

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, July 16, 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 June 25, 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. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Maryland Buy Local Week
- B. National Parks and Recreation Month

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Amendment of Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan (CWSP23-0369)

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.

Present: Jessica Andritz, Director
Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director

The public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. This amendment is requested to facilitate water service for a proposed

18-unit townhouse development in the Hollywood Town Center. Notice of the public hearing was published in the *Southern Maryland Newspaper* on June 28 and July 5, 2024.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Joan Sullivan-Cowan, 21411 South Essex Drive, 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 9:27 a.m.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JULY 23 AND JULY 30, 2024.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FY25 School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Application - Fixed Amount

I move to approve the FY2025 School Resource Officer / Adequate Coverage Grant from the Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Center for School Safety, in the amount of \$196,491 (excluding County funding) and authorize the 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

C. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE- FY25 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award

I move to approve the FY25 GOCPP Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Award and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Lease Agreement Between County and St. Mary's County Arts Council

MOTION 1: I move approve the Facility Lease agreement of Carver Recreation Center to the St. Mary's Arts Council and authorize the Commissioner President to execute any and 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

MOTION 2: I move to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter to the Maryland State Arts Council in support of the Community Arts Maker Space to be located at Carver Recreation Center.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Decision on Proposed Animal Ordinance Revision

I move to repeal and re-enact Chapter 212 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, with amendments, the Proposed Animal Ordinance, and have the Commissioner President sign any 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

F. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Corrective Ordinance to Rerecord Ordinance 24-15 for Purpose of Correcting a Clerical Error

I move to approve the proposed corrective ordinance to sign and re-record Ordinance 24-15 for the purpose of correcting a clerical error in Section 4 in Ordinance 24-15.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

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 Personnel, Real Property and Litigation Strategy.
Motion by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr., second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Alderson, Ostrow

6. 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, Department of Human Resources
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:58 a.m. - 11:11 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. REAL PROPERTY

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
John Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:12 a.m. - 11:18 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property.

C. REAL PROPERTY

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
John Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(6) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:19 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To hold preliminary discussions concerning the purchase or disposition of real property.

D. LITIGATION STRATEGY

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
John Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Julie Burch, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland
Time Held: 11:25 a.m. - 12:03 p.m.
Location: Savich Conference Room
Purpose: To discuss strategy in litigation.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.
Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on July 23, 2024

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin. Coordinator