

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 30, 2024)
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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
Lily Winsted Communication Coordinator, Public Information Office
Julie Burch, Recorder

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 January 23, 2024.

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. PROCLAMATION

A proclamation was presented for Transit Equity Day.

3. COMMENDATION

A commendation was presented to Sheila Graziano for her retirement.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Zoning Text Amendment 03-341 Adding Use Type 74 as Allowable Use in LCI and APZ-2

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:15 a.m.

Present: John Sterling Houser, Deputy County Attorney

The public hearing is to receive public comment for the proposed Zoning Text Amendment 03-341 Adding Use Type 74 as Allowable Use in LCI and APZ-2 to allow Use Type #74 "Fast Food

Restaurant" in the Limited Commercial Industrial Zoning District. Notice of the public hearing was published on January 12 and 19, 2024, in the *Southern Maryland Newspaper*. Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comment given by:

Chris Longmore, 22738 Maple Road #210, Lexington Park, MD

Troy Cowan, 21411 S. Essex Dr, Lexington Park, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the public hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at approximately 9:24 a.m.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 6 AND 13, 2024

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Social Media Litigation

I move to join the multi-district social media litigation and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Southern Maryland 2030 Workforce Program

Present: Chris Kaselemis, Director

Jennifer Brown, The Patuxent Partnership Workforce Development and Program Director

An overview of the Southern Maryland 2030 Workforce Program was presented. The workforce development program engages with students from the James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center and connects students with paid internships and apprenticeships in the Southern Maryland area.

D. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Rural Legacy Area Preference

I move to have the Commissioner President sign a letter to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources indicating that the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area is the prioritized Rural Legacy Area for St. Mary's County and have the Commissioner President sign all 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Accepting additional funding / Exelon Grant

I move to approve the funding for the Exelon Grant, Project OT2410 in the amount of \$30,000.00 from the Exelon Generation Company, LLC on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and budget amendment for \$10,000.00 to increase budget based on the award and have by Commissioner President execute all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Maryland Stadium Authority MOU- Sports Complex Phase II

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland Stadium Authority and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to initiate Phase II of the Sports Complex.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Speed Zone Cameras

I move to approve the Speed Camera Ordinance; I move that any contract awarded under the Speed Camera Ordinance must meet Commissioner approval prior to execution.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Alderson

6. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to sign and submit a Letter of support for HB 653 - Golf Carts Operable on Certain County Roads to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

MOTION 2: I move to sign and submit a Letter of support for HB 43 - Motor Vehicle Registration - Exception for Golf Carts - Authorization to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

MOTION 3: I move to sign and submit a Letter of Support for HB 519 - St. Mary's County – Board of Education – Civil Rights Data Collection and Reporting to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

MOTION 4: I move to sign and submit a Letter of support for HB 521 - St. Mary's County - Public Ethics - Prohibition on Campaign Contributions From Individual Registered Lobbyists to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

MOTION 5: I move to sign and submit a Letter of opposition for HB 248 - Property Tax – Assessment Appeal Boards and Supervisors – Regional 3 Organization to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners' position.

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

MOTION 6: I move to sign and submit a Letter of Opposition for HB 81 - Constitutional Amendment - Form of County Government - Requirement to Adopt Charter Home Rule.

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

MOTION 7: I move to sign and submit a Letter of opposition for SB 12 - College of Southern Maryland - Board of Trustees Membership – Alterations. to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners’ position.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 8: I move to sign and submit a Letter of opposition for SB 81 - Higher Education - College of Southern Maryland – Budget to the General Assembly stating the Commissioners’ position.

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. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events over the past week and provided general comments.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 6, 2024.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

9. OUTSIDE EVENT - MOBILE LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY,

Leonardtwn Library, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown MD

10. PUBLIC FORUM

Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Eric S. Colvin

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Lily Winsted, Communication Coordinator, Public Information Office

Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center and requested Lily Winsted to provide the format for the Forum.

Public Forum comments were provided by:

Sarah Penrod, 21180 Elizabeth Hill St., California, MD
Jacob Lang, 49254 Demco Road, Lexington Park, MD
Eve Taylor, 22441 Cornwell Dr., California, MD
Donald Rankin, 41495 Connelly St., #28, Leonardtown, MD
Kelly Keck, 39621 Summerdale Ct., Mechanicsville, MD
Minnie Russell, 16477 Dunbar Ln., Ridge, MD
Coretta Henderson, 21156 TriCommunity Way, Lexington Park, MD
Reagan Wagner, California, MD
Connor Russell, 43220z Spalding Farm Lane, Hollywood, MD
Angela Funya, 17957 Trossbach Rd., Dameron, MD
Donald DeGraves, P.O. Box 155, Piney Point, MD
RJ Bean, 19935 Flat Iron Road, Great Mills, MD
John Cockerham, 38931 Golden Beach Road, Mechanicsville, MD
Mary Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD
Lawrence Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD
Greg Tollefsen, 22896 Piney Wood Circle, California, MD
Freddie Riner, 46103 Saltmarsh Ct., Lexington Park, MD
John Weiner, P.O. Box 1822, California, MD
Efrain Ayala, 21135 Ace Lane, Lexington Park, MD
Joseph Swals, 21151 Winding Way, Lexington Park, MD
Mariam Klarpka, 46620 Shallow Ford Ct., Tall Timbers, MD
Lisa Blottenberger, 21855 Fairway Dr., Leonardtown, MD
Charlene Pizzadili, P.O. Box 143, Callaway, MD
Chanel Chase, 48534 Mattapany Rd., Lexington Park MD
Melissa Willey, 18470 Matthews Dr., Lexington Park, MD
Addison Willey, Lexington Park, MD
Kate McGowan, Alexandria, Va
Ryan Shepard, California, MD
Jennifer Ramos, 21123 Winding Way, Lexington Park, MD
Renee Thomas, Leonardtown, MD
Anthony Dameron, Abell, MD
Jane Osburn, 43087 Coles Dr., Hollywood, MD
Kaitlyn Frayer, Leonardtown, MD
Alec, Great Mills, MD
Tina Morgan
Maria Saldana, Lexington Park, MD
Anthony Proco, Lexington Park, MD

Comments provided by email:

Brandon Hall

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 8:16 p.m.

11. ADJOURN