

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2004

St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Rm. 14

Members Present: M. Martha Neal, Ph.D., Chair
David Deaderick, Vice Chair
George Baroniak, Member
Viola Gardner, Member
Zora Siemasko, Member
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary
Mr. William J. Chen, Jr. Attorney (departed 2:40 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Neal at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Addition to the agenda under New Business is "Request for Annual Report" Also under Unfinished Business "2005 Budget" and "Alternate Member " should be added.

Mr. Deaderick will be away for the June 21 meeting and Ms. Siemasko will be away July 12.

At the July 12 meeting, there will be an election officers for Chair and Vice Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The motion was made by Mr. Deaderick that the Ethics Commission enter into Executive Session in order to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice pursuant to Section 10-508(a)7 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and 4-210(a)(8) of the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act. The motion was seconded by Ms. Siemasko. Motion carried. Commission entered into Executive Session at 2:07 p.m and returned to Open Session at 2:40 p.m.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of May 17, 2004. The motion was made by Mr. Baroniak and seconded by Ms. Gardner to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Status of 2003 Outstanding There are still six members who have not filed. Dr. Neal will make phone calls to those individuals advising them they are responsible for filing. A letter will be sent to one individual who submitted a copy of his 2002 Federal Financial Disclosure Statement, advising him he is required to file the St. Mary's County Financial Disclosure Statement and that we need an original notarized signature.

Review Session: Three Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed and two were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2005 Budget: The Ethics Commission budget was approved for the same amount as last year (\$8889).

Alternate Member: Mr. Baroniak has attempted to contact the appointed Alternate Member, but has been unsuccessful both by telephone and stopping by his residence. Since no contact has been made, Dr. Neal will have a conversation with Mr. Forrest regarding this. Dr. Neal's term is up June 30 and she will address this with Mr. Forrest at the time also.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report for Calendar Year 2003 A request has been received for the Annual Report to be submitted prior to July 1. Dr. Neal proposed that she and Shirley Baldwin review the 2002 Annual Report and have a draft of the 2003 ready for signature at the June 21 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Baroniak made the motion to adjourn at 2:58 p.m., seconded by Ms. Gardner. Motion carried.