



**CITY OF ST. MARYS**

418 OSBORNE STREET  
ST. MARYS, GEORGIA 31558

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St. Marys Convention and Visitors Bureau  
Temporary Location Change: Mainstreet Office - 406 Osborne Street  
Minutes: **February 27, 2024**, 3:30 p.m.

- I. Called to Order at 3:37 p.m. by Darlene Landreth.
- II. Roll Call was done. Present were Darlene Landreth, Judy Thurner, Tyler Carpenter, Allen Rassi, Valerie Fautz. Absent: Melissa Braun, Jane Alexander, Mardja Gray, Sugar Yadav. Staff: Angela Wigger attended.  
Quorum: Yes
- III. Approval of the January 2024 Minutes  
Motion to Approve the Minutes by Tyler Carpenter. Seconded by Valerie Fautz.  
APPROVED.
- IV. Granting Audience to the Public - NONE
- V. Approval of the Agenda  
Motion to Approve the Agenda by Judy Thurner. Seconded by Tyler Carpenter.  
APPROVED.
- VI. Other Business
  1. Cumberland Island & Crooked River State Park Updates – Sarah Koehn (CUIS) reported the island was busy all last month. They are planning a possible biking event on the south end of the island in May over Derby Weekend. Details are coming soon. They have implemented nighttime programs on the island for campers twice per month. The parking lot renovation is still in the contracting department, so the soonest they would start now would likely be after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The ferry starts back seven days a week beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. They do expect the new superintendent to begin on April 21<sup>st</sup>, so more information will be released soon.
- VII. Old Business
  1. Community Market Report – Valerie Fautz reported there are 24 regular vendors and 19 floaters, and they are still happy with Orange Hall location. Misty Kline has purchased Lucy Gunn and her opening day will be Friday but she will not be on site but she still plans to go by and collect money for the market and Valerie will still go by the market each week.
  2. BRAG (Bicycle Ride Across Georgia) Winter Ride Update – Angela Wigger reported we had 55 cyclists. Darlene Landreth, Mayor Morrissey, Mayor Pro tem James, Councilman Jones, Councilman Reilly, Ronnie Wilcox from the PSA, and Terry Landreth all attended the hosted reception.
  3. Presentation of Slate of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary – Changes, Additions, Nominations, Voting – Darlene Landreth presented the slate of officers as Darlene Landreth, Chair; Tyler Carpenter, Vice Chair; Judy Thurner, Secretary with a motion being made by Valerie Fautz to accept the slate as presented with a second by Allen Rassi. Angela shared, new appointments will happen at the March 18<sup>th</sup> council meeting for board members: George Lee, representing Riverview Hotel submitted his application, along with Sugar Yadav and Mardja Gray for reappointment.  
APPROVED.
  4. Wayfinding signage review/updates – Angela Wigger reported that she met with Bobby Marr and Chris Cox to review some of the procedures and decided that Chris Cox will sign the DOT permit. We are waiting

for the detailed quote from Dalton Signs to be able to submit the application. Angela is meeting with Robby soon to also just touch base on the board's location for this sign. Angela informed the board that there is a plan to put a monument type sign at this intersection but it is not budgeted yet, so no estimated date is in place and wanted the board aware, in case they did not want to move forward.

5. FY2025 budget updates– Angela Wigger will be putting the numbers together using the approved media plan and will meet with finance and management followed by city council. The first public hearing is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> with council approval scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

6. Reminder Early Voting Dates – Darlene Landreth: 2/26- 3/1 and 3/4 – 3/8 from 8am-5pm at the welcome center.

VIII. New Business

1. May meeting date (May 21 or regular May 28 date) - Darlene Landreth noted that May 28 is Memorial Day week and asked if we wanted to keep the meeting or move it up to May 21. Tyler Carpenter made a motion to move the meeting to May 21 and Judy Thurner seconded.

APPROVED.

IX. Hotel/Motel Tax, St. Marys Financials were provided in the packets. Total actual YTD revenue is \$184,838 and total actual YTD expenditures are \$157,902 for a remaining balance of \$26,936 and an available bank balance of \$251,882.

X. Business & Event Updates/ Other/Marketing/Events – Angela Wigger noted that Nana's Taqueria and The Firefly have both opened.

XI. Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Valerie Fautz and seconded by Allen Rassi.

ADJOURNED.

Minutes by Angela Wigger