

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF May 2, 2005

St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Room 14

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Siemasko, Ms. Gardner and Mr. Goeller were unable to attend the meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of April 18, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

FDS Status: 238 FDS statements for calendar year 2004 were sent. 14 statements remain outstanding. 192 statements have been reviewed by Ethics Commission members. After May 17, cease and desist letters for any outstanding statements will be forwarded to the commissioners for action.

Review Session: 24 statements were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revised Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Deaderick reported he has been invited to meet with the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 17 at 2:15 p.m. in Room 14 to formalize the public hearing process for review of the revised Ethics Ordinance. He urged other commission members to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request for an advisory opinion (2005-01) was received from Cynthia A. Brown, Division Manager, Community Services. After initial discussion, the item was tabled for discussion at the May 16 meeting.

A request for an advisory opinion (2005-02) was received from Daniel L. Carney, Chief Financial Officer, St. Mary's County Public Schools. After initial discussion, the item was tabled for discussion at the May 16 meeting.

A Lobbying Registration form was received from Donald H. Spence, Jr., Greenburg, Spence & Taylor, L.L.C., Rockville, Maryland. The firm represents the Development Guaranty Group of Southern Maryland, Inc. (DGG) and seeks to request the Board of County Commissioners grant approval of the acceptance of Certificates of Guarantee issued by DGG for subdivision development work requiring bonding.

Mr. Baroniak provided a brief overview of the proposed Transferable Development Rights Program. The item was tabled for discussion at the May 16 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bush moved to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.