

**MEETING MINUTES
ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
November 27, 2023**

Department of Aging & Human Services Building, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

CALL TO ORDER:

- Janet Perryman called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Ms. Janet Perryman
- Ms. Carolyn Guy
- Me. Thomas Ridley
- Ms. Catherine Coates
- Ms. Rowena Bossio
- Ms. Nicola Barr
- Ms. Barbara O'Neal
- Ms. Jean-Marie Hansen
- Ms. Kimberly Quade
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, and Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

ABSENT:

- Ms. Omonigho Olumese
- Ms. Kathryn Kennedy
- Ms. Christine Morgan

Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2023.

I move to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023.

Motion by Nicola Barr, seconded by Catherine Coates motion carried.

FINANCE

- Update on COA budget provided by Mercedes. One thousand fifty eight dollars of the \$3000 budget has been spent.

PRESENTATIONS

- Shawn Kingston, Acting Executive Director, St. Mary's County Housing Authority
 - Mr. Kingston provided the members with an overview of the Housing Authority.
- Allison Swint and Terry Kerns, St. Mary's County Department of Public Works & Transportation
 - Ms. Swint and Ms. Kerns provided an overview of the STS program and explained the distinction between the ADA Paratransit services for persons with disabilities, and a Specialized Statewide Transportation Program (SSTAP) for the elderly and persons with disabilities that are not close to the main public transportation routes.
- Lori Jennings-Harris, Director, St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services
 - Ms. Jennings-Harris talked about the Area Plan and the Senior Agenda.

SENIOR FOCUS AREAS

- Senior Transportation - St. Mary's County Department of Public Works & Transportation gave a presentation.
- Senior Housing - St. Mary's County Housing Authority gave a presentation.
- Veteran's Issues - Mr. Ridley's term ends in December. He plans to share any contact information he has with the members.
- Department of Aging & Human Services Update - The November department update was shared with the group.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nominating Committee - Mercedes will reach out to each COA member via email for nominations for the position of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.
- 2024 Tri-County Commission on Aging Meeting - Members continue to plan for the meeting.
- Annual Report - Janet will begin to work on the report and send to members for review and input. The report is due January 2024.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Motion made by Rowena Bossio, seconded by Catherine Coates, motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

January 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Garvey Senior Activity Center

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Commission on Aging (Monday, November 27, 2023)

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