

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

Minutes of August 3, 2009

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Commissioner Daniel Raley
Christy Chesser, County Attorney

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 17, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of July 20, 2009: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes with correction. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AO 09-03: Members reviewed and signed the Advisory Opinion.

Mr. Goeller suggested that in the future, any Advisory Opinion decision which requires an individual to recuse themselves from voting also requires the individual to refrain from any discussion on the topic. The members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for possible amendment to AO 09-03: Commissioner Raley and Christy Chesser asked for clarification of the Advisory Opinion and how a potential wording change to the upcoming motion (to the Board of County Commissioners) might change the Ethics Commission's ruling. The Commission determined that the Advisory Opinion covered all potential situations and that if Commissioner Raley wanted the Commission to revisit a particular wording change, he would need to submit a new request for an Advisory Opinion.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Two Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

The two delinquent filers, Samuel Douglas (Housing Authority) and Dan Burris (Development Review Forum) are no longer members of the designated boards. Should either gentleman be selected to a County Board, Commission, or Committee in the future, they will be required to complete the FDS for 2008, as well as the FDS for the current year, prior to appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:55 PM.