

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

Minutes of March 7, 2011

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

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kathy Suite, Alternate Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2011, in Conference Room 14 of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of February 7, 2011: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and carried.

Minutes for Executive Session of February 7, 2011: Ms. Long made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regional Ethics Training: Mr. Elwood has not received a head count from the other counties, although all of stated they would attend. Mr. Elwood contacted Prince George's County and extended an invitation which was accepted.

Members discussed the possibility of having Commissioner President Russell address the group during the training. All members agreed and Ms. Cannavo will prepare an invitation. Mr. Rogers will also provide a presentation to the group.

Complaint 2011-01: A citizen contacted filed an official complaint on January 26, 2011, which was reviewed by the members for the first time on February 7, 2011. Discussion continues.

Executive Session: Ms. Long 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 Mr. Rogers.

Executive Session: 2:25 PM to 2:55 PM.

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

The complainant and respondent will be notified of the Commissions findings.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Annual Report: Members reviewed the 2010 annual report. Ms. Bailey moved to approve the report with correction. Ms. Long seconded the motion. Ms. Cannavo will make changes to the membership terms and changes and submit the annual report to the County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

76 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 Mr. Elwood and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.