

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 7, 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
Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, 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 April 30, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National Nurses Week
- B. National Skilled Nursing Care Week
- C. National Travel and Tourism Week

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision - Great Mills Swimming Pool/Gymnastics Center - Program Open Space Conversion

I move to adopt the Formal Application Packet for the Program Open Space Conversion of 2100 Great Mills Road and to submit it to the Department of Natural Resources.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 14 AND 21, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personnel Services and Snow Removal - FY2024

MOTION 1: I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing salary and fringe accounts and increasing the Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account in the amount of \$139,374 due to salary savings 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, Ostrow

MOTION 2: I move to approve the budget amendment decreasing the Commissioners' Emergency Reserve account and increasing Snow accounts in the Highway Division for Snow Removal \$318,168 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, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Approval of Resolution for the realignment of the 2022 Bond proceeds

I move to approve and execute Resolution 2024-14 supplementing Resolution 2022-20 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County by designating additional projects authorized to be financed with the proceeds from the sale of such bonds 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, Ostrow

5. 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 Litigation Strategy

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

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LITIGATION STRATEGY

Present: James R. Guy, President
Michael R. Alderson Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Mike Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
D. Bruce Poole, Esq., The Poole Law Group (via Zoom)
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 10:00 a.m. - 10:06 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss strategy in Litigation

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on _____.

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. OUTSIDE EVENT - LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

9. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Prior to the Budget Work Session.

MOTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

I move to approve amending the complaint in our on-going opioid litigation to include the additional parties as discussed with counsel and authorize the Commissioner President to 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, Ostrow

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

10. ADJOURN

11. PUBLIC FORUM

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
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center, and requested Jenna Guzman to provide the format for the Forum.

Public Forum comments were provided by:

Chelsea Dorn, 23290 Wooded Way, California, MD
Cory White, 41151 Glenwood Lane, Mechanicsville, MD
Mary Ludwig, 23356 Marview Court, Leonardtown, MD
John Weiner, P.O. Box 1822, California, MD
Sherry Tucker, 17679 Three Notch Road, Dameron, MD
Troy Cowan, 21411 St. Essex Drive, Lexington Park, MD
Addison Willey, 18470 Matthews Drive, Lexington Park, MD
Lawrence Ludwig, 23356 Marview Court, Leonardtown, MD
Rich Benefield, Hollywood, MD
Lula Price, 48373 Seaside View Road, Ridge, MD

There were no other citizens present who wished to speak so Commissioner President Guy closed the Public Forum at 7:05 p.m.

12. ADJOURN