

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF September 12, 2005

St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Room 14

Members Present: David S. Deaderick, Chair
George Baroniak, Vice Chair
Joseph B. Bush, Member
Arthur F. Goeller, Member
Warren Kunz, Member
Viola M. Gardner, Alternate Member
Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on September 26, 2005.

Appreciation Plaque for Zora Siemasko. In honor of Ms. Siemasko's service as a member of the Ethics Commission, a plaque of appreciation was designed and prepared by Mr. Baroniak and will be presented to her by Mr. Deaderick.

Public Information Request. Mr. Deaderick reported that a public information request from Walter Burch was received by the Public Information Office (PIO), requesting copies of commission minutes and a copy of the audiotape from the April 4 meeting. The PIO responded to Mr. Burch that audio taping of county commission meetings is not required and is done for the convenience of the meeting recorder. He was also advised that the tape of the Ethics Commission April 4 meeting was no longer available. The PIO referred Mr. Burch to the Ethics Commission website for copies of approved minutes.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of August 1 and August 15, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the August 1 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the August 15 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Review of Statements. Two FDS statement were reviewed.

FDS Status Report. Ms. Wolfe advised that the Board of County Commissioners is currently reviewing the cease and desist letters sent to individuals who did not file a 2004 Financial Disclosure Statement to determine their course of action as outlined in the Ethics Ordinance..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ethics Commission Bylaws. Ms. Wolfe advised that the Public Information Office requested that the commission bylaws be placed on the commission website. Ms. Wolfe will provide a copy of the current bylaws.

Annual Report. Mr. Baroniak moved that the Calendar Year 2004 Annual Report be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried. The original will be forwarded to the Public Information Office, with a copy to the President of the Board of County Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request for an advisory opinion was received by a candidate for election to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Russell will be invited to attend the September 26 meeting to discuss this request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Baroniak moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.