

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 13, 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 (Via Zoom)

David Weiskopf, County Administrator

Jenna Guzman, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Julie Burch, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy called the meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:01 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 May 6, 2025.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Lyme Disease Awareness Month
- B. Stroke Awareness Month
- C. National Skilled Nursing Care Week
- D. Older Americans Month

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEMS

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - DECISION - To Repeal and Replace Ordinance 2017-30 to Designate on Which County Roads Golf Carts May be Legally be Driven

I move to repeal and replace Ordinance 2017-30 with the proposed Ordinance to designate on which county roads golf carts may be legally driven 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

B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - DECISION - ZONE24-0040 29698 Goddard Rd.

For the property located at 20698 Goddard Road in Great Mills, Maryland, having considered the public testimony and written comment and accepting the staff report, I move to approve the proposed amendments to: (1) the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map to change the land use designation from Rural Preservation to Mixed-Use Medium-Intensity; and (2) the Lexington Park Development District Master Plan Land Use Maps by including the Property within the Lexington Park Development District; and (3) the Official Zoning Map to change the zoning designation of the property from Rural Preservation (RPD) to Medium-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXM); and direct Staff to prepare findings of fact and final ordinances consistent with this decision.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Alderson

Nay: Commissioners Hewitt, Ostrow

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - DECISION - Animal Control Ordinance Revision

I move to approve the proposed Animal Control Ordinance revisions, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 20 AND JUNE 3, 2025. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on May 27, 2025.

B. OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY- Reorganization of Positions

I move to approve the Office of the State's Attorney's request to convert two positions to create two Assistant State's Attorney I positions.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Transfer of Bond Allocation Authority

I move to approve the transfer of private activity bond allocation authority and have the Commissioner President sign all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2025 Hold Harmless
Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve the Hold Harmless Notice of Grant Award project#MD2598, from Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$1,988, the budget amendment to establish budget authority to support additional funding, and authorize Commissioner President to execute 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

E. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Amendment to Realign County Personal Services
FY2025

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 \$507,866 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 Commissioner's Emergency Reserve account and increasing Snow accounts in the Highway Division for Snow Removal in the amount of \$2,614,528 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

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session to discuss Legal Advice.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. LEGAL ADVICE

Present: James R. Guy, Commissioner President
Michael R. Alderson, Jr., Commissioner
Eric S. Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Scott R. Ostrow, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, County Administrator
David Yingling, Deputy County Administrator
Buffy Giddens, County Attorney
John Houser, Deputy County Attorney
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(12) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:26 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Purpose: to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on May 20, 2025.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. OUTSIDE EVENT - ST. MARY'S COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AWARDS LUNCHEON

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

Having considered certain legal advice, I move to terminate the contract as discussed in closed session and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

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

9. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Budget Work Session with final direction of FY2026
Budget

Present: Vanetta Van Cleave, Chief Financial Officer
Joy Sapp, Deputy Director of Finance