

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY USE IN-KIND SERVICES OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FOR NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

(2) THE BOARD MAY ENGAGE ANY NECESSARY ACCOUNTANTS, ENGINEERS, FINANCIAL ADVISORS, OR OTHER CONSULTANTS.

26.104.

(A) THE BOARD, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ARE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT).

(B) NO CLAIM MAY ARISE AGAINST AND NO LIABILITY MAY BE IMPOSED ON A BOARD MEMBER FOR A STATEMENT MADE OR ACTION TAKEN IN THE GOOD FAITH EXERCISE OF THE POWERS GRANTED AND DUTIES IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE BOARD, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE 6 OF ARTICLE 40A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND ARE THEREFORE SUBJECT TO THE HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(D) (1) A BOARD MEMBER MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A DECISION RELATED TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT IF THE BOARD MEMBER HAS ANY INTEREST, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, IN THE PROJECT OR CONTRACT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE AUTHORITY.

(2) (I) IF A BOARD MEMBER HAS AN INTEREST IN A PROJECT OR CONTRACT WHICH IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE AUTHORITY, THE BOARD MEMBER SHALL DISCLOSE THE INTEREST IN WRITING TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY AND THE DISCLOSURE SHALL BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY.

(II) FAILURE TO DISCLOSE AN INTEREST SHALL CONSTITUTE MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE.

26.105.

(A) WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SEND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT CONCERNING:

(1) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;

(2) THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCIAL STANDING AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; AND

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE COUNTY.