



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Jessica Fitzwater
County Executive

John K. Peterson, Chief Administrative Officer

TO: Bryon Black, County Attorney

FROM: John K. Peterson, Chief Administrative Officer 

DATE: August 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Revised Transmittal of the Public Ethics Report to the Frederick County Ethics Commission

In accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article, Section 5-861, please find the revised 2024 Public Ethics Report to the Frederick County Ethics Commission from the Office of the County Executive for reporting period January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024.

Disclosed Officials

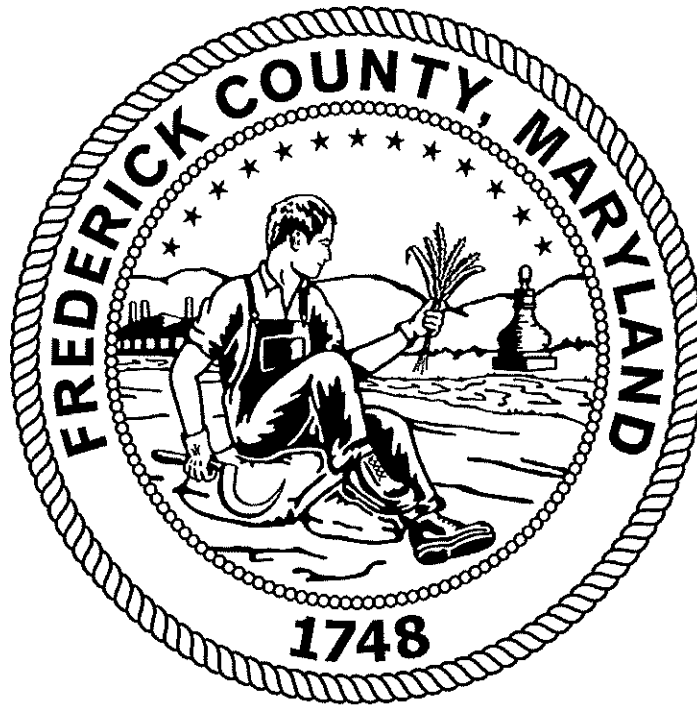
County Executive Jessica Fitzwater
County Council President Brad Young
County Council Member M.C. Keegan-Ayer
County Council Member Renee Knapp
County Council Member Steve McKay

Attachment

cc: Jessica Fitzwater, County Executive
Frederick County Council
Deborah Carpenter, Director, Planning and Permitting Division
Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, Frederick County Council

**2024 Public Ethics Report
to the
Frederick County Ethics Commission**

January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024



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Submission Date	Communication Date	Elected Official	Conversation Summary	Communication Type
3/2/2024	2/29/2024	Steve McKay	I sent a message to my email list about the upcoming Knowledge Farms public hearing.	Email
3/2/2024	2/29/2024	Steve McKay	I posted to Facebook about the upcoming Knowledge Farms public hearing.	Social Media
3/2/2024	2/29/2024	Steve McKay	I corresponded with Bruce Dean, who is representing a land owner impacted by the South Frederick Corridors Plan. I wanted to know if my proposed amendment would address their concerns.	Email
8/23/2024	3/12/2024	M.C. Keegan-Ayer	One of the attendees at the Senior Services Advisory Board meeting began discussing the Knowledge Farms rezoning matter. She lives in the Woodlands neighborhood and is opposed to the rezoning. I simply informed the Board that the record is closed and that there is no more opportunity to submit comments to the Council.	In-Person
3/13/2024	3/13/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	The CE met with Dusty Rood for general catch up and discussion of advancement of County priorities.	In-Person
8/23/2024	4/17/2024	M.C. Keegan-Ayer	Spoke with President of Farm Bureau, Denny Remsburg, at the FB Ladies Luncheon regarding concerns he had about the IPP application process, the ordinance itself and the applications that were denied by the FcPc. Said, I didn't know why but I would go back and review the video from the meeting (3/13/24) when the FcPc considered and voted on these applications.	In-Person
8/23/2024	5/6/2024	M.C. Keegan-Ayer	Had a meeting with the leadership of the Farm Bureau to discuss various farm issues and potential legislation (including the Solar Design Criteria bill) and during the discussions the current IPP applications came up. The Farm Bureau folks expressed their disappointment and frustration with the Planning Commission decision on these applications, based on their understanding of the IPP ordinance and the decisions on these applications by the Farm Preservation Board. After further discussions, I explained that the FcPc is only an advisory body and that the Council would have the final say on these applications. I also assured them I would go back and review the tape of the meeting once again, and would review the IPP ordinance before the Council meeting on Tuesday, when these applications would be considered.	In-Person
5/22/2024	5/8/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater had a coffee meeting with Tom Natelli and discussed economic development.	In-Person

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5/22/2024	5/22/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater had a lunch meeting with Dusty Rood and discussed affordable housing.	In-Person
6/4/2024	6/4/2024	Renee Knapp	Teams meeting with Nathaniel Brown, Director of Public Affairs; Tim Alborg, Director, Government Affairs; and Martin Romo, Senior Director, Economic Development & Policy of Rowan Digital Infrastructure. Update on Multiple Projects Rowan Frederick Update (Rowan 1) Rowan 2 - Similar to Rowan 1 Rowan 3 - Smaller Sustainability Goals Community Feedback and Engagement	Teams Meeting
6/17/2024	6/7/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater had a phone conversation with Dan Cross with Cross and Company as a follow up to a conversation she had with him at one of the budget listening sessions. He informed her of the status of their project in Thurmont, the stormwater management challenges, and a likely suit against the Town, County, and state due to storm water management regulations.	Phone Call
7/1/2024	6/25/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater met with Dusty Rood and Jason Wiley to discuss the Casey School site.	In-Person
7/1/2024	6/25/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater had coffee with Dusty Rood to discuss the Casey School site.	In-Person
7/5/2024	6/27/2024	Jessica Fitzwater	CE Fitzwater and Harry George discussed the proposed building moratorium.	Phone Call