

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Minutes Agenda (Tuesday, January 24, 2023)
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1. JOINT MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, Interm County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office
Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director, Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Board of Education

Mrs. Karin Bailey, Chairwoman
Mrs. Cathy Allen, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Mary Washington
Mrs. Dorothy Andrews
Mr. James Davis
Dr. J. Scott Smith, Superintendent
Ms. Manasa Iswara, Student Board Member
Mrs. Tammy McCourt, Assistant Superintendent of Fiscal Services
Mr. Stuart M. Sutley, MBA, Bolton Innovation Group Practice Leader

Commissioner President Guy opened the joint meeting of the St. Mary's County Commissioners and the St. Mary's County Board of Education at 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Following opening remarks and introductions, the following presentations were given: School Enrollment/ Proposed Residential Developments (Dr Smith and Courtney Jenkins);Blueprint Update (Dr. Smith); Foundation Funding (Tammy McCourt); and Everside (Mr. Sutley)

2. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

3. WELCOME

Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric S. Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow
David Weiskopf, Interm County Administrator
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 11:00 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 January 10, 2023, as amended.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

4. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Mentoring Month.

5. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Brian Gillingham for his Retirement.

6. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND - State of the College

Present: Dr. Yolanda Wilson, President

The Commissioners welcomed Dr. Yolanda Wilson the 6th President of College of Southern Maryland. Dr. Wilson emphasized the importance of the stakeholder working in collaboration to provide the best opportunity for students interested in higher education or skilled trades. She stated the theme for this year is "Building Success Together". A video depicting college programs was shown.

7. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department request authorization for Public Hearing to increase the Fire Tax Rates

I move to authorize the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department to hold a local public hearing in reference to the proposed Fire Tax Rate increase for the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department as presented, with direction that the public hearing results and public comment will be submitted to the County for consideration as part of the FY2024 budget process, and any such rate increases would be incorporated into our Recommended Budget, including the Public Hearing April 25, 2023.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - NMETC (National Medical Education and Training Center) - Training Agreement

I move to approve the agreement between Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the National Medical Education and Training Center for the purpose of providing Paramedic students with actual clinical experience required for certificates and have Commissioner President sign any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr..

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Property Tax Credit Incentive for Cedar Point Shopping Center

I move to approve the property tax credit for the Paul Joseph Choporis Revocable Trust for the Cedar Point Shopping Center and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

E. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update

I move to accept the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2022 Update as presented by the Economic Development Commission and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

F. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY - Prosecutor by Karpel
Software

I move to approve the purchase of Prosecutor by Karpel, related computer equipment and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the related Budget Amendment reducing the Commissioners Reserve by \$227,950.00.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

G. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - State's Attorney's Office Request 4
Positions and Reclassification Request

I move to approve four positions 2 Attorneys and 2 Paralegals, and reclassification of Senior Legal Assistant to Paralegal costing \$303,000 and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the budget amendments.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

8. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

The following bills were discussed:

St. Mary's County Bill:

HB247 - St. Mary's County - Transfer Tax - Sunset Extension

Other Bills of Interest:

HB 11 – Private Well Safety Act of 2023

HB 55 – Local Government – Condominium and Homeowners Associations – Repair and Rehabilitation Funds

HB 79 – Housing and Community Development – Whole-Home Repairs Act of 2023

HB 91 - Environment – Recycling – Hotels

HB 181 – Four-Day Workweek Pilot Program and Income Tax Credit – Established (Four-Day Workweek Act of 2023)

SB 1 - Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting Firearms - Restrictions (Gun Safety Act of 2023)

SB 103 - Income Tax – Maryland Residential Solar Investment Tax Credit

SB 114 - Property Tax – Constant Yield Tax Rate – Notice Requirements

SB 134 – Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans

9. 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 Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson Jr., Ostrow

10. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim 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: 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the assignment or appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, Interim 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: 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

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

C. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim 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: 2:00 p.m. - 2:24 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

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

D. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
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: 2:24 p.m. - 2:52 p.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

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

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

