

## **Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, June 10, 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 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**

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of June 3, 2025.

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 Lease Renewal for the Friends of the St. Mary's County Library for one year commencing on December 13, 2025, and terminating on December 12, 2026.

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

**MOTION 3:** I move to approve the surplus property quitclaim deeds.

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 4:** I move to approve the appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

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. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- B. National Certified Assistant's Week

## **3. MAIN AGENDA**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Final Approval of the Board of Education FY2026 Budget and quarterly payment

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve the Board of Education unrestricted, restricted, food service fund, and capital budgets for FY2026 at the category and fund level, including FTE positions; and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents and send to MSDE Forms B-4 through B-10 as submitted by BOE.

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

**MOTION 2:** I move that the appropriation of \$137,469,907 be distributed to the St. Mary's County Board of Education in four equal installments over the fiscal year.

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

## **4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR JUNE 24 and JULY 15, 2025.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on June 17, 2025.

**B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE** - FY2026 Heroin Coordinator Grant Application - GOCPP

I move to approve the FY2026 Heroin Coordinator grant application for the FY2026 Overdose and Drug Awareness Coordinator Grant Program from the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$61,767 (excluding County funding) and authorize the Commissioner President and Sheriff to execute the related documents and staff to submit electronically.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - RESOLUTION - For the Purpose of Restating St. Mary's County's Opposition to Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration Activities**

I move to adopt the Resolution for the Purpose of Restating St. Mary's County's Opposition to Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration Activities and to 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, Alderson, Ostrow

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

**D. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - ZONE24-0040 29698 Goddard Rd.**

**Present:** Courtney Jenkins, Deputy Director

The final zoning ordinance with the required findings of fact to change the zoning designation to Medium-Intensity Mixed-Use (MXM) for the property located at 20698 Goddard Road in Great Mills, Maryland was presented.

**E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY2026 Annual Program Open Space Development and Planning Grant Applications**

I move to approve the Program Open Space development and planning applications for the update of the Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan (in the amount of \$25,000), Fifth District LED light conversions (in the amount of \$647,385.30), and renovations at Chancellors Run Basketball court and Dorsey Park Tennis Courts (in the amount of \$225,000), and authorize the Commissioner President to execute 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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Agriculture, Seafood, and Forestry Brand Presentation**

**Present:** Chris Kaselemis, Director

A presentation was given on the "Maryland Agri Coast St. Mary's County" brand. This new brand aims to promote value-added agriculture, Forestry, Seafood, and Aquaculture in St. Mary's County.

## **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 Real Property.

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. REAL PROPERTY,**

**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  
Tracy Rohan, Recorder

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

Time Held: 10:37 a.m. - 10:41 a.m.

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

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on June 24, 2025.

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

## **8. OUTSIDE EVENT - NORTHERN SENIOR CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - 29655 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD**