

BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION

**In the matter of CIC No. 2010-06, Respondent Jeffrey Hutchinson, Director,
Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Commission (KCPRC)**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND NOTICE OF HEARING

On or about August 9, 2010, the West Virginia Ethics Commission initiated an ethics complaint against Respondent Jeffrey Hutchinson, Director, Kanawha County Parks and Recreation Commission (KCPRC). The complaint was then referred to the West Virginia Ethics Commission's Probable Cause Review Board.

On December 21, 2011, the members of the Probable Cause Review Board, by unanimous vote of those present, entered an Order finding probable cause to believe that the Respondent violated W. Va. Code § 6B-2-5(b), and directing the preparation of this Statement of Charges.

The members of the Probable Cause Review Board charge that Jeffrey Hutchinson did knowingly and intentionally use his office for his own private gain and/or for the private gain of others, in violation of W. Va. Code § 6B-2-5(b).

It is hereby charged that Respondent Jeffrey Hutchinson violated the Ethics Act as follows:

COUNT I

Without the advance notice or approval of the KCPRC board, used his public office for personal gain by unilaterally paying himself \$500 cash from KCPRC funds for providing golf instruction during the Junior Golf Clinic held on September 13, 2008 at Coonskin Park; and,

COUNT II

Without the advance notice or approval of the KCPRC board, used his public office for the personal gain of others by unilaterally using KCPRC funds to: provide \$500 cash each to four local golf professionals for providing golf instruction during the Junior Golf Clinic; and, provide \$100 cash additional compensation each to two subordinate employees who worked during the Junior Golf Clinic.

NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that at a specific place, date and time to be determined, a public hearing will be held, to determine the truth or falsity of the charges against you contained in the foregoing Statement of Charges.

Pursuant to the direction of the Commission, an independent hearing examiner appointed by the Commission will preside at the hearing. The record compiled by the hearing examiner will then be submitted to the members of the Ethics Commission who will make a final decision in this case.



Theresa M. Kirk
Executive Director

12-29-2011

Date