

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF April 16, 2007

St. Mary's County Governmental Center

Members Present: George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Arthur E. Goeller, Member

Terri Holder, Member

Warren Kunz, Member

Viola Gardner, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2007. Mr. Baroniak said he might not be able to attend the May 7 meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of April 4, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rural Preservation District Task Force. On April 9, Ms. Wolfe met Walter Burch at the Governmental Center so he could review the Calendar Year 2006 Financial Disclosure Statements from members of the Rural Preservation District (RPD) Task Force and the Development Review Forum (DRF). Mr. Burch requested and received photocopies of those forms of members of the RPD Task Force. He completed the Ethics Commission review forms for those five individuals' files and notice was sent to them that Mr. Burch reviewed the forms. He did not review the forms of the DRF members. He stated he wanted to be sure that all DRF members filed for Calendar Year 2006.

Request from Public Schools. Mr. Baroniak will recontact the former Maintenance officer of the county schools who declined to file a Financial Disclosure statement for calendar year 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Information from County Times. A public information request was received from *County Times* to examine the Calendar Year 2006 Financial Disclosure Statements of the members of the RPD Task Force. Ms. Wolfe will contact the newspaper to arrange for a time to review the forms.

Email from Citizen. Members received an email from Walter Burch outlining his concerns about two members of the RPD Task Force and noting this was his complaint. Ms. Wolfe sent an email to Mr. Burch referring him to the Rules of Procedure on the Commission website, which outlines the proper procedures to file a formal complaint.

Inquiry from Member of Procurement Policy Review Committee. A phone call was received from a member of the Committee questioning why it is necessary to file a FDS for calendar year 2006 when the Committee did not meet during that year. That Committee member was urged to contact the chair, the Chief Financial Officer, to determine the status of that Committee.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Eight statements were reviewed. Second notice letters were sent to those individuals who have not yet filed CY 2006 forms.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr Bush to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.