

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 14, 2023)
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Members present

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

Absent: Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

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 February 7, 2023 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

2. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for National Engineers Week.

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – State of the College

Present: Dr. Tuajuanda C. Jordan, President
Charles C. Jackson, Governmental Relations Liaison

An overview of St. Mary's College was presented. Dr. Jordan highlighted the new Nancy R. and Norton T. Dodge Performing Arts Center, a resource for events and entertainment provided to the community. She also discusses enrollment, tuition, curriculum, and the economic impact the college has on the region.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 7, 2023. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 21, 2023.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE -Revised FY2023 Police Accountability, Community and Transparency (PACT) Grant Award

I move to approve the FY2023 Police Accountability, Community and Transparency (PACT) Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in the amount of \$170,796 and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Budget Amendment related to FFY2023 Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement Award for the Child Support Grant

I move to approve the budget amendment related to the fully executed Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for FFY2023, Project US2317, from the Maryland Department of Human Services for Child Support Enforcement, which includes increasing the grant funding to \$522,259 and realigns the additional County Funding needed from within the Sheriff's budget to bring the total County Funding in the grant to \$317,087 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Leonardtown Arts and Entertainment District Designation

I move to approve the letter to the State of Maryland in support of the Town of Leonardtown's redesignation of their Arts and Entertainment District and authorize the Commissioner President sign all 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - American Rescue Grant Update

I move to accept the changes to the American Rescue plan as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

F. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Approve Employment Contract

I move to approve the employment contract for the St. Mary's County Government County Administrator and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the 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

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to support/oppose HB 574/SB 457 - St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support/opposition to committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 2: I move to support/oppose HB 575/SB 458 - St. Mary's County - Bond Authority - YMCA Facility and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support/opposition to committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 3: I move to support/oppose HB 623 - St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support/opposition to committees for hearings on this bill.

No Vote

MOTION 4: I move to oppose SB 539 - Economic Development – Tri–County Council for Southern Maryland – Membership and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of opposition to committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

MOTION 5: I move to support HB 552 - Economic Development – Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program and Fund (Innovation Economy Infrastructure Act of 2023) and to approve and

authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

MOTION 6: I move to support HB 622 - Economic Development – Industry 4.0 Technology Grant Program and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on this bill.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

MOTION 7: I move to support/oppose HB 592/SB 418 - Property Tax - Agricultural Land and Improvements – Assessment and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to committees for hearings on this bill.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President

Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Deborah Carpenter
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:30 a.m. - 12:10 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.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 28, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. FY 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2024 Budget Work Session CIP Follow-up and
Income Tax updated FY2024 Estimate

Present: Jennett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

10. ADJOURN