CECIL COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2014

Present: Joe Cline, Mike Dixon, Valerie Falcioni, Bruce Hemphill

Absent: Bob Boonstoppel

Open Session

Old Business:

Valerie Falcioni made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 (open session) Mike Dixon seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Bruce reviewed the agenda, and Joe Cline motioned for approval, Valerie Falcioni seconded, all were in favor.

Revisions to the County Code: Bruce Hemphill will discuss the draft with Jason Allison and Al Wein to determine if it requires a charter or code change.

Ethics Training Module – Joe Cline reported the cost (roughly \$900-\$1500) to use Cecil College Performing Arts Department to create video of case studies to use for the management training module.

<u>Ethics Electronic Report Option</u> – Joe Cline reached out to Al Wein about working with State Electronic filing and will have an update next meeting. The board would like to discuss adding this to the budget for FY2016.

<u>Lobbyist Registration Packet Project</u> – Waiting on confirmation from Bob Boonstoppel of distribution.

2014 Ethics Disclosure Mailing – Stephanie Pratt reports that we have received 167 of 213 members of Boards and Commissions. We have received 18 of the 24 designated attorney completed forms. All employees have submitted their ethics filing forms for 2014. Board members will review and finalize all forms received next meeting, and have a final report submitted by September.

<u>Retyping Old Minutes for On-line Access</u> – Stephanie Pratt will work with Bruce Hemphill's office to get the 2013 records similarly broken down and on-line by August 1, 2014.

<u>Contract Attorneys – Filing Ethics Statements</u> – Bruce Hemphill has been working with attorneys who are resisting filing their required ethics statements.

Motion was made to adjourn to closed session to discuss open complaints. The meeting was closed by a formal motion (Valerie Falcioni), seconded (Mike Dixon) and unanimous vote of the members present in accordance with Maryland statutes.

Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Pratt