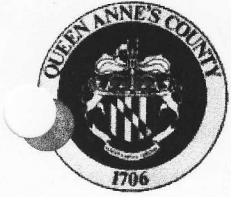


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The Commission considered the facts that were provided regarding Boards and Commission members attempt of economic gain from those that appear before them and whether this could be a conflict of interest and a violation of the County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that the members of County Boards and Commissions would be in violation of the County Public Ethics Law, specifically §8-11 (A) (7) if they were soliciting business from those individuals that appear before them at all times during their term of service to that Board or Commission. The Commission determined that there would not be a violation of the County Public Ethics Law, if they were accepting business from those individuals that appear before them, if that business was initiated by the other person.

Further, the Board discussed a request as it relates to the public auction process and whether an employee could participate in the process for surplus county property. The Commission determined that in general terms there would not be a conflict of interest, but there may be an appearance of a conflict under §8-11 (A) (1) for a particular employee, for example the Fleet Manager bidding on county vehicles.

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