

**St. Mary's County Ethics Commission**

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

**Minutes of 5 May, 2008**

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

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

**Members absent:** Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Terry L. Holder, Member

**Call to order:**

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

**Announcements:**

- The next meeting will be held on 19 May, 2008. Due to budget work sessions in conference room 114, the Ethics Commission meetings will be held in the DECD conference room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor).
- Mr. Baroniak began process to have Mr. Denning moved to permanent status. Mrs. Cannavo will draft an appointment letter for the County Commissioner's approval of the action.

**Review/approval of minutes:**

- Minutes of 21 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 Anne Arundel County, Ms. Betsy Dawson, concerning the conference. Ms. Dawson and Ms. Gina Scerbo, Executive Secretary, would be able to attend. However, the other members of the Anne Arundel Ethics Commission were unavailable. Charles and Calvert County have not responded. Mr. Baroniak has decided to push the date of the training conference to 27 June. Ms. Cannavo will draft an invitation and send it to all commissions. Mr. Bush will send a special invitation to Susan Wolfe, former Executive Secretary, and Viola Gardner, former Ethics Commission Member.

**New Business:**

· Mr. Denning discussed the Advisory Opinion Request received during the last meeting. The individual was concerned about potential conflicts of interest between his role on county boards and his role on private community boards. The Ethics Commission determined that no conflict of interest exists at this time. However, the individual should continue to identify all board activity on future Financial Disclosure Statements to ensure no future conflicts arise.

**Financial Disclosure Statements:**

· No Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

**Public Comment:**

· None

**Adjournment:**

· A motion was made by Mr. Denning to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bush and carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.