

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

Minutes of November 1, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert W. Denning, Acting Chair
Robert E. Elwood, Vice Chair
Karin Bailey, Member
Elizabeth Long, Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Candace Butler, Alternate Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Cannavo, Staff Support
George Sparling, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Denning at 2:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2010, in Conference Room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of October 18, 2010: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regional Ethics Training: Mr. Denning spoke with Mr. Hahn, Maryland State Ethics Commission, about the possibility of having the new FDS requirements as the focal point of discussion at the next regional training. Mr. Hahn stated that the new requirements probably would not be available by spring (probably not until July).

Mr. Elwood would contact the other three counties to determine if consensus exists to hold the meeting in the spring or wait until the summer when the new policy is available for discussion.

Current Vacancies and Volunteer Applications: Members decided not to submit a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners at this time in case more applications were received prior to the December 3 deadline. Ms. Cannavo will prepare a ballot for members to use to prioritize the candidates.

Ethics Commission 2011 Meeting Schedule: Members reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2011. Mr. Denning suggested moving the first meeting from January 3, 2011 to January 10, 2011, due to the holidays. All members agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Mr. Elwood was unable to contact the individual for clarification on the FDS that was held from the October 18 meeting. The filer did not return the phone call(s) and provided no additional information. Mr. Elwood suggested that the form be returned to the filer for completion. Ms. Cannavo will prepare a letter and return the FDS as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Long to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.