

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Minutes (Tuesday, July 18, 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, Communication Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 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 June 27, 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 Recreation and Parks Month
- B. Maryland Buy Local Challenge

3. PRESENTATION

A. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Semi-Annual Brief

Present: Michael Blackwell, Director

Mr. Blackwell provided an overview of Library operations which included visitations, programs, circulation, and events.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Request for Public Hearing - Amendment to the St. Mary's County Energy and Fuel Tax Ordinance

I move to approve and authorize an evening public hearing to consider amendments to Chapters 267-23, 267-24 and 267-27 of the Code of St. Mary's County Energy & Fuel Tax Ordinance.

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 JULY 25 AND AUGUST 1, 2023.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Bundled contract with Axon Enterprises for Sheriff's Office Body Worn Cameras and Tasers

MOTION #1: I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to execute the 10 year bundled contract between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and Axon Enterprises for Body Worn Cameras and Tasers.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION #2: I move to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to sign the contract purchase order with Axon Enterprises due to it exceeding the \$1 million threshold.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2024 Agreements for Medication Assisted Treatment, STOP, Five County, and MCCJTP programs.

I move to approve the FY2024 Agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center for STOP, Five County, Jail Based Medication Assisted Treatment, and the Maryland Community Justice Treatment Program, for the total amount of \$1,082,710. I further move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents, including the various budget amendments and closeout of US2403.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2024 School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Application - Fixed Amount

I move to approve the FY2024 School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Grant from the Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Center for School Safety, in the amount of \$200,000 (excluding county funding), and authorize Commissioner President to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY2024 Heroin Coordinator Grant Award - Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services

I move to approve the grant award and budget documents for the FY2024 Heroin Coordinator Program from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in the amount of \$59,649 (excluding County funding) 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 Scott R. Ostrow.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY 2024 Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Program Award

MOTION #1: I move to approve the FY2024 GOCPYVS Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF) Program Award for \$341,505 with additional County funding of \$29,534 and have the Commissioner President sign the related documents

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION #2: I move to have the Department of Human Resources classify the positions prior to advertising/hiring based on job descriptions submitted.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - FY24 Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) Award

I move to approve the FY2024 GOCPYVS Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG) Award and have the Commissioner President 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, Ostrow

H. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - MOU for County EMS

I move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Ambulance and Rescue Squad Association, Inc. and authorize the Commissioner President to sign (2) of the same related documents so that each party can hold an original copy.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

I. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Program Open Space FY2024 grant applications

I move to approve the Program Open Space, development applications for the Dog Parks, and Skate Parks projects and the planning application for the 2027 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan in the total amount of \$1,350,000 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - TDR Fee-in-Lieu for Transferrable Development Rights

I move to set the Fiscal Year 2024 Fee-in-Lieu amount for transferrable development rights at \$4861.02 and have the Commissioner President sign all relevant documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Financing timeline for the sale and issuance of \$30 million 2023 General Obligation Bonds

I move to approve the timeline for the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$30 million.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

L. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Senior Care Grant Application

I move to approve the Senior Care grant application, Project #MD2403 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$162,703 to provide assistance to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Ostrow

M. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 Level One Screens Application

I move to approve the Level One Screens grant application, Project #MD2411 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$15,000 to provide assistance to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

N. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2024 State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Grant Application

I move to approve the SHIP grant application, Project #US2414 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$15,000 to provide assistance to the seniors of St. Mary's County and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events 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 Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin.

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
David Yingling, Deputy 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: 11:39 a.m. - 11:47 a.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.

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, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy 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: 11:47 a.m. - 12:03 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 12:03 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 25, 2023.

 JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. 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, Communication Director, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. and requested Communications Director, Jenna Guzman to provide the format for the Forum.

Comments were provided by:

Steve Tuttle, 23842 Myrtle Glen Way, California, MD
Lawrence Ludwig, 23856 Marview Court, Leonardtown, MD
Mary Ludwig, 23856 Marview Court, Leonardtown, MD
Kevin McElhaney, 41440 Knight Road, Leonardtown, MD
Anthony Dameron, 21405 Canoe Neck Way, Abell, MD
Corey Brooks, P.O. Box 262, Leonardtown, MD
Donald Phetteplace, 38655 Bills Way, Avenue, MD
Troy Cowen, 21411 South Essex, Lexington Park, MD
James Krilich, P.O. Box 193, Dameron, MD
Linda Thomas, Lexington Park
Roy Fedders, 16690 St. Jeromes Neck Road, Dameron, MD

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 7:00 p.m.

10. ADJOURN