

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF January 24, 2005

St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Rm. 14

Members Present: David Deaderick, Chair
George Baroniak, Vice Chair
Joseph B. Bush, Member
Susan Wolfe, Executive Secretary

Members Absent: Arthur Goeller, Member
Zora Siemasko, Member
Viola Gardner, Alternate Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Deaderick at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Messrs. Baroniak and Goeller will not be available for the two meetings in February. Ms. Siemasko will not be available for the February 7 meeting. Due to lack of a quorum on February 7, that meeting will be cancelled. Due to the February 21 holiday, the regular meeting will be rescheduled to February 28.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of January 3, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

FDS Status: No report.

Review Session Two statements for calendar year 2003 were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revision to Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Deaderick reported that he completed final corrections to the revised Ethics Ordinance. He sent the document to the Maryland State Ethics Commission for review. After that review, the Ordinance will be sent to the County Commissioners for approval. Upon their approval, Mr. Deaderick will contact the county webmaster to place the revised Ordinance on the Ethics Commission webpage.

Financial Disclosure Statement for Calendar Year 2004. A revised Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2004 was approved. Mr. Deaderick will submit a PDF document to the county webmaster to allow completion of the FDS form online. The schedule for completion of the Statements was approved.

E-mail correspondence. Members continued discussion of e-mail correspondence from Mr. Walter Burch regarding the Development Review Forum (DRF). Mr. Deaderick suggested that further discussion on this topic be postponed until the full complement of board members was available, i.e., March 7. Members agreed to this proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

A card of appreciation was received from Shirley Baldwin, former Executive Secretary to the Commission.

Ms. Wolfe proposed that the Commission consider publication of a brochure or booklet on the Public Ethics Ordinance and the responsibility of the Ethics Commission. Members agreed that she should pursue this effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baroniak moved to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion seconded and carried.