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Commissioners of St. Mary’s County Sign Memorandum of Cooperation with Pärnu to Form Sister Counties

Leonardtown, MD – On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, during their regular business meeting, the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Chairman of the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council, Tovi Tagamets, to enter into a partnership of sister counties between St. Mary’s County and the Association of Local Authority Pärnu County, Estonia.

According to the memorandum, this agreement will allow for the “exploration of opportunities to cultivate a greater understanding of each other, raise cross-cultural awareness between both cities and generally advance their friendship. Furthermore, we will work together toward sharing information and creative endeavors between St. Mary’s County and The Association of Local Authorities of Pärnumaa.” Commissioner President Randy Guy remarked, “This is a unique opportunity for St. Mary’s County, and we are proud to enter into this agreement.”

This partnership is one of many similar arrangements between other counties in Maryland and Estonia. It is the culmination of several months of work between representatives from St. Mary’s County and the Maryland Exchange Council. Pärnu County is one of 15 counties of Estonia and is in the south-western part of the country.

For more information about the Maryland Estonia Exchange Council, visit their website at https://www.marylandestoniaexchangecouncil.org/.

To view the signing of the agreement, visit the St. Mary’s County Government YouTube page or tune into St. Mary’s County Government Channel 95 Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. for a replay of the Commissioners Meeting.

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