

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2011
MEETING OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION**

The December 1, 2011 meeting of the West Virginia Ethics Commission was called to order in the Commission's Office located at 210 Brooks Street, Charleston WV at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Kemp Morton. Also present in person were members Frank Deem, Father Douglas Sutton and Jonathan Turak. Members Jack Buckalew, Drema Radford, Ron Salmons and Monte' Williams participated via telephone. Executive Director Theresa M. Kirk, General Counsel C. Joan Parker, Deputy General Counsel Martin J. Wright, Paralegal/Acting Secretary Lietta J. White and Lobbyist Registrar Lucy Suchy were in attendance from the Commission staff.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked for approval of the November 3, 2011 Commission Meeting minutes.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Buckalew made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton announced the next meeting of the WV Ethics Commission is scheduled for January 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's office located at 210 Brooks Street, Suite 300, Charleston WV.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Kirk for a recap of the previous month. Ms. Kirk discussed training session which had been conducted.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Wright to present Advisory Opinion 2011-17 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Wright presented Advisory Opinion 2011-17 to the Commission for consideration. No draft opinion was provided. A discussion was held concerning the unique question presented. After discussion, the Commission provided direction to the WVEC staff for the purposes of writing the opinion. By unanimous decision, the matter was tabled until the January 12, 2011 Commission meeting.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Mr. Wright to present Advisory Opinion 2011-18 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Williams joined the meeting at this time via telephone.

WHEREUPON, Mr. Wright presented Advisory Opinion 2011-18 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to accept Advisory Opinion 2011-18 and Mr. Turak seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2011-19 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Deputy General Counsel Martin J. Wright recused himself.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented Advisory Opinion 2011-19 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Mr. Buckalew made a motion to accept Advisory Opinion 2011-19 and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Kirk to present Advisory Opinion 2011-20 to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented Advisory Opinion 2011-20 to the Commission for consideration. After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to accept Advisory Opinion 2011-20 with suggested modifications to pages three and four and Mr. Deem seconded. The motion passed 6-2 with Mr. Salmons and Mr. Buckalew voting in the negative.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton noted there were no Contract Exemption Requests, School Board Advisory Opinion Requests and Property Exemption Requests to be presented to the Commission for consideration.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton called upon Ms. Kirk to present the Employment Exemption Requests.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented EE 2011-21 requested by Paul Shaffer, and EE 2011-22 requested by Melissa K. Johnson. After discussion, Mr. Turak made a motion to ratify the requests and Ms. Radford seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

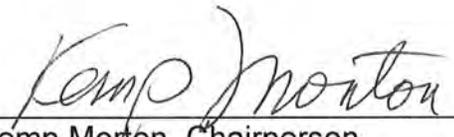
WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked Ms. Kirk if there were any miscellaneous matters to bring before the Commission.

WHEREUPON, Ms. Kirk presented information to the Commission to consider the request of James Ramey, III, Former Mayor of Wayne, to modify his payment plan to satisfy the sanction of restitution to the Town of Wayne (VCRB 2005-10 and VCRB 2005-10A). After discussion, Father Douglas Sutton made a motion to modify Mr. Ramey's payment plan and Mr. Buckalew seconded. The motion passed 7-1 with Mr. Salmons voting in the negative.

WHEREUPON, the Commission reviewed the Ethics Commission P-Card monthly purchase report with no comments after review.

WHEREUPON, Chairperson Morton asked if there were any other matters to be discussed before the Commission, there being none, the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes of the West Virginia Ethics Commission were approved unanimously at the January 12, 2012 WVEC meeting.



Kemp Morton, Chairperson
West Virginia Ethics Commission

ATTEST:



Lietta J. White Paralegal & Acting Secretary, West Virginia Ethics Commission