

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, June 22, 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 June 15, 2021, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to John C. Raley for his Retirement.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 3 VIRTUAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sheriff's Office District 3 was presented.

B. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - People's Choice / COVID-19 Response Award

Present: Catherine Pratson, Director

The following departments were recipients of the "People's Choice" awards for going above and beyond the call of duty and exceeding expectations while working to support the mission of St. Mary's County Government during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Aging and Human Resources
Alcohol Beverage Board
Board Of Elections
Circuit Court and Department of Public Work and Transportation - Building Services
County Administration and St. Mary's County Health Department
County Office of Law
Department of Economic Development
Department of Emergency Services
Department of Human Resources and County Nurses
Department of Information Technology
Department of Land Use and Growth Management
Public Information Office
Department of Public Works and Transportation - St. Mary's Transit
Department of Public Works and Transportation - Highway
Department of Recreation and Parks
Office of the State Attorney
Treasures Office
Department of Finance
Sheriff's Office
Sheriff's Office - Corrections Division
Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Staff

Individual awards will be presented to department personnel in their respective departments.

C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - 2021 Safety Matters Employee Awards

Present: Sarah Miller, Chairman, Safety Committee

Safety Awards were presented to the following individuals for consistently demonstrating involvement and leadership in creating and maintaining safety at work:

Vicki Goss – Fiscal Specialist/Finance Dept
Rebecca Kessler – Manager, Home & Community Services/Dept. of Aging
Shelia Smith – Office Manager/Land Use and Growth Management (LUGM)
Angela Bailey, Duncan Campbell, Robert Morgan, Jennifer Quade, Chanell Rice, Kevin Steckowski, Brittani Sullivan, George Young-Bey, Joyline Cox and Lakisha White - Building Maintenance Workers/Dept of Public Works

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Resolution Ending the Local State of Emergency

I move to approve and sign the Resolution Ending the Local State of Emergency.

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

B. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Request for Public Hearing - LOSAP 2021 Benefit Change

I move to schedule a public hearing in the evening to consider amending the St. Mary's County code by modifying the LOSAP Point and Service Credit Award process for calendar year 2021.

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

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 13 AND 20, 2021. There will be no meetings of the Commissioners on June 29 and July 6, 2021.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - COPS Office FY2021 Community Policing Development (CPD) Crisis Intervention Teams Program Grant Application

I move to approve the Pre-Application grant documents for the Community Policing Development Crisis Intervention Teams Program grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the amount of \$250,000, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, to expand its current Crisis Intervention Teams Program, and authorize Commissioner President to sign any related or subsequent application documents and Sheriff's Office staff to submit electronically.

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association Lease Renewal

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Lease Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association, Inc.

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 PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) Grant application

I move to allow DPW&T and DED to submit a grant application for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to the Great Mills Business District and to Naval Air Station Patuxent River by constructing a sidewalk from Gate 1 where there is a crosswalk on Three Notch Road to Gate 2 and crosswalk at Gate 2 and a crosswalk to Great Mills Road (MD 246), crossing Three Notch Road (MD 235) and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all 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. ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD - House Bill 12

Present: David Willenborg, Chairman, Alcohol Beverage Board
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator, Alcohol Beverage Board

A discussion was held on House Bill 12, Alcohol Beverages – Sales or Delivery for Off-Premises, signed by Governor Hogan on May 18, 2021. This Bill allows Local Licensing Boards the ability to continue practices set forth during the COVID-19 State of Emergency that relaxed current State and local laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including a license holders' ability to sell mixed cocktails and other alcoholic beverages in a manner normally considered "open-container", and normally prohibited by law. The St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board will be voting to determine if they want to continue the relaxed sales in St. Mary's County and was seeking input from the Commissioners.

F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation FY2022 Ranking

I move to support the St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board's ranking of the properties to be considered for MALPF funding and to have the Commissioner President sign all 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

G. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - St. Mary's Soil Conservation District MOU

I move to approve the MOU with the St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District outlining the salary and benefits provided by St. Mary's County Government for the Soil Conservation District Manager position and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Resolution for Additional Holiday Leave

I move to approve the resolution recognizing Juneteenth as an official holiday providing County employees with a paid holiday on June 18, 2021 or with floating holiday leave for employees required to work on this date; and to approve that the floating holiday hours earned on June 18, 2021 may be carried into fiscal year 2022

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

I. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Grant Spending Plan

I move to approve the previous allocated amount for immediate disbursement of \$992,353 already allocated for a County and Sheriff Nurse, CSM Scholarships, and positions in the Health Department and defer the decision on the remaining balance for this portion until July 2021.

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

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move we enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Real Property.

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. REAL PROPERTY

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, Acting County Administrator
John Deatruck, Director, Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:38 a.m. - 11:48 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To discuss property acquisition - St. Mary's County Regional Airport

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move that we request that the FAA approve the removal of the parcel from the acquisition list for the current grant and continue negotiations.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:51 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 13, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator