

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, September 24, 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
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

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 September 17, 2024.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Homegrown School Lunch Week
- B. National Service Dog Month

3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PART I

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 1 AND 8, 2024.

B. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PILOT Request for Joe Baker Village and Great Mills Court

I move to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement for Joe Baker Village and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement for Great Mills Court and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Request for PILOT Agreement for Villas at Lexwoods Townhomes

I move to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement in the amount of \$400 per unit and approve a reimbursement of the County excise tax for the Villas at Lexwoods project and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearing - Proposed Changes to Chapter 158 - St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:57 am.

Present: Buffy Giddens, County Attorney

Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the *Southern Maryland Newspaper* on September 6 and 13, 2024. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission requested to change the current Ethics Ordinance to advance the financial disclosure filing deadline for a candidate to thirty days before the deadline for filing the certificate of candidacy and to require that the financial disclosure form be filed directly with the Ethics Commission, who would then issue a statement to the Board of Elections certifying that the financial disclosure is in proper form.

Commissioner President Guy requested County Administrator David Weiskopf to provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment. There were no comments from the public so the County Administrator closed the hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days, October 1, 2024.

Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at 10:02 am.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PART II

A. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Land Water Conservation Fund Grant Application

I move to approve the Land Water Conservation Fund Grant application, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$350,000, to assist with the construction of playgrounds at St. Clements Shores Park and Cecil Park 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

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Budget Amendment RP2005 Myrtle Point

I move to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$28,084 reducing the FIN25 Capital Reserve and increasing Myrtle Point Park property survey project to support the design of a new visitor's center and activity areas 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

C. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2026 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Application for 3-year Grant

I move to approve the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Application for three-year grant, Project#US2610 from the Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps Senior on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$161,137 total; \$144,972 Federal; \$16,165 Required County Match to continue this volunteer program and authorize the Commissioner President to allow the Department of Aging and Human Services Director to sign the application electronically on behalf of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Reorganization of LUGM

I move to approve the reorganization of LUGM, the name changes of two Divisions within LUGM, the position reclassification of Building Official - Supervisor and Zoning Compliance

Supervisor, and creation of a new Deputy Director position funded by the elimination of one Planner III position and the reclassification of one Planner IV position and salary savings, as presented.

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. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Real Property - Cherry Street Quit Claim Deed

I move to approve the quit claim deed transferring any and all interest the Commissioners of St. Mary's County may have in Cherry Street, located in the Piney Point Shores Subdivision, to Benchmark Property, LLC, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all 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. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - 2025 Legislative Proposals - Vote

MOTION 1. I move to delay consideration of the requested public facilities bond legislation at this time.

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 request legislation amending §13-129 of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to allow for flexibility in the local St. Mary's County Animal Control Ordinance and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Motion Carries

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

MOTION 3. I move to request legislation amending §9-506 of the *Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* by repealing paragraph (a)(3) in order to streamline the process by which an applicant may request an amendment or revision of the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 4. I move to request legislation amending §12-301(c)(1) of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to increase the competitive bid process amount for awarding contracts for services or supplies from \$15,000 to \$50,000 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 5. I move to delay consideration of the proposal to amend §28-1606 of the *Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* at this time.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 6. I move to request legislation amending §21-507 of the *Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to include St. Mary's County in this list of counties in which roadside solicitations of money and donations are prohibited and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 7. I move to delay consideration of legislation amending §9-303 of the *Tax General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to mandate prompt repayment by the State of any motor fuel taxes paid by school bus drivers operating a school bus for a county board of education.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 8. I move to request a legislative bond initiative to support electric vehicle charging stations for airplanes at the St. Mary's County Airport and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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

MOTION 9. I move to request legislative bond initiative to support Feed St. Mary's and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills

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

MOTION 10. I move to request legislation amending § 28-2802 of the *Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to increase the maximum civil penalty for violations of the Alcohol Beverage Board's Rules and Regulations from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 11. I move to request legislation amending §11-720 of the *Correctional Services Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to allow the Sheriff's Office to establish day reporting, inpatient treatment, and pretrial supervision and release programs and to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 12. I move to request legislation amending Chapter 113-13(B) and 113-21(c)(1) of Article 19 - Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County to provide temporary relief to certain charges for customers, to allow the Commission to recoup costs associated with certain damages caused by others and ensure consistency within the Chapter regarding public water infrastructure and to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 13. I move to request legislation amending §28-1601 of the *Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to limit the Class A license to one for every 1,350 in an election district and no more than one for every 4,000 in the 8th election district and

to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to the Delegation and to House and Senate Committees for hearings on these bills.

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 14. I move to delay consideration of the proposal to amend §23-403 of the *Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

MOTION 15. WITHDRAWN

7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 1, 2024.

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Sharon Ferris, Admin Assistant

9. ST. MARY'S COUNTY CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TOUR

A. MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CTP TOUR - Annual Brief

Present:

St. Mary's County Administration

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Eric Colvin

Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.

Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Southern Maryland Delegation

Delegate Matthew Morgan

Delegate Todd B. Morgan, Chair

Transportation Secretary's Office

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Secretary

Maryland Aviation Administration

Ashish J. Solanki, Director, Office of Regional Aviation Assistance

Motor Vehicle Administration

Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator Central Operations

Maryland Transit Administration

Travis Johnston, Director, Office of Local Transit Support

State Highway Administration

Will Pines, Administrator

Maryland Transportation Authority

Melissa Williams, Director of Planning and Program

Commissioner Mike Hewitt called the meeting of the Maryland Department Transportation Consolidated Transportation Program Tour to order at 6:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Transportation Secretary, Paul J. Wiedefeld gave a presentation on the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program and discussed various projects in St. Mary's County and throughout the State of Maryland. The Secretary introduced members of his agency who each gave brief presentations.

Commissioner Hewitt requested Communications Director Jenna Guzman to provide the format for the public comment and open the meeting for public comment.

Comments made by:

Barbara O'Neill , 48485 Wynne Road, Ridge, MD 20680

Commissioner Hewitt thanked the Secretary of Transportation, Paul J. Wiedefeld and his staff for coming and giving their presentation. He then thanked the St. Mary's County Delegates and the St. Mary's County Commissioners for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.