

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

Minutes of February 7, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert W. Denning, Chair
Robert E. Elwood, Vice Chair
Karin Bailey, Member
Elizabeth Long, Member
Sean Rogers, Member
Kathy Suite, 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 1:57 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 7, 2011, in Conference Room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of January 10, 2011: Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regional Ethics Training: A date of May 16, 2011, has been selected for the next Regional Ethics Conference. Wicomico Shores Golf Course Clubhouse (Riverview) has been selected as the tentative location. Room fees have been waived by the Manager, Patricia Myers; the only cost will be for lunch. Ms. Cannavo will check with Food Services Manager to get prices for a soup, salad, and sandwich buffet.

Mr. Sparling has been in contact with the Maryland Ethics Commission and informed the membership that the new Ethics Ordinance / FDS guidance should be available by the end of March. Members feel that this information will be the focal point of the conference. Members discussed the possibility of changing the date if the State Ethics Commission representative(s) could not attend. It was determined that the conference would still be held on regardless of the States Ethics Commission's availability.

Mr. Elwood volunteered to contact the other counties concerning the date / time, tentative agenda, and to get an idea of who would be attending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint 2011-01: A citizen contacted filed an official complaint on January 26, 2011, which was reviewed by the members for the first time.

Executive Session: Mr. Elwood 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 Ms. Bailey.

Executive Session: 2:15 PM to 3:45 PM.

Ms. Long made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood.

Ms. Cannavo will notify the respondent via certified mail that the complaint has been filed. The complainant will be notified that the matter is currently being reviewed for sufficiency.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

31 Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

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 4:10 PM.