

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 27, 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 9:02 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 July 20, 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. PROCLAMATION

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Tom Hodges Auto Sales Length of Service Recognition
- B. National Black Business Month

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Jack A. Curtis for his retirement.

4. PRESENTATION

A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Presentation - EOC Partners

The following individuals received a commendation for their participation in the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center activation. Their excellence under pressure provided great aid to the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Amy Bledsoe, Department of Emergency Services
Gerald Gardiner, Department of Emergency Services
Alexis Zoss, Department of Social Services
Kevin Corrigan, Department of Social Services
Lori Jennings-Harris, Department of Aging & Human Services
Michael Wyant, St. Mary's County Public Schools
Sheriff Tim Cameron, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Stephen Simonds, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
Lt. Krystle Rossignol, Maryland State Police
First Sgt Michael Lane, Maryland State Police
ALisa Casas, Public Information Office
Dr. Daniel Geary, St. Mary's County Medical Director
Dave Stamey, Emergency Medical Services
Matt Colliflower, Rescue Squad Association
Shawn Davidson, St. Mary's Rescue Association
J. A. Nelson, Chairman, St. Mary's County Fire Board Association
Charles Miedzinski, St. Mary's County Fire Board Association
Gary Bell, St. Mary's County Fire Board Association
Chris Thompson, Department of Emergency Services
Dr. Patty Bray, Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Sabrina Hecht, Patuxent River Naval Air Station
Gretchen Hardman, Governor's Office
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Dr. Stephen Michaels, MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
Dr. Meenakshi Brewster, St. Mary's County Health Department
Terry Prochnow, St. Mary's County Health Department
Jenna Guzman, St. Mary's County Health Department
Senator Jack Bailey

5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. MOTIONS BY COMMISSIONERS

Rogers Drive

I move to approve ending St. Mary's County Government involvement with the Rogers Drive extension project and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

American Rescue Funds

Since we have the American Rescue Funds available for use, I move to allocate the already discussed \$2.4 Million to Information Technology Broadband expansion and \$1 Million to the Health Department for COVID Relief continuation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. HUMAN RESOURCES - Decision - Proposed Amendment modifying the 2021 LOSAP Point Award Process

I move to approve the ordinance amending St. Mary's County Code, Chapter 181, Section 181-5 by revising the LOSAP point award process for 2021 for volunteers able to demonstrate a reasonable restriction on participation during the pandemic response through the end of the state of emergency on July 1, 2021

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR AUGUST 17 and 24, 2021. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on August 3 and 10, 2021.

B. CIRCUIT COURT - Acceptance of Family Services Coordinator Supplemental Grant Award

I move to approve and accept the Family Services Grant Award, Project MD2220 from the Administrative Office of the Courts, in the amount of \$192,602 and approve the related budget amendment increasing the overall budget by \$21,870 to realign the budget to award, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Application for Legislative Bond Bill Project: Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association, Inc. (PRNAMA)

I move to approve the Legislative Bond Bill application for Patuxent River Naval Air Museum Association, Inc (PRNAMA) and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign all related documents.

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Grant Award for the St Patrick Creek Channel Dredge - MA1801

I move to approve the DNR Waterway Improvement Grant Fund Award in the amount of \$800,000 to be used for the St. Patrick Creek Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredge and Design of beach replenishment and authorize the Commissioner President to 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Recommended FY2022 Fee-in-Lieu for the Purchase of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs)

I move to set the TDR Fee-in-Lieu amount at \$5,400 for Fiscal Year 2022 and have the Commissioner President 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

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - American Rescue Plan Child Care Stabilization Fund Grant Application- Maryland State Department of Education

I move to approve Recreation and Parks to submit the online application for the American Rescue Plan Child Care Stabilization Fund Grant through the Maryland State Department of Education in the amount of \$115,000 for the purpose of financially supporting the School Age Care programs and authorize the commissioner president to sign all 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

G. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY2022 Waterway Improvement Fund Grant Awards

I move to approve the FY2022 Waterway Improvement Fund Bushwood Wharf Pier Repair Project (\$125,000) and Snow Hill Park Boat Ramp Project (\$500,000) in the total amount of \$625,000 and the related Budget Amendment and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Motion Carries

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

H. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Emergency Medical Service - Staffing Update

I make a motion that we proceed with four supervisors drawing from within the ranks of what we already have and work with HR accordingly to satisfy that requirement.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

I. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - ENSB 911 Trust Fund Spending Plan for FY2022

I move to approve the spending plan for the 911 Board Trust Fund, Project MD2238 from the 911 Board on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services for the total amount of \$1,118,650 for FY2022 and authorize the Director of Emergency Services to 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

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 consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Catherine Pratson, Acting Co-County Administrator
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Bob Kelly, Director, Dept. of Information Technology
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:05 a.m. - 11:43 a.m.

Location: Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on August 17, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

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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 opened the meeting with the Maryland Association of Counties at 2:32 p.m.

10. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MACO)

A. MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES - Annual Brief

Present: Michael Sanderson, Executive Director
Wilbur Levensgood, Caroline County Commissioner, President, MACo

Mr. Sanderson and Mr. Levensgood provided highlights from the 2021 legislative session.

Commissioner President Guy adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.