

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 13, 2021)

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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 Bridgett, County Administrator

ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

1. 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 March 30, 2021, as presented.

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Week of the Young Child
- B. Flood Safety Awareness Month
- C. National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week
- D. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

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

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

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. ST MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed the COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. There have been 6,651 COVID-19 cases in St. Mary's County with 123 COVID-19 related deaths. She provided an update on the COVID-19 testing sites available in St. Mary's County. She also reviewed the current vaccine eligibility and provided statics for the current COVID-19 vaccinations in St. Mary's County. Thirty-four percent of St. Mary's population has been vaccinated.

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 Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Request for Public Hearing - Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

I move to hold a morning public hearing authorizing the Commissioners to suspend the administrative rules in Resolution 2016-06 for public hearing only, as they pertain to leaving the record open for 7 days to place the matter back on the Commissioner agenda for a decision, therefore, to vote on the \$8 million dollar supplemental appropriation for FY2021 grant funds following the public hearing.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for Public Hearing - St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance Revisions

I move to approve and authorize the County Attorney's Office to advertise and hold a morning public hearing on the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance Proposed Revisions.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney

The County Attorney provided the status of various legislative items. The following St. Mary's County bills passed and will go to the Governor for signature: HB 862 - Reduce the amount of debt METCOM can incur; HB 813 - Public Facilities Bonds; SB 861 - Public Facilities Bond; HB 528 - Building Excise Tax; HB 530 - Local Gaming provisions - Bingo License; HB 529 - On-Site Consumption Permit - Fees; HB 814 - Alcoholic Bev. Licenses - Annual Fees; HB 1097 - St. Mary's County - Local Officials - Salaries; HB1364 - Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission; SB 946 - Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission.

The following St. Mary's County bills did not pass: HB 527 - Human Relations Commission language update; HB 863 - St. Mary's County - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts; HB 525 - St. Mary's County - Law Enforcement Hearing Board - Civilian Members; HB 655 - Local Elections - County Commissioner and County Boards of Education - District Voting.

The County Attorney also discussed the three Police reform bills vetoed by Governor Hogan that were gubernatorial overwritten: HB 670 - Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 - Police Discipline and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures; SB 71 - Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 - Body-Worn Cameras, Employee Programs, and Use of Force; SB 178 - Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 - Search Warrants and Inspection of Records Relating to Police Misconduct (Anton's Law).

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR APRIL 20 AND 27, 2021.

B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Broadband for Unserved Students (BUS) Grant- Final Report

Present: Bob Kelly CIO

Mr. Kelly provided a final summary of the Broadband for Underserved Students grant. The grant provided 215 St. Mary's County Public School students access to wired broadband connectivity.

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Circuit Court Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) and Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP)

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Circuit Court and Town of Leonardtown regarding the Courthouse property; and the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) MOU with the Circuit Court and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign them and 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

D. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Airport Runway Expansion Land Acquisition

I move to approve the settlement agreement with Windward Land Development, LLC and to authorize the Commissioner President to sign any related documents.

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Realign funds to Department of Agriculture for Gypsy Moth Pest Management

I move to approve the budget amendment using the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve to increase the Department of Agriculture's FY2021 budget for the Gypsy moth pest management survey and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

F. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - CARES Grant Reconciliation

I move to accept the CARES funding update as presented.

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

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:37 a.m. - 11:44 a.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

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

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:45 a.m. - 11:57 a.m.

Location: CSMC Meeting Room

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 approximately 11:57 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 20, 2021.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator