

**Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 26, 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. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order a 9:00 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 March 19, 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

**2. COMMENDATIONS**

Commendations were presented to the following:

- A. Mission BBQ
- B. Chick-Fil-A

**3. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEM**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE** - Approval of Nonrecurring Costs to the Maryland State Department of Education.

I move that we approve the schedule of nonrecurring and other unique one-time costs to the Maryland State Department of Education for FY2020 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2020 Final Balancing for a Recommended Budget for Public Hearing**

**Present:** Jeannett Cudmore, Chief Financial Officer  
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director

The Accommodation Tax, the impact of a 2% reduction in non-compensated accounts, and funding options to balance the budget was discussed before direction was provided to Finance to return with a recommended balanced budget to take forward to the Public Hearing on April 23, 2019 at Leonardtown High School.

**4. LEGISLATION**

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

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support to the Budget and Taxation Committee for HB 358 - Public Facility Bonds

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support to the Education, Health & Environment Affairs Committee for HB 360 - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales at a Bar or Counter

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

**MOTION 3:** I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support to the Education, Health & Environment Affairs Committee for HB 982 - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Per Diem Licenses

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

**MOTION 4:** I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support to the Budget and Taxation Committee for HB 477 - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officers - Definition

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**MOTION 5:** I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Letter of Support with amendments to Senator Bailey for SB 973 - Tri County Council - Membership and Funding

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **A. DRAFT ADGENDAS FOR APRIL 2 AND 9, 2019**

#### **B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's Transit System - Transportation Development Plan 2019**

Present: Elizabeth (Lib) Rood - KFH Consultants

John Deatrick - Director, DPW&T

Jacqueline Fournier - Transportation Manager, DPW&T

Mary Ann Blankenship - STS Supervisor, DPW&T

The status of the 2019 Transportation Development Plan was presented.

#### **C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION – St. Mary's County Regional Airport – Property Acquisition - Avigation Easement**

I move to approve and authorize the St. Mary's County Commissioner President to sign the Purchase Agreement for an Avigation Easement identified as parcel E50 on property owned by Joshua Peeling.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **D. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - First Colony - Lien Release Agreement**

I move to approve and authorize Commissioner President Guy to execute the Lien Release Agreement and Release of Liens with Marcas, LLC and any and all 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

**E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - GOCCP - FY2020 Heroin Coordinator Grant Application**

I move to approve the grant application for the FY2020 Heroin Coordinator Program, project MD2022, from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention in the amount of \$69,744 and authorize the Sheriff's Office staff to submit electronically, consistent with the document reviewed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County; and I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the other related documents for electronic filing by Sheriff's Office Staff.

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

**F. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - SMCG Tobacco Free Initiative**

**Present:** Catherine Pratson, Director

An overview of the transition to a smoke free environment on county properties was presented.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

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

**7. RECESS**

**8. RECOMMENDED FY2020 BUDGET**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - FY2020 Operating – Approval and Execution of the FY2020 Recommended Budget for Public Hearing**

**Motion 1:** I move to approve the FY2020 Recommended Budget as presented, and execute the related documents.

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

**Motion 2:** I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 on the proposed Mechanicsville Volunteer Rescue Tax rate increase.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Motion 3:** I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 on the Recreation and Parks Activity Fund Fees.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Motion 4:** I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 on the proposed Land Use & Growth Management and Public Works & Transportation fee increases.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Motion 5:** I move to authorize the Finance Department to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 on the Constant Yield Tax Rate.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

**Motion 6:** I move to authorize to schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 on proposed Income Tax percentage increase.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioner O'Connor

## **9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 4/2/19

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant