

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
St. Mary's County Potomac Building

Minutes of July 20, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph B. Bush, Chair
Robert W. Denning, Vice Chair
Arthur F. Goeller, Member
Robert E. Elwood, Member
Elizabeth Long, Alternate Member
Candace Butler, Alternate Member
Sarah Cannavo, Administrative Support

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 1:55 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 3, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of July 6, 2009: Mr. Denning made a motion to accept the minutes with correction. Motion seconded by Mr. Elwood and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AO 09-02: Members reviewed and signed the Advisory Opinion. Ms. Cannavo will send the opinion to the requestor.

Update to the Ethics Ordinance (FDS section): Members agreed that the following Boards, Commissions, and Committees should be added to the Financial Disclosure listing of the Ordinance:

- Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Commission
- Airport Advisory Committee
- BOCA Code Appeals Board
- Cable Advisory Committee
- Human Services Council
- Library Board of Trustees
- Marcey House Director
- Metropolitan Commission Director
- Soil Conservation Board

Additionally, the Commission decided to include comments in the Ordinance that would cover Financial Disclosure Statement requirements for future Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

The Commission members determined that a letter and draft Ordinance reflecting the changes should be prepared and given to the County Attorney for review. Ms. Long agreed to prepare the draft Ordinance and associated comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advisory Request AO 09-03: A request for an advisory was received from a County Commissioner concerning a potential conflict of interest involving a motion before the Board of County Commissioners. Members discussed the item and Ms. Long agreed to draft the Advisory Opinion. Due to the time sensitive situation, Mr. Bush will contact the Commissioner requesting the opinion and give him a verbal summary of the Commission's decision.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Seven Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denning and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:40 PM.