

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 4, 2020)**  
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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  
Julie Burch, Recorder

**1. 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 Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of January 28, 2020, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**2. PROCLAMATION**

Proclamations were presented to the following:

- A. African American History Month
- B. Dating Violence Prevention Month
- C. Transit Equity Day

**3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

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

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve Letters of Opposition to the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, Ways and Means Committee or any other Committee for SB 372 and HB 568 - Election Law - Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration and Voting and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve a Letter of Opposition to the Health and Government Operations Committee or any other Committee for House Bill 42 or SB 67 - Public Information Act - Applications for Inspection - Responses and Time Limits and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.  
Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION 3:** I move to approve a Letter of Support to the Judicial Proceedings Committee or any other Committee for SB 508 - St. Mary's County - Possession of Tobacco Product or Electronic Smoking Device by an Individual Under the Age of 21 Years - Prohibition or any cross-filed bill and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Maryland Building Performance Standards and Local Amendments**

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:38 a.m.

**Present:** Bill Hunt, Director  
Harry Knight, Deputy Director

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Enterprise* on January 17 and January 24, 2020.

Maryland Law required that each jurisdiction use the same edition of Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS). Maryland has updated their MSPB. St. Mary's County must adopt Maryland's updated MBPS as well as update local amendments to those codes. The major changes to the MBPS that will impact St. Mary's County are in Agritourism. The public hearing was held to receive public input on the proposed changes.

Commissioner President Guy opened the meeting for Public Comment. No public comment was given. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing for public comment noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days and closed the public hearing at 9:43 a.m.

## **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 11 AND 25, 2020.** There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 18, 2020.

### **B. ST. MARY'S COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - Brief**

**Present:** Jim Hanley, President, Library Board of Trustees  
Michael Blackwell, Library Director

An overview of the services provided and the resources available at the three St. Mary's County Libraries was presented. The Library has entered into a partnership with St. Mary's County Public Schools to allow every student the opportunity to obtain a "free kids card" which will allow them to check out up to 5 items. The new Leonardtown Library is scheduled to open April 28, 2020.

### **C. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY2020 MHAA Capital Grant Agreement - St. Clement's Island Museum**

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to 1) sign the Capital Grant Agreement supporting both new construction and renovation of St. Clements Island Museum property and 2) approve the two budget amendments decreasing County Bond Authority and increasing State authority by \$20,000 in accordance with the FY2020 MHAA Capital Grant Agreement.

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

### **D. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - DNR Program Open Space Funding - Dorsey Park - Lexington Manor Passive Park - Chaptico Park**

I move to approve the \$1,440,000 FY 2020 Program Open Space grant funding to support the Chaptico, Dorsey and Lexington Manor park improvements and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related 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

### **E. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Myrtle Point Park Additional Parking**

I move to approve the budget amendment from the FIN20 Capital Reserve in the amount of \$60,000 for additional parking at Myrtle Point Park and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's County  
Regional Airport Avigation Easement**

I move to approve the purchase agreement for the avigation easement in support of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport Master Plan and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

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. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

**7. PRESENTATION**

**A. MARTHA A. PATTERSON PROCLAMATION AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

The Commissioners presented a proclamation, county flag, and memorial plaque to the family of Martha A. Patterson to honor her time of service to the county, followed by the unveiling of a plaque in her honor on the Remembrance Wall in the lobby.

**8. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 11, 2020

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Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator