

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

St. Mary's County Governmental Center

Minutes of 21 July, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Robert W. Denning, Member

Robert E. Elwood, Alternate Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terri L. Holder, Member

GUEST: Bruce Perkins, Charles County Ethics Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:04 p.m.

ELECTIONS:

Mr. Baroniak moved to change the order of agenda to hold elections first. All members were in agreement. Mr. Baroniak made a motion to nominate Mr. Bush for the position of Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller. All members unanimously agreed. Mr. Bush made a motion to nominate Mr. Denning to the position of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried unanimously. Mr. Bush took over the meeting as the new Chairman of the Ethics Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Visitors: Greetings to our visitor Mr. Bruce Perkins, Charles County Ethics Commission. Mr. Goeller made a motion to have Mr. Perkins remain in the meeting during the Executive Session. Mr. Denning seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 4 August, 2008 in the Commissioner's conference Room (room 14).

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of 7 July, 2008: Mr. Baroniak made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried.

Executive Session Minutes of 7 July, 2008: Mr. Baroniak made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Goeller seconded the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Executive Session: Mr. Baroniak made a motion to move into Executive Session as provided for in Article 25, Section 4-210(a) (1) Boards and Commissions and the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance Rules of Procedure, Section 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood. Motion carried, 5-0.

Executive Session: 2:09 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Baroniak made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Report: The Ethics Commission annual report is due. Ms. Cannavo will draft the report for the commission's review by next meeting.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Reviewed: Three Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

Delinquent: There are 7 individuals who have failed to file their FDS in accordance with established timelines set forth in the Ethics Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Perkins commended the commission on the Joint Ethics Training Conference held on 27 June 2008 at the Charlotte Hall Library. The group session was beneficial to the Charles County Ethics commission. As a result of the training, the Charles County Ethics Commission has scheduled their first meeting in more than 18 months. The members of Charles County's commission were pleased by the friendliness of the meeting and felt welcome.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak 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 3:10 p.m.