

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, April 1, 2025)**

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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 March 25, 2025, and the appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **2. PROCLAMATIONS**

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Fair Housing Month
- B. National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- C. National Health Care Decision Day
- D. National Library Week

## **3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** - Request for Public Hearing - Proposed Animal Ordinance Revision

I move to hold a public hearing on April 29, 2025 in the evening at the time TBD on the proposed animal control ordinance revision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY** - Request for Public Hearing - Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2017-30 to Designate County Highways on Which Golf Carts May be Lawfully Operated

I move to approve and authorize the Office of the County Attorney to hold an evening public hearing on April 29, 2025, at a time to be determined by staff, on the proposed Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2017-30 to Designate County Highways on which Golf Carts may be lawfully operated.

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 APRIL 8 AND 22, 2025.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on April 15.

**B. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** - Federal Emergency Management Agency Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Subapplications

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services to be the sub applicant for this funding and authorize the Commissioner President to sign all related documents up to and including project approval.

Motion by Commissioner Eric S. Colvin, second by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES** - Appointment of St. Mary's County Emergency Manager

I move to approve the recommendation to the Governor appointing whoever holds the position of Department of Emergency Services, Emergency Manager, to be the Emergency Manager for St. Mary's County, Maryland pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, Section 14- 109(b) as may be amended from time-to-time.

Motion by Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow, second by Commissioner Michael R. Alderson, Jr.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **5. LEGISLATION**

## **A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates**

**Present:** Buffy Giddens, County Attorney

The following items were discussed;

HB 561 / SB 623 - St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bond

HB 480 - St. Mary's County – County Plans – Public Sewerage Systems and Water Supply Systems

HB 351/SB 320 - Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2025 and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

HB 503 / SB 430 - Land Use - Regional Housing Infrastructure Gap (Housing for Jobs Act)

HB 504/SB429 - Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act

## **6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

## **MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: I move to enter into closed session to discuss Litigation.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. LITIGATION STRATEGY**

**Present:** James R. Guy, President

Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner

Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner

Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator

Buffy Giddens, County Attorney

Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:32 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.

Purpose: To discuss strategy in collective bargaining or litigation.

### **MOTION IN OPEN SESSION**

MOTION: I move to approve and authorize the submission of claims in the Cintas Proposed Class-Action Settlement and approve and authorize Buffy Giddens to sign the claims forms and all related documents related to the class-action settlement.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on April 8, 2025.

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator