

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, January 29, 2019)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Prior to the start of the regular business meeting, the Commissioners hosted a reception to honor volunteers who participate on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

2. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of January 15, 2019, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

3. PRESENTATION

A. Recognition - Members of Boards, Committees & Commissions

The following individuals were recognized for their participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Dr. Rene E. Grace, Kathleen Werner, Mike Brown, Sherry L. Pierce, Teresa A. Bahl

Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Commission

Charles Webb, Charlie Mattingly, Colleen Corrigan, John Parlett, Joseph W. Wood, Lynn Klug, Michael Sirk, Patrick Russell, Phil Langley, Philip Dorsey, Richard A. Polk, Scott C. Bacon, Stephen T. Reeves

Airport Advisory Committee

Andre Swygert, Brian L. Schroeder, Bryan Barthelme, Jr., Carrie Kelly, Craig Nixon, Eric Pratson, James Alexander, Robert Lightstone, Ted Klapka, Terry Adair

Board of Appeals

Dan Ichniowski, George Allan Hayden, John Brown, Lynn Delahay, Rich Richardson, Wayne Miedzinski, William Greene

Board of Trustees Museum Division

Bryan Barthelme, Sr., Christopher W. Shea, Dale Springer, Dr. Regina M. Faden, Eleanor F. Slater, Lynn Fitrell, Mary J. Pettit, Michael L. Blackwell, Peter D. Butt, Peter Neus, Victor Govier

Building Code Board of Appeals

Charles J. Bryson, Donald Haskin, James (Danny) Johnson, Stephen Wilson, William Mehaffey

Commission for Women

Brenda Scheufele, Catherine Stewart, Diane Danaher, Elizabeth Knisley, Erin Walker, Jennifer Brown, Joanna Colvin, Kathleen Werner, Marta Kelsey, Mary Ludwig, Norma Pipkin, Rose Frederick, Taylor Spencer, Juanita Nether

Commission on Aging

Bernice Williams, Catherine Bush, Catherine R. Herndon, Dale Taylor, Delores E. Thompson, Gail Murdock, Juanita Nether, Linda Fry, Margaret C. Forrest, Marie Bond, Rose Frederick, Sandra T. Simmons

Commission on People with Disabilities

Amber Hebert, Ben Smith, Bonnie Elward, Cheniora High, Elizabeth M. Snyder, Eric Colvin, Ian Fairclough, Kegan Zimmerman, Sheryl St. Clair

Commission on the Environment

Blake F. Guyther, George Thompson, Jacqueline D. Dyson, Jerome M. Frank, Peter Neus, Steven W. Woodburn, Thomas Brewer

Economic Development Commission

Carlos Bravo, Dr. Tracy Harris, Elizabeth C. Torgerson, John M. Austerman, Laura Clarke, Lisa Creason, Phil Langley, Philip Dorsey, Tom Sanders, Tom Watts, William R. Hall, III, Wynne Briscoe

Electrical Examiners Board

Donald Haskin, James (Danny) Johnson, Robert Spence, Ron Derby, Rudolph Worch

Elms Advisory Committee

Charles Cameron, George Baroniak

Emergency Services Board

Ben Woodill, Dr. Daniel Geary, Hattie Norris, J. A. Nelson, Mock Mattingly, III, Shawn Davidson, Steve Facini

Ethics Commission

David Willenborg, Jean-Marie H Hansen, John M. Austerman, Joseph I. Russell, Kathleen McClernan-Walz, Reverend Lawrence H. Crabtree

Hazard Mitigation Planning Board

Vince Whittles

Historic Preservation Commission

Anibal Delgado, Carol Moody, Eve Love, Gabrielle Lawrence, Ginger A. Newman-Askew, Joshua Hughes, Kent Randell, Robert Hurry, Sean M. Wickers, Teresa Wilson

Housing Authority Board

Agnes Butler, Alexis Zoss, Daniel Raley, Darlene Johnson, Erin M. Ramos, Joshua Brewster, Michelle Armsworthy, Tina Dean

Human Relations Commission

Alexis Zoss, Gary Younger, Herbert S. Stillings, Jesus Godinez, Joanna Colvin, Joshua Brewster, Mary Fearn, Steve Hall, Tara R. Cruz, Vante Burkes

Length of Service Award Program

Mary Ann Murray

Library Board of Trustees

Carolyn Beth Roth, Carolyn Guy, James Hanley, Janice Walthour, Michael Dunn, Sandra P. Hauenstein, Tressa Setlak

Metropolitan Commission

Alice Gaskins, Bryan Barthelme, Sr., George Thompson, John J Carey, Joseph I. Russell, Mike Mummaugh, Robert Russell, Rudolph K. Fairfax, Jr.

Planning Commission

Hal Willard, Caroline King, Christopher C. Guy, Howard Thompson, Joseph A. St. Clair, Joseph C. Fazekas, Martin Siebert, Joseph L. Van Kirk, William R. Hall, III

Plumbing Gas Fuel Board

Charles Downs, Daniel Garrison, Richard Montgomery

Recreation and Parks Board

Caroline King, Christine M. Kaila, Douglas Bellis, Floyd D. Warren, Jr, Fred J. Parker, Patrick Murphy, Richard Buckler, Tara R. Cruz, Thomas Nelson

Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's County

Mary Ann Murray

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board

Dr. Tracy Harris

Social Services Board

Adam L Dyson, Annette Wood, Anthony V. Branch, Michael L. Blackwell, Reverend Katie Paul, Richard Buckler, Terry Prochnow, Thomas Heddrich, Wanda Brown

Transportation Advisory Committee

Adam L. Dyson, Bernice Williams, Laura E. Carrington, Lemuel Proctor, Scott C. Anderson

Tri-County Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Diane Harris, Donna Poudrier, Kimberly A. Holt

Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board

Bernard T. Kneeland, Jr., David Phalen, Gerald Slagle, Jim Hodges, Patrick E. Dugan, Peter Delman, Richard Buckler, Thomas Dixon

Youth Advisory Committee

Alexus J. Fenwick, Christine Allred, Coralee A. Romero, Donovan E. Weekley, Joshua R. Guy, Marcia E. Greenberg, Maria L. Sokolowski, Marsha L. Williams, Shannon J. Baker, Taylor L. Berry, Zachary N. Hill

4. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc. requests authorization to hold a public hearing to increase the rescue tax rate in the 4th and 5th Election District.

I move to authorize the Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Squad to hold a public hearing in reference to the proposed rescue tax rate increase for the Fourth and Fifth District as presented, with direction that the public hearing results and public comment will be submitted to the County for consideration as a part of the FY2020 budget process, and any such rate increase would be incorporated into our Recommended Budget, including the public hearing on April 23, 2019.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Decision on the proposed changes to the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance

I move to approve and authorize the Repeal and Re-enactment of Chapter 158 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Request for Public Hearing - Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan

I move to approve the request for a Public Hearing in consideration of the corrected 15th Amendment (DROP) and for adopting the restated Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Document.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Update

Motion 1. I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the letter to St. Mary's County Delegation Chair Delegate Matt Morgan requesting the withdrawal of the legislative proposal requesting that the definition of Public Safety Officer be amended to include a dispatcher.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Motion 2. I move to support the Startup St. Mary's Tax Incentive Legislative proposal as amended from a State income tax credit to a County income tax credit.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Motion 3. I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President sign the Letter of Support for the amended Startup St. Mary's Tax Incentive Legislative Proposal.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 5 AND 12, 2019.

B. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Resolution opposing offshore oil and gas drilling and exploration activities

I move to approve and authorize the Resolution expressing St. Mary's County's Opposition to Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Exploration Activities

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Award 911- Phone System Replacement Contract to Carousel Industries

I move to authorize the acceptance of the grant award of \$999,903.21 from the Emergency Numbers Board for the replacement of the 9-1-1 phone system contract to Carousel Industries and authorize Commissioner President to sign executed documents

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Local Management Board (LMB)

Motion 1. I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the revised Bylaws of the Local Management Board of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Motion 2. I move to approve the Resolution to Repeal and Amend the establishment of the Local Management Board of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Community Partnership Agreement - Governor's Office for Children (GOC)

I move to approve the Local Care Team Coordinator Award, Project MD1968, from the Governor's Office for Children on behalf of the Local Management Board (LMB) to hire a Local Care Team Coordinator hourly position in the amount of \$72,000, and the related budget amendment establishing budget authority for Project MD1968, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Amending the Encroachment Protection Agreement

I move to authorize the Commissioner President Guy to sign Amendment Number 22 to the REPI Multi-Year Encroachment Protection Agreement.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Budget Amendment - Airport Wetlands

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment transferring \$200,000 from the FIN 19 Capital Reserve to the Airport Wetlands Mitigation Project PF-1303 in order to complete the third mitigation site in support of the Airport Master Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Budget Amendment - Ricky Drive Drainage Improvements

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment transferring \$100,000 from the FIN 19 Capital Reserve to establish the Ricky Drive Drainage Improvements Project in order to fund the proposed grading and drainage structures to alleviate the drainage issues near the end of Ricky Drive.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Capital Project Update

Present: John Deatruck, Director

An overview of all major capital projects currently underway was presented.

J. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Airport Rules Ordinance Briefing

Present: John Deatruck, Director
Alison Swint, Airport Manager

An update on the progress of the Draft Airport Rules, Minimum Standards and Standard Operating Procedures was presented.

K. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - SMCG Facility Space Needs

Present: Rebecca Bolton Bridgett, Ed.D., County Administrator

The findings of the Space Needs Task Force were presented.

7. 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 for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 12:40 p.m. - 12:42 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the resignation of an employee.

B. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 12:43 p.m. - 12:55 p/m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss a personnel issue.

C. LAND ACQUISITION

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sheriff Timothy Cameron

Major Michael Merican, Sheriff's Office
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
John Deatruck, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

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

Time Held: 12:56 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss request to purchase commercial real estate.

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I approve the contract termination date of March 1, 2019 as requested by the Communications Director.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 5, 2019.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant