

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 2, 2023)*Generated by Julie Burch on Tuesday, May 2, 2023*

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, 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 9:01 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of April 25, 2023, 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, Ostrow

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Travel and Tourism Week
- B. Small Business Month
- C. Law Day

3. PRESENTATION

Prior to the 2023 Annual Historic Preservation Awards, a proclamation was presented for National Historic Preservation Month.

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - 2023 Annual Historic Preservation Awards Selected by the Historic Preservation Commission

Present: Ben Cohen, Department of Land Use and Growth Management Planner III to the Historic Preservation Commission

The following awards were presented:

Historic Preservation Project Award 2023

Michael Hewitt for the Restoration of Tall Timbers Tavern

W.M. Davis Inc., and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for the Restoration of
Point Lookout Lighthouse

Historic Preservation Legacy Award 2023 to Peter Himmelheber

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Decision - Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Water & Sewerage Plan

I move to approve the amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan to amend the water and sewer service categories from W-6D and S-6D (service in 6 to 10 years, developer financed) to W-3D and S-3D (service in 3 to 5 years, developer financed) for 2.00 acres described as Tax Map 34, Grid 02, Parcel 0183 in the 6th Election District, Tax ID 025390, property located at 23836 Mervell Dean Road Hollywood, Maryland 20636 to facilitate community water and sewerage services for a proposed O'Reilly's Auto Parts and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all associated documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson Jr., second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Establishing an Excise Tax by enacting Chapter 267-81 through 267-91 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland

Motion 1: I move to adopt the proposed ordinance to establish an Excise Tax at a 70 % reduction from the studies recommended level by enacting Chapter 267-81 through 267-91 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second NONE.

Motion Failed

Motion 2: I move to adopt the proposed ordinance to establish an Excise Tax by enacting Chapter 267-81 through 267-91 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, Alderson

C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan

I move to approve holding a public hearing on May 16, 2023 in consideration of the seventeenth amendment to the Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Resolution to Update the St. Mary's County Road Naming and Addressing Manual

I move to approve and authorize the Department of Land Use and Growth Management to hold a public hearing on May 23, 2023 to receive public input on the proposed Resolution to update the St. Mary's County Road Naming and Addressing Manual.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 9 AND 16, 2023.

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contract

I move to approve the employment contract for the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks Golf Course Manager and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents with terms and conditions as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R Alderson Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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 R. Alderson Jr.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

7. 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, 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: 10:56 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: Appointment of a member of a public agency.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 9, 2023.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator