

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**St. Mary’s County Chesapeake Building**  
**Minutes of April 4, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**            David Willenborg, Chair  
                                         Larry Crabtree  
                                         Jean-Marie Hansen  
                                         Kathleen McClernan-Walz  
                                         Joe Densford, Counsel for the Ethics Commission  
                                         Diane Gleissner, Recorder

**MEMBERS ABSENT**            Joseph Russell  
                                         Dr. Joseph DeVitis

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Willenborg at 6:03 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the St. Mary’s County Ethics Commission will be on Monday, July 18, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ethics Ordinance Update**

Neil Murphy, Deputy County Attorney, presented a draft ordinance reflecting changes to the local ethics ordinance as required by the state. Mr. Murphy also noted that in addition to the state requirements he was amending **Section 158-13. Financial Disclosure – Employees and Appointed Officials**, by adding a Deputy County Attorney, the Police Accountability Board and the Administrative Charging Committee to the list of persons required to file a financial disclosure statement.

A motion was made by Ms. McClernan-Walz, seconded by Ms. Hansen to accept the draft ordinance as amended by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Densford and the draft be forwarded to the State Ethics Commission for approval then on to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for final approval and signature. Vote passed 4-0.

**Financial Disclosure Review**

The Ethics Commission started the financial disclosure review process, directing Ms. Gleissner to contact the filers with errors to have them corrected.

The remainder of the disclosures will be reviewed at the July 18, 2022 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Possible Ethics Violation** – After a discussion with the County Attorney the Commission was told there is no trademark infringement that has been violated.

The Ethics Commission unanimously agreed that there were no findings to support that a violation had occurred and that the Ethics Commission has no jurisdiction in this request.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Hansen and seconded by Ms. McClernan-Walz to adjourn the meeting. The St. Mary’s County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Vote passed 4-0.