

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, June 8, 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
David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 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 May 25, 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. PRESENTATION

A. HUMAN RESOURCES - Years of Service Awards

The following employees were recognized:

15 Years

Richard S. Koranek, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Raymond D. Pilger, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Gary B. Whipple, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Thomas H. Johnson Sr., Dept of Public Works and Transportation
Dana M. DiGregorio, Dept. of Economic Development
Jennifer A. Earhart, Dept. of Human Resources
Angela H. Blondino, Office of the County Attorney
Sheryl Young, Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management
Bernard L. Copsey, Dept. of Recreation and Parks
Marie Noelle C. Lautieri, Dept of Aging and Human Services
Melissa M Craig, Dept. of Aging and Human Services
Tina L. Fratantuono, Dept. of Aging and Human Services
Darlene Mund, Dept. of Emergency Services

Tamara E. Hildebrand, Alcohol Beverage Board
Sarah M. Ruest, States Attorney Office
Melissa J. Murphy, Sheriff's Office
Kevin P. Meyer, Sheriff's Office
Susie C. Selzer, Sheriff's Office
Susan K. Yekstat, Sheriff's Office

3. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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

A. BOARD OF HEALTH

Present: Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, Health Officer

Dr. Brewster discussed COVID-19 data on the Health Department's Website. The rate of infection is at its lowest point in a long time. Fifty-one percent of St. Mary's County citizens have received at least one dose of the COVID 19 vaccination. She also updated the current COVID-19 testing sites, and the community events where citizens can receive vaccinations.

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

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision -
Proposed Ordinance to allow private piers in waterfront subdivisions that were platted prior to December 31, 1994, that have a community pier.

I move to approve the proposed ordinance to amend the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to allow private piers in subdivisions platted before December 31, 1994, that have a community pier and have the Commissioner President sign the 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

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JUNE 15 AND 22, 2021.

B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's Transit System Staff Reorganization

I move to approve the reorganization of STS to improve management and accountability and improve its ability to hire and retain bus operators.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt

Nay: Commissioners Morgan, O'Connor

6. 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 John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. 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
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
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: 10:38 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: Market Adjustment

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Acting County Administrator
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: 10:46 a.m. - 10:49 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To consider temporary salary of an employee

MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION #1: I move to approve a Market Increase for the Chief Information Officer and the Communications Director Effective July 1, 2021, 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

MOTION #2: In accordance with the St. Mary's County Government Manual of Policies and Procedures, I move to approve Acting Capacity Pay for the County Attorney and for the Director of Human Resources for the duration of the County Administrator's absence 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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on June 15, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

**9. OUTSIDE EVENT - RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - ST. MARY'S COUNTY
DETENTION AND REHABILITATION CENTER, 41880 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD**