

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

Minutes of July 6, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Long, Alternate Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on July 20, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of June 15, 2009: Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes with correction. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Human Services request for Ethics Training: Mr. Bush stated that the briefing given to the Human Services Council on June 25 went very well.

Update to the Ethics Ordinance (FDS section): Members reviewed the County's listing of Volunteer Boards and Commission and discussed the possibility of adding several boards to the Ordinance. Ms. Cannavo will pull the annual reports for the boards in question to get a better understanding of each board's fiscal oversight and influence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Mr. Goeller nominated Mr. Denning for Chairman. Mr. Denning declined the nomination stating that he currently did not feel that he could devote the time to the Commission required by the Chairman position.

Mr. Bush stated that he was willing to remain as the Chairman for another year. Not hearing any other nominations, Mr. Elwood made a motion to have Mr. Bush continue as

the Chairman and Mr. Denning to continue as the Vice Chair. Mr. Goeller seconded the motion and it was carried.

Advisory Request AO 09-02: A request for an advisory was received concerning a County agency charging a small fee for vendor space at the annual Expo. The profits will be given to a scholarship program sponsored by Parks and Recreation. The members find that no conflict exists as long as all vendors are aware of the fee prior to registration and that all charges are the same for each vendor. Mr. Goeller will prepare the draft response.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Eleven Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:17 PM.