

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, November 15, 2022)
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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
Catherine Pratson, Director of Human Resources for Interim County Administrator
Alex Huseman, Communications Coordinator

1. RECEPTION FOR CITIZENS ACADEMY GRADUATES

The Commissioners hosted a reception for the Citizens Academy Graduates.

2. 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 November 1, 2022, 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

3. PRESENTATION

A. Citizens Academy Recognition

The 2022 Citizens Academy Graduates are:

Janet Bello	Marie Bennett
Teresa Bontrager	Rowena Bossio
Kelly Bridges	Cherrie Brown
Kaitlin Fraer	Silvia Guerrero
Gretchen Hardman	Geoffrey Lewis
Celia Loflin	David McGowan
Scott Ostrow	Jennifer Ostrow
Terri Raley	Thomas Ridley

Sierra Ringley Sue Shea
Dawn Spranger Lawrence Stauffe
Bianca Strazlkowski Amanda Wood
Amelia Yunker

4. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Great American Smokeout
- B. Giving Tuesday

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - PUBLIC HEARING - Comprehensive Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan Update

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m.

Present: James Gotsch, Director Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
Carly Cushing, Assistant Environmental Section Chief, Maryland Environmental Service

Notice of public hearing was posted in the *Southern Maryland Newspaper* on October 28, 2022 and November 4, 2022. The *Annotated Code of Maryland*, requires St Mary's County to prepare and adopt a Solid Waste Management Plan(Plan) which covers a ten (10) year planning period and review the plan every three years. Mr. Gotsch presented the goals and objectives of the 2022-2032 Plan: 1) Assure the protection of public health and the environment through environmentally sound methods of waste removal; 2) Conserve natural resources; 3) Encourage public involvement in solid waste management and planning issues; 4) Implement the use of full-cost accounting to determine actual costs for managing solid waste and recycling programs; 5) Identity and establish markets for the reduction, reuse, or recycling and recovery of materials; 6) Facilitate a regional approach to solid waste management; and 7) Provide safe, efficient, cost effective and adequate solid waste services and infrastructure to accommodate the current and future residential and commercial municipal solid waste and recyclables generated throughout the County.

Commissioner President Guy asked Catherine Pratson to provide the guidelines for the Public Hearing.

Public Comments

Billy Fitzgerald, 37601 Golden Beach Rd, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Catherine Pratson closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the public comment period will remain open for seven (7) days, until COB on November 22, 2022. Should the public

wish to send an email to csmc@stmaryscountymd.gov or US Mail to PO Box 653, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.

6. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance - Revisions/Update

I move to approve and adopt the proposed updates to the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance by repealing and replacing Chapter 158 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance with the attached updated Ordinance.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 6, 2022. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on November 22, 2022.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOARD OF EDUCATION - Request approval of a FY2023 Restricted Fund Budget Increase - Apprenticeship Maryland Program (AMP)

I move to approve the Board of Education's request of an FY2023 Restricted Fund budget increase for the Apprenticeship Maryland Program (AMP).

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 - STS Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)

I move to approve the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan 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

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - FDR Boulevard Phase 3B - Patuxent Corporate Center Fee/Easement Acquisition

I move to approve the Option Contract between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Patuxent Corporate Center, LLC in the amount of \$75,208 and allow for a future access from Patuxent Center Way to FDR Boulevard to be designed and constructed by the Patuxent Corporate Center, LLC at their expense, 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 AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2023 Senior Care Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Senior Care grant award, project #MD2303, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$162,235 and the related budget amendment and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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

F. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Addendum to Leonardtown Library Lease Agreement

I move to approve the Addendum to the Leonardtown Library Lease Agreement and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute 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

8. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners discussed events attended over the past week and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

9. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Commissioner John E. O'Connor recused himself from Closed Session.

B. LITIGATION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Scott Ostrow, Commissioner Elect
Buffy Giddens, Deputy County Attorney
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:35 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consult with legal counsel to discuss litigation strategy.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on November 29, 2022.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant