

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, March 3, 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 9:01 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 February 25, 2020, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

A. National Development Disability Awareness Month

B. Women's History Month

3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

Present: David Weiskoph, County Attorney

Updates were provided on the following bills: SB 508 - St. Mary's County - Possession of Tobacco Product or Electronic Smoking Device in Schools by an Individual Under the Age of 21 Years - Prohibition; SB 1061 - St. Mary's County - Transfer Tax - Extension of Sunset; HB 414 -

St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit - Improvements to Commercial Real Property; HB 1106/SB 954 - Property Tax - Solar Energy Systems; HB 97/SB 261 - St. Mary's County - Public Facility Bonds; HB 176 - St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act - Closed Sessions; HB 440 - St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act - Public Agencies and Use of New Technology; HB 90 - St. Mary's County - Agricultural Land Preservation Program - Installment Purchase Agreements - Repeal; HB 89 - St. Mary's County - Emergency Snow Routes - Authority; HB 155 - St. Mary's County - Emergency Services Tax Revenue - Authorized Use; HB 387/SB805 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Funding; HB 121 - St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission - Nonsubstantive and Clarifying Revisions; and, HB 966 and College of Southern Maryland - Budget.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing - Amendments to Chapter 285, Use Number 98, Utility, Minor, of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance

Commissioner President Guy opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Present: Bill Hunt, Director

Notice of Public Hearing was published in *The Enterprise* on February 14 and February 21, 2020.

A public hearing was held to obtain public comment on the amendments to Chapter 285, Use Number 98, Utility, Minor, of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

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 9:24 a.m.

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MARCH 10 AND 17, 2020

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - COPS Office FFY20 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Pre-Application Grant Documents

I move to approve the FFY20 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Pre-Application grant documents for the COPS Hiring Program grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, for the amount of \$500,000 (over a three year period) excluding County Funding, on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, to expand its current

Community Oriented Policing program, and authorize Commissioner President to sign any related or subsequent application documents and Sheriff's Office staff to submit electronically.

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

C. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Length of Service Awards Program

I move to approve the eligibility lists of the St. Mary's County Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squads and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Companies for those individuals who qualify for the Length of Service Awards program (LOSAP) service credit from 2019.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Letter of Intent (MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Grant)

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign and submit the letter of intent to the Maryland Department of Transportation for the MDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian grant.

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

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

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

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on March 10, 2020

JB

Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator

8. BUDGET WORK SESSION

A. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Review of Elected Officials Requests and follow-up from the February 25, 2020 Budget Work Session

Present: Jeannett Cudmore, CFO
Jody Quasney, Deputy Director

1. Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Rate Increase.

Finance received concurrence from the Commissioners to take the Seventh District Volunteer Rescue Squad's rate request to the County's Public Hearing on April 21, 2020.

2. Sworn Law Enforcement Rates.

I move to approve the proposed St Mary's County Law Enforcement Salary Schedule effective March 6, 2020, which accelerates and increases the law enforcement phase-in compensation market adjustment in FY2020, with salary and benefit cost increases absorbed in the Sheriff's Office FY2020 budget.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Additional Guidance - Elected Officials.

a. States Attorney Office.

- Re-examine the hourly part time Attorney position and 2 part time Intern positions.
- Fund Carpet request of 14,448 from Fund Balance
- ECC Requests – Fund \$30,000 (excludes hourly positions listed above)

b. Sheriff's Office:

- Sheriff rework budget using \$600,000 for recurring costs.
- Sheriff identify non-recurring cost that can be funded from this FY.

9. ADJOURN