



## Meeting Agenda

### West Virginia Ethics Commission

210 Brooks Street, Suite 300  
Charleston WV 25301

March 4, 2010 10:00 a.m.

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| <b>(1.) Approve Minutes of February 4, 2010 Meeting</b> | <b>Chairperson Morton</b>                     |
| <b>(2.) Next meeting date April 1, 2010</b>             | <b>Chairperson Morton</b>                     |
| <b>(3.) Recap of Previous Month</b>                     | <b>Ms. Kirk</b>                               |
| <b>(4.) Advisory Opinion Requests</b>                   | <b>Mr. Wright<br/>Ms. Parker<br/>Ms. Kirk</b> |

**AO 2010-02 A City Attorney** asks whether it is permissible for: **(1)** the City to participate in a program, offered by a vendor, which provides a discount to all city employees for their personal (non-public) cell phones; and **(2)** City employees to accept such a discount for their personal cell phones.

**AO 2010-03 A Candidate** for a County Board of Education (BOE) whose husband is employed by the BOE as a Chief Mechanic asks whether, in the event that she is elected to the BOE, her husband may continue his employment with the BOE.

**AO 2010-04 An Attorney for a County Board of Education (BOE)** asks whether the BOE may contract with a private non-profit charitable organization when one of the BOE members sits on the board thereof.

**AO 2010-05 An Institution of Higher Education** asks whether, pursuant to the Ethics Commission's Guideline for Public Employee Recognition Events, it may expend more than \$25.00 per fiscal year to recognize certain employees for special achievements; provided, that, the sum total of expenditures does not exceed an amount equal to \$25.00 multiplied by the total number of public employees at the Institution.

**AO 2010-06** The Requester, a **Public Library** created by Special Act of the Legislature, asks: (1) Does it violate the Ethics Act's prohibition against having an interest in a public contract for a person, who is an equity member in a law firm which provides legal service to the Public Library Board as bond counsel, to serve on the board? (2) Is a Library created by a Special Act of the Legislature as a joint endeavor of a County Board of Education, County Commission and a City subject to W.Va. Code § 61-10-15? (3) If the person serves on the Library Board, what steps must he take to comply with W.Va. Code § 61-10-15, if applicable, and/or the West Virginia Ethics Act, W.Va. Code § 6B-1-1 et. seq.?

**AO 2010-07** A registered **Lobbyist** asks whether she is required to register as a lobbyist on behalf of a non-profit organization if she volunteers her lobbying services to the non-profit without compensation.

**AO 2010-08** An **Attorney for a City Council** asks whether it would violate the Ethics Act for Members of its governing body to vote to approve a change in the City Charter which would extend the current term of office for the City's elected public officials by one year.

**(5.) Contract Exemption Request**

**Ms. Kirk**

**CE 2010-01** The **Town of Wayne** asks for a temporary contract exemption to allow it to continue leasing the Town Hall building from Mayor James Ramey, III until July 1, 2010.

**(6.) School Board Advisory Opinion Requests**  
**NONE**

**(7.) Employment Exemption Requests**

**Ms. Kirk**

**(a)** EE 2010-04 Andrew Robinson, DEP

**(b)** EE 2010-05 Charles Vannatter, WV State Fire Marshall's Office

**(8.) Miscellaneous Matters**

**Ms. Kirk**

**Ms. Suchy**

**(a)** Consider whether to appeal Circuit Court Order in the matter of James Ramey, III

**(b)** Consider whether to allow James Ramey, III to satisfy Commission Order/Judgment via payment plan

**(c)** Consider hiring Kim Weber as a contract attorney

**(d)** Consider hiring Mike Thompson as a contract attorney

**(e)** Legislation Update

**(f)** WVEC P-Card monthly purchase review

**(g)** Report of Personnel Committee on Annual Evaluation of Director

**(9.) Motion to Adjourn**

**Chairperson Morton**

