

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Monday, February 14, 2005

Present: Ronald W. Peppe, Chairman
 G. Anthony Crook, Commission Member
 Phillip P. Killam, Commission Member
 Andrew T. Jones, Alternate Commission Member
 Linda B. Thall, Assistant County Attorney

The Frederick County Ethics Commission met at 7:00 p.m. on February 14, 2005, at the Office of the County Attorney on the 3rd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

MOTION: Mr. Crook made a motion to open the public meeting. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business

Approval of the minutes – The Commission considered the minutes from its February 8, 2005, meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Crook made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Advisory Opinion 05-02 – The Assistant County Attorney distributed a draft of the Advisory Opinion, which the Commission then discussed.

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to adopt the Advisory Opinion with one amendment, which was to delete a reference to not spending County funds on the private fund raising effort for the Child Advocacy Center. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Advisory Opinion 05-03 – The Assistant County Attorney distributed a revised draft of the Advisory Opinion and provided new information to the Commission regarding one of the items discussed in the opinion. Mr. Peppe also provided additional information to the Commission on this item and stated that he would recuse himself from voting on the Advisory Opinion.

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to approve the Advisory Opinion, which had been revised to allow the employee who is the subject of the opinion to finish his involvement in a matter pending before the Board of Appeals, but then perform no additional work on the matter. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. (Mr. Peppe did not vote on the motion.)

New Business

MOTION: Mr. Killam made a motion to meet to perform an executive function. Mr. Peppe seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

This portion of the public meeting was concluded at 7:20 p.m.

The Commission returned to the public meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Crook moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Killam seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Linda B. Thall, Assistant County Attorney