

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, May 9, 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.  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weiskopf, County Administrator  
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director

### **1. WELCOME**

Commissioner Vice President Colvin called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Leonardtown.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of May 2, 2023, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Guy

### **2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Drug Court Month
- B. National Skilled Nursing Care Week
- C. National Nurses Week
- D. Older Americans Month

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 16 AND 23, 2023.**

**B. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Proposal to Establish New Refuge Lands in Southern Maryland

**Present:** Daniel Murphy, Chief, Division of Habitat Restoration and Conservation,  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to create a new refuge to include and conserve currently unprotected, high priority fish and wildlife habitats across southern Maryland. Analysis over the past 15 years have shown that currently unprotected habitats in Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties support significant populations of fish and wildlife that have been identified by the Service for protection by the National Wildlife Refuge System as primarily threatened and endangered species. Following the gathering of information, the proposed land protection footprint will be drafted, and public comment will be solicited. It is anticipated that a final plan will be submitted for approval in the Summer/Fall 2023.

**C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Southern Maryland Navy Alliance Presentation**

**Present:** Chris Kaselemis, Director, Dept. of Economic Development  
Tom Garrison, President, Southern Maryland Navy Alliance  
Dr. Dale Moore, Executive Vice President, Southern Maryland Navy Alliance

The Southern Maryland Navy Alliance is a group of volunteers working to protect the current and future economy of Southern Maryland. They are dedicated to protecting the missions, identifying opportunities, and mitigating threats posed to NAS Patuxent River. The group focuses on Federal, State and Local issues. Locally they are focused on infrastructure, attracting new business, workforce, military community support/appreciation and communication.

**D. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Approve Employment Contract**

I move to approve the employment contract for the St. Mary's County Land Use and Growth Management Director and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents with terms and conditions as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**4. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners discussed events attended over the past week and items of a personal nature.

**5. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 16, 2023.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant

## **6. FY 2024 BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Budget Work Session with follow-up from the public hearing and review of appeals and realignments

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer  
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director

## **7. ADJOURN**

## **8. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **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  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:31 p.m. and requested Communications Director, Jenna Guzman to provide the format for the Forum.

### **Comments were provided by:**

Raegan Medeiros, 46103 Saltmarsh Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Tanya Parker, 21414 Manon Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
James "Freddie" Riner, 46103 Saltmarsh Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Roy Fedders, 16690 St. Jerome's Neck Road, Dameron, MD 20628  
Silvia Guerrero, 48965 Spring Ridge Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Troy Cowan, 21411 S. Essex, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Kim Gibson, Abell, MD 20606

### **Video was provided by:**

Anthony Dameron

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 6:50 p.m.

**9. ADJOURN**