

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF February 5, 2007**

**St. Mary's County Governmental Center**

**Members Present: George E. Baroniak, Chair**

**Terri L. Holder, Member**

**Warren Kunz, Member**

**Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Ms. Gardner and Messrs. Bush and Goeller were unable to attend the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 26, 2007. Ms. Wolfe will not be able to attend the meeting.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of January 22, 2007. A motion was made by Ms. Holder to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**CHANGE OF AGENDA ORDER:**

Mr. Kunz moved that the review of Financial Disclosure Statements be moved on the agenda to after New Business. The motion was seconded and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Baroniak advised that he spoke with former Commission chairman, David Deaderick, who agreed to attend future meetings when the Commission reviews and recommends changes to the Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Baroniak also said he spoke with June De Hart, a lobbyist, who has agreed to meet with the Commission to discuss recent Federal lobbying changes and policies. Members present agreed to wait until the entire membership is available to begin discussion of new revisions, to include changes to be made by the state Ethics Commission. Ms. Wolfe suggested that as any revisions to the county ordinance regarding lobbying are discussed with organizations such as the Economic Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Ethics Training. Mr. Baroniak noted he is sending a letter to Robert Hahn, General Counsel, Maryland State Ethics Commission, regarding ethics training for the tri-county commissions. St. Mary's County is offering the training site as the St. Mary's County Memorial Library site in Charlotte Hall.

State Ethics Commission Material. Ms. Wolfe distributed information downloaded from the Maryland State Ethics Commission website. It contained information on the new lobbying sections of the state ordinance, especially the new statements regarding ethics that must be signed by each state employee and kept in his/her official personnel file.

**VOTE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Kunz made a motion to move into Executive Session as provided for in Article 25, Section 4-210(a)(1) Boards and Commissions and the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance Rules of Procedure, Section 7, and the motion was seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Present: George Baroniak, Chair

Terri Holder, Member

Warren Kunz, Member

Authority: St. Mary's County Code, Article 25, Section 4-210(a)(1) Boards and Commissions; St. Mary's County Ethics Commission Rules of Procedure, Section 7.

Time Held: 2:14 to 2:38 p.m.

Ms. Holder moved that the Executive Session be closed. The motion was seconded and approved.

*The regular meeting resumed at 2:22 p.m.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Twenty statements were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Holder to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.