

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF October 18, 2004**

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

**Members Present:** David Deaderick, Chair  
Joseph B. Bush, Member  
Zora Siemasko, Member  
Arthur Goeller, Alternate Member  
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:** George Baroniak, Vice Chair  
Viola Gardner, Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2004. Shirley Baldwin will not be present at that meeting. Some assistance will be provided by the BOCC office.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of October 4, 2004. The motion was made by Ms. Siemasko to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

FDS Status: There are two outstanding Financial Disclosure Statements and one in administrative review.

Review Session: One Financial Disclosure Statement was reviewed and approved.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Revisions to Ethics Ordinance Mr. Deaderick advised he has submitted the revisions of the Ethics Ordinance to Mr. Robert Hahn, State Ethics Commission, and is awaiting approval from them prior to submitting them to the County Commissioners for enactment.

Advisory Opinions 2004-04 (Independent Consultant) With one editorial change noted, Advisory Opinion 2004-04 was signed.

Advisory Opinion 2004-05. Two separate requests involving possible conflicts of interest by County Commissioners was incorporated into one Advisory Opinion. Advisory Opinion 2004-05 was approved and signed.

Advisory Opinion Request Regarding Deputy's Possible Appointment to Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board of Trustees. A memorandum was received from the Assistant County

Attorney regarding the possible appointment of Deputy William Raddatz, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board of Trustees. After discussion by the Commission and questions addressed to Deputy Raddatz, it was determined that all members of the Fraternal Order of Police would benefit, not just deputies. Mr. Goeller made the motion that the Commission finds no conflict of interest in this appointment. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Advisory Opinion 2004-06. A memorandum was received from the Assistant County Attorney who requested an advisory opinion on behalf of a citizen who made a proposal he hopes will be included in the Board of County Commissioners' 2005 Legislative Package. The citizen is proposing a ban on smoking in indoor eating establishments in St. Mary's County. The citizen feels that two of the County Commissioners should recuse themselves from voting on the issue, as they operate businesses that sell cigarettes. As the Commissioners are scheduled to vote on all legislative proposals on Oct. 19, 2004, Mr. Deaderick presented a draft Advisory Opinion that there is no conflict of interest at the level envisioned by the Ethics Ordinance. The motion was made by Mr. Goeller that the Advisory Opinion 2004-06 be approved as written. This was seconded and carried. The Advisory Opinion was signed.

Secretary's Letter of Resignation The letter of resignation effective January 3, 2005 submitted by the secretary was read. The motion was made by Mr. Goeller that the letter be accepted with regret and deep appreciation for the service of Shirley Baldwin. Motion seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Siemasko moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion seconded and carried.