

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

Minutes of June 7, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert W. Denning, Acting Chair
Arthur F. Goeller, Member
Robert E. Elwood, Member
Candace Butler, Alternate Member
Sarah Cannavo, Staff Support

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Long, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Denning at 2:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2010, in Human Services Conference of the Potomac Building.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for Open Session of May 17, 2010: Mr. Elwood made a motion to accept the minutes with correction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regional Ethics Conference: Members discuss the next regional Ethics Training and if St. Mary's County would host the Conference. It is unknown if Prince Georges County would now be participating in the event, and if so, would they host the next conference. Ms. Cannavo will contact the other counties to determine who will host the event. The topic will be tabled until the new members are appointed and new officers elected during the July 19, 2010 meeting.

Board Vacancies: A third interview was conducted on May 25 for a last minute application. The interview went well and recommendations will be given to the Board of County Commissioners.

Ordinance Update: Ms. Long was unavailable to provide an update on the Ordinance Revision. Item has been tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members discussed drafting a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the current policy of allowing county employees to serve as Board of Director members for Non-Profits which receive funding from the county. Although there is no specific finding of Conflict of Interest, this practice could certainly produce a perceived Conflict of Interest.

Also, members discussed the possibility of including a specific recommendation to the Commissioners concerning the structure of the Human Services Council. During the course of investigation / review of a recent complaint, it was determined that the current structure of the Human Services Council produces the perception of Conflict of Interest by many of the council's membership.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

2 Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Butler and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.