

St. Mary's County Ethics Commission

St. Mary's County Governmental Center

Minutes of 21 April, 2008

Members present: George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Terry L. Holder, Member

Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

Call to order:

- The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:04 p.m.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held on 5 May, 2008. Due to budget work sessions in conference room 114, the Ethics Commission meetings will be held in the DECD conference room (2nd floor).

Review/approval of minutes:

- Minutes of 17 March, 2008. Mr. Bush made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Denning and carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **Joint Ethics Training Conference:** Mr. Baroniak spoke with Ms. Betsy Dawson, Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission, concerning the proposed training session for 8 May 08. Ms. Dawson said she and the Secretary would be able to attend on that date, however, the rest of the committee could not attend due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Baroniak suggested providing several possible dates to the other participants and having them select the dates that will work best for them. Once the other counties have replied, we will select the date that will allow for the most participation.

New Business:

- Ms. Holder reviewed the county's FY 2009 recommended budget. The Ethics Commission's budget covers the secretary's salary and supplies. If additional funds are needed for emergency or unusual circumstances, the commission can request financial assistance from the County Commissioners or the County Attorney.
- Ethic Commission elections occur in July. Mr. Baroniak stated that he would like to step down to the alternate position to allow for other members to have a chance to fill the Chair position. Mr. Baroniak said he would be more than happy to remain on the board and assist the new Chair and members.

· Mr. Denning will be appointed as a permanent member, pending County Commissioner approval. The Commission is still looking for an individual to join the board as an alternate member.

Financial Disclosure Statements:

· 2 financial disclosure statements were reviewed. Mr. Denning kept one for advisory opinion and will contact the individual as requested.

Public Comment:

· None

Adjournment:

· A motion was made by Ms. Bush to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.