

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF February 6, 2006

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Members Present: David S. Deaderick, Chair
George E. Baroniak, Vice Chair
Warren Kunz, Member
Viola M. Gardner, Alternate
Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary

Others Present: John E. Warrington, Member, Charles County Ethics Commission
Claudia Warrington

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Mr. Deaderick welcomed John E. Warrington, a member of the Charles County Ethics Commission, and his spouse, Claudia.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2006.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of January 23, 2006. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION:

As the result of a conversation with Mr. Baroniak, Mr. Warrington and the other members of the Charles County Ethics Commission were invited to provide a briefing on two recent decisions rendered by that Commission, as well as to receive information on the operation and activities of the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission. Mr. Warrington briefly discussed the organization of the Charles County Commission noting that there are currently three of five commissioners in place. He also discussed the history of their two recent decisions.

Mr. Deaderick provided background information on the St. Mary's Ethics Commission and the County Ethics Ordinance, and provided a notebook of information prepared by the Commission secretary detailing the activities of the Commission. Both gentlemen agreed to the hope that this conversation would mark the beginning of an ongoing dialog that would include not only Charles but also Calvert County for mutual sharing and review, subject to necessary confidentiality in the proceedings of the three commissions, for the purpose of strengthening all three.

Mr. Baroniak noted that he hoped the Maryland State Ethics Commission would provide another Ethics seminar for members of county ethics commissions. All present concurred.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Nineteen statements for calendar year 2005 were reviewed. To date, 33 statements have been reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Financial Disclosure Statements – Additional Offices/Boards/Commissions. Mr. Deaderick reported that the Office of the County Attorney researched whether all members of the Alcohol Beverage Board have to file financial disclosure statements. After confirmation from the Maryland State Ethics Commission, it was determined that all appointed members of this Board have to file statements.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Baroniak moved to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried