Session

9. ADJOURN