

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Present: Andrew T. Jones, Chairman
Karl W. Bickel, Commission Member
E. Donald Foster, Alternate Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Paula C. Bell, Commission Member

The Frederick County Ethics Commission met at 7:00 p.m. on January 23, 2008, in the Third Floor Hearing Room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Unfinished Business

Approval of the minutes – The Commission considered the minutes from its November 14, 2007, meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Bickel made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Mr. Foster seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business

Complaints – The Senior Assistant County Attorney advised the Commission that two complaints alleging violations of the Ethics Ordinance had been received. The Commission then held an Administrative Function meeting with the persons who filed the complaints. As a continuation of that Administrative Function meeting, the Commission members then discussed the complaints with the Senior Assistant County Attorney to obtain legal guidance related to the complaints.

Adjournment

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

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at 8:35 p.m.

/s/
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Notice under Section 10-503(c) of the State Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code:

The Frederick County Ethics Commission met at approximately 7:05 p.m. on January 23, 2008, in the Third Floor Hearing Room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, to perform an administrative function. The persons in attendance at this meeting were Andrew T. Jones, Chairman; Commission member Karl W. Bickel; Alternate Commission Member E. Donald Foster; and Senior Assistant County Attorney Linda B. Thall, as well as two persons who filed complaints with the Ethics Commission. The subject discussed at the administrative function meeting was the application of the Ethics Ordinance to the complaints. The Commission members voted to notify the subject of one of the complaints of the pending investigation into the possible Ethics Ordinance violation.